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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2748

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2748 would amend two existing statutes relating to the tagging of big game and turkey. The bill would:

- Require a permittee, if required by rules and regulation adopted by the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks, to permanently affix the carcass tag to the carcass of any wild turkey immediately after killing the wild turkey;
- Make it unlawful to possess a carcass of a big game animal, taken in the state, unless a carcass tag, issued by the Secretary, is attached to it, in accordance with rules and regulation adopted by the Secretary;
- Make it unlawful to possess a carcass of a wild turkey, taken in the state, unless a check station tag, if required and issued by the Secretary, is attached to it, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary; and
- Make it unlawful to possess a carcass of a big game animal or wild turkey, taken within the state, unless a check station tag, if required and issued by the Secretary is attached to it, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

The Chief Legal Counsel, Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, testified that with the enactment of HB 2748, the Department could begin exploring options for a fall season that would not require the tagging of carcasses. The other conferee was Brandon Houck, Certified Wildlife Biologist, National Wild Turkey Federation. Mr. Houck stated, among other things, that carcass tagging is an important law enforcement and population management tool. Steve M. Swaffar, Kansas Farm Bureau, provided written testimony. His testimony indicated that although Kansas Farm Bureau did not have a direct policy on the tagging system, the bill afforded an opportunity to relax the regulations on turkey seasons. No one else testified on the bill.

According to the fiscal note, passage of HB 2748 would have no fiscal effect.