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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2935

As Amended by House Committee on
Elections and Governmental Organization

Brief*

HB 2935 would amend existing law to void all liens on abandoned cemeteries for which the title has been vested in the municipality where the cemetery is located, pursuant to KSA 17-1367. The bill would void existing liens on such property on and after January 1, 2003.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

Under existing law, when the Attorney General determines a cemetery has been abandoned, the cemetery corporation is dissolved, and title to all property owned by the corporation is vested in the municipality where the cemetery is located. The municipality becomes responsible for maintaining the cemetery.

Shawn Leisinger, Assistant Shawnee County Counselor, testified in support of the bill, and Sue Hack, Mayor of Lawrence, submitted written testimony in support of the bill. Both municipalities are in the process of assuming responsibility for abandoned cemeteries.

The House Committee made a technical amendment to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill would have no effect on the state budget.

*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>