

SESSION OF 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5017**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

House Concurrent Resolution 5017 would authorize the submission of a state constitutional amendment to section 4 of the Kansas Bill of Rights that would be considered at the general election in November, 2010. The proposed amendment would insert new language that states:

“A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose.”

**Background**

Section 4 of the Kansas Bill of Rights in the state constitution currently provides for the following:

“§ 4 . **Bear arms; armies.** The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power.”

HCR 5017 was supported by Senator Mike Petersen and a representative of the National Rifle Association. Senator David Haley also spoke in favor of the resolution.

No fiscal note was submitted for this resolution.

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\*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>