

SESSION OF 2010

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2432**

As Agreed to March 30, 2010

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2432 would amend the statute that authorizes attorney fees to be taxed as costs in certain actions involving negligent motor vehicle operation. The bill would increase the cap on the property damage amount from less than \$7,500 to less than \$15,000.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee amended Sub. for HB 2432 by striking the original text of the bill and replacing it with the text of SB 371.

Background

HB 2432 in its original form was a bill amending self-defense statutes, which is now represented in House Sub. for SB 381. The Conference Committee replaced the original text of HB 2432 with the text of SB 371.

A similar version of SB 371, HB 2110, was introduced in the 2009 Legislative Session. The House Committee on Judiciary amended that bill to strike the provision that would have tied future increases to the cap on the property damage amount to the United States Department of Labor's Consumer

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Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Therefore, the amended version of 2009 HB 2110 is identical to the introduced version of 2010 SB 371. During the 2009 Legislative Session, HB 2110 was stricken from the calendar by House Rule 1507.

The proponent of SB 371, as introduced, who presented testimony in the Senate Committee hearing was the Executive Director of the Kansas Judicial Council. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill in the Senate Committee hearing.

The fiscal note for SB 371 indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Attorney Fees; Negligent Motor Vehicle Operation