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MEMORANDUM

To:House Committee on Veterans and MilitaryFrom:Office of Revisor of StatutesDate:January 24, 2023Subject:HB 2309 – Exempting disabled veterans from certain requirements and feesrelated to hunting and fishing licenses.

House Bill 2309 would create an exemption for disabled veterans who wish to hunt or fish in Kansas. Under HB 2309, disabled veterans who meet the requirements set out in the bill would not have to obtain a hunting or fishing license from the Department of Wildlife and Parks to hunt or fish in Kansas. In this bill, a disabled veteran is defined as an individual who was a member of the armed services who was honorably discharged and has a service-connected disability of 50% or more.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 32-906 to add disabled veterans to the list of exceptions, so that a disabled veteran as defined by the bill would be exempt from needing a license to fish in the state of Kansas.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 32-919 and would add disabled veterans to the list of exceptions, so a disabled veteran as defined by the bill would be exempt from needing a license to hunt small game in the state of Kansas.

Section 3 amends K.S.A. 32-988 and exempts a disabled veteran who is a Kansas resident from the fee associated with obtaining a hunting or fishing license.

This bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book.