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MEMORANDUM

To: The House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: 2/3/2026

Re: H.B. 2547, As introduced; Requiring a valid upland game bird stamp prior to taking any upland game bird in this state, except on private land, establishing the upland game bird restoration fund and requiring the department of wildlife and parks to use moneys from such fund for the procurement and release of upland game birds.

H.B. 2547 would require a person to have an upland game bird stamp prior to taking any upland game bird in this state. "Upland game bird" would be defined to mean any grouse, partridge, pheasant, prairie chicken or quail. The requirement to have the stamp would not apply to lawful hunting by a person who is: (A) Not required to hold a hunting license pursuant to K.S.A. [32-919](#);¹ (B) hunting only on private land; or (C) a lifetime license holder.² A stamp would last until July 1 of each year. A stamp would need to be validated by having the stamp holder sign the face of such stamp.

The stamp fee could not exceed \$15 for residents or \$25 for nonresidents.³ Fees would be deposited into the upland game bird restoration fee fund that is established in Section 3. Section 4 would establish the upland game bird restoration program. Under the program the secretary would be required to enter into service contracts with vendors pursuant to the state's current competitive bid statutes for the release of upland game birds that have been procured through the

¹ (1) A person, or a member of a person's immediate family domiciled with such person, on land owned by such person or on land leased or rented by such person for agricultural purposes;

(2) a resident of this state who is less than 16 years of age;

(3) a resident of this state who is 75 years of age or older;

(4) a nonresident who is participating in a field trial for dogs, recognized by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. [32-805](#), and amendments thereto, if such field trial is not conducted on a controlled shooting area;

(5) a person who holds a valid permit issued to such person pursuant to subsection (f) and who hunts only waterfowl; or

(6) a resident of this state hunting only prairie dogs, moles or gophers.

² Lifetime licenses may be purchased by Kansas residents and are free to members of federally recognized tribes (K.S.A. [32-929](#)) and disabled veterans (K.S.A. [32-934](#)).

³ Pg. 4, line 31

program. The secretary would also be required to establish a 10-day youth season for the taking of upland game birds, which would begin 10 days prior to the opening day of each regular open season. Only a person aged 17 or younger, when accompanied by an adult, could hunt during the youth season. The secretary would be authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement the program through the wildlife commission review process set out in K.S.A. [32-805](#).

H.B. 2547 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.