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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 6, 2025  
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2173 (As Introduced)

House Bill 2173 authorizes certain offenders to petition for relief from registration requirements under the Kansas offender registration act.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 22-4908, the statute that authorizes a petition for relief from registration. Current law in subsection (a) provides that certain drug offenders may file a verified petition for relief from registration requirements if the offender has registered for a period of at least five years after the date of parole, discharge or release, whichever date is most recent, or, if not confined, five years from the date of conviction or adjudication. The bill adds a new provision that authorizes a petition for relief from registration for the following offenders if the offender has registered for a period of at least 10 years after the date of parole, discharge or release, whichever date is most recent, or, if not confined, 10 years from the date of conviction or adjudication:

(1) An offender who was convicted or adjudicated of an offense prior to July 1, 2011, that, at the time of conviction or adjudication, did not require such offender to register under the Kansas offender registration act, but is required to register because of the retroactive application of section 6 of chapter 95 of the 2011 Session Laws of Kansas; and

(2) an offender who was originally required to register under the Kansas offender registration act for 10 years for an offense committed prior to July 1, 2011, but is required to register for a longer period because of the retroactive application of section 6 of chapter 95 of the 2011 Session Laws of Kansas.

The bill would take effect from and after publication in the Kansas register.