

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2028

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2028 would revive law authorizing resident senior combination hunting and fishing passes and further amend the provisions to remove the sunset date. [Note: These provisions allowed any Kansan age 65 and older to purchase a discounted lifetime hunting and fishing permit. The provisions expired on June 30, 2020, and the bill would state the provisions were effective as of July 1, 2020.]

The bill would also remove the sunset for the Kansas kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license provisions that are currently set to expire on July 1, 2032.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Corbet.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representatives Corbet and W. Carpenter. The conferees stated their intent to restore the language that had sunset in 2020, which would allow more participation in

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hunting and fishing by senior citizens. They further stated that removing the sunset on the youth combination license would allow for greater participation by youth in the future.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by the Acting Secretary of Wildlife and Parks and by a representative of the Kansas Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers. The neutral testimony stated the Department of Wildlife and Parks (DWP) has remedied the unavailability of additional senior combination licenses by offering additional numbers of discounted senior annual licenses. Additionally, neutral testimony stated concern with future availability of federal funds under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (also known as the Pittman-Robertson Act) that could be jeopardized if hunting and fishing licenses do not meet federal requirements.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget on the bill, DWP states enactment of the bill would decrease fee fund revenues because seniors currently pay a higher price for their hunting and fishing licenses due to the lapse of the lifetime combination license provisions. Reintroduction of this license will reduce revenues by an unknown amount.

Additionally, the sale of licenses is used to calculate the amount of federal funds the agency receives. However, DWP cannot estimate the potential increase or decrease in federal funds, if any. DWP also states that removal of the sunset date for the Kids Lifetime Combination Hunting and Fishing license would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Department of Wildlife and Parks; hunting; fishing; lifetime combination license; seniors; youth