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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 364

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 364, as amended, would create and amend law concerning the resident senior combination hunting and fishing license and the Kansas kids combination lifetime hunting and fishing license.

Resident Senior Combination Hunting and Fishing License

The bill would require the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to offer a resident senior combination hunting and fishing license to any Kansas resident age 65 years or older. The bill would set the license fee to not exceed one-eighth of the fee for a general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license. [*Note:* The general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license fee is currently set at \$962.50.]

Kansas Kids Combination Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License

Under current law, Kansas kids combination lifetime hunting and fishing licenses may be issued by the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to Kansas residents who are seven years of age or younger. The current license fee for a child five years of age or younger is \$300, and for a child six or seven years of age, the current license fee is \$500.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

The bill would change the license fee for a child five years of age and younger to 1/3 of the fee for a general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license.

The bill would change the age limit for a child to receive a license to 6 to 15 years of age. The license fee for this license would be 1/2 of the fee for a general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license.

The bill would also remove the sunset for the license provisions that are currently set to expire on July 1, 2032.

Effective Date

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of Senator Shane.

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Shane, Representative W. Carpenter, and Representative Corbet provided **proponent** testimony. The conferees generally stated the bill would expand the age range for the Kansas kids combination lifetime hunting and fishing license and make the program permanent, and reactivate the senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license at a discounted rate.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a private citizen.

Written-only **neutral** testimony was provided by the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks.

No other testimony was provided.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to:

- Change the license fee for a child ages 5 and younger from \$300 to 1/3 of the fee for a general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license; and
- Change the license fee for a child ages 6 to 15 from \$400 to 1/2 of the fee for a general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDWP 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 would reduce revenues by an unknown amount.

KDWP also states enactment of the bill would allow children ages 8 to 15 to obtain a lifetime license, which could increase the number of lifetime licenses sold and reduce the number of yearly licenses sold to the same age group. KDWP is unable to estimate the overall fiscal effect but estimates the long-term effect would be a loss in revenue.

Additionally, the sale of licenses is used to calculate the amount of federal funds the agency receives; however, KDWP cannot estimate the potential increase or decrease in

federal funds, if any. KDWP also states that removal of the sunset date for the Kansas 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 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; hunting; fishing; licenses; seniors; youth; fees