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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 425

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 425, as amended, would increase the maximum registration fee caps for seed retailers and seed wholesalers and authorize fees for late registrations for seed retailers, seed wholesalers, and live plant dealers. The bill would also make technical amendments.

Registration Fee Caps

The bill would increase the following maximum registration fee caps:

- For seed retailers, increase from \$30 to \$50; and
- For seed wholesalers, increase from \$300 to \$400.

Late Registration Fees

Continuing law states seed retailer and seed wholesaler licenses expire on August 31 following the date the registration is issued unless the registration is renewed annually. The bill would authorize a late registration fee to be assessed depending on when the previously obtained registration is renewed:

- \$25 if renewed on or after September 15, but before October 15, immediately following the date of expiration; and
- \$50 if renewed on or after October 15.

*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/>

Continuing law regarding live plant dealer licenses states all licenses expire on January 31, following the date of issue. The bill would allow a similar grace period and would state that renewal of a license on or after the February 15 immediately following expiration would be subject to a \$25 late fee.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture on behalf of the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA).

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the Senate Committee bill, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, KDA, who stated these fees have not been raised since 1991, and the Seed Inspection Program at KDA currently runs at a deficit. In addition, there is nothing in law that provides KDA with a solution to address licensees who are late to renew their yearly registration.

Written-only **neutral** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Cooperative Council and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association and Kansas Grain and Feed Association, which stated that while it does raise fees on their members in this industry, the fees seem to be necessary and reasonable.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to:

- Add a grace period for seed retailers and wholesalers to renew their yearly registration; and

- Allow live plant dealers to have a similar grace period of February 15 after their yearly registration expires on January 31.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the KDA indicates that the enactment of the bill would increase revenues by \$53,085 in FY 2027 and FY 2028 based on current seed dealer registrations through anticipated fee increases of \$41,560, or 33.0 percent, plus anticipated late fee increases of \$11,525.

The KDA anticipates that any expenditure increases caused by the enactment of the bill would be absorbed by existing agency resources. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas Department of Agriculture; seeds; retailers; wholesalers; registration fees; late fee; grace period