

January 23, 2012

The Honorable Steve Brunk, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Brunk:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2422 by Representatives Goodman and O'Brien

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2422 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2422 would require that when applying for a firearms permit a corrections officer would be required to pay an original license fee of \$75. Under current law, corrections officers must pay the full fee of \$132.50. The reduced fee would be in the form of two cashier checks or money orders, \$25 payable to the sheriff in the county where the applicant resides and \$50 payable to the Attorney General, to be forwarded by the sheriff to the Attorney General. An officer would be required to comply with the criminal history records check requirements and pay renewal fees.

An officer would be exempt from the required completion of a weapons safety and training course if the officer has been certified by the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training or a similar organization from another jurisdiction in the past eight years. These are the same requirements that are in current law for retired law enforcement officers.

The Attorney General pays the Kansas Bureau of Investigation \$50 to conduct fingerprint-based criminal history background checks. The net fiscal effect of reducing the Attorney General's portion of the license fee from \$100 to \$50 is that the entire fee paid to the Attorney General would be used to conduct the criminal history background check. The Kansas Department of Correction employs 1,840 corrections officers. Assuming that the bill applies to all eligible state corrections officers and they all apply for a concealed carry license, the reduction in revenue would amount to \$92,000 (1,840 X \$50). The fiscal effect on the Attorney General would be negligible so long as the reduced fee applications are spread out over time and the fee fund balance is sufficient to cover costs. The Department of Corrections states that HB 2422 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2422 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

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The reduced license fee would affect only the initial application. Corrections officers would be required to pay the full license renewal fee of \$25. The fee paid to the county sheriff will be reduced from \$32.50 to \$25. While this is a reduction of \$7.50 per application, the fiscal effect on the sheriffs is unknown. The Kansas Association of Counties notes that for cities or counties that are reimbursing corrections officers, the bill would be a cost-saver for local government; however the amount involved cannot be determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Megan Henry, Attorney General's Office
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