

SESSION OF 2014

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2431

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2431 would make null and void any municipal ordinances, resolutions, rules, or taxes on the transportation, possession, carrying, sale, transfer, purchase, gift, devise, licensing, registration, or use of knives or knife-making components that were adopted on or before June 30, 2014.

Background

This bill was introduced in response to an opinion issued by the Kansas Attorney General on January 10, 2014. The opinion stated city ordinances concerning the carrying of knives in public buildings adopted before July 1, 2013, were enforceable. Current law invalidates only those municipal ordinances, resolutions, rules, or taxes adopted after June 30, 2013, relating to the transportation, possession, carrying, sale, transfer, purchase, gift, devise, licensing, registration, or use of knives and knife-making components.

At the hearing in the House Federal and State Affairs Committee, proponents included Representative Carlson and Representative Howell. The Kansas State Rifle Association submitted written testimony in support of the bill. The League of Kansas Municipalities submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill. There was no neutral testimony.

According to the fiscal note on the bill, the League of Kansas Municipalities indicated the bill would have no fiscal

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effect on Kansas municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties indicated passage of the bill could require additional expenditures for the reprinting and updating of documents if counties needed to repeal an ordinance, rule, resolution, or tax, but such fiscal effect would be negligible.