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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Jenna Moyer, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 15, 2018  
Subject: SB372 - Clarifying the definition of the term "possession" in the Kansas criminal code.

SB 372 clarifies the definition of “possession” in K.S.A. 21-5111 by striking the phrase “with knowledge of or intent to have control” and replacing it with “knowingly” having joint or exclusive control over an item. Additionally, this bill would strike the word “a” in line 32 and replace it with “any” so that the phrase would read “keeping some item in any place...”.