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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 330

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 330 would raise the maximum fee the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism could charge for various permits and licenses including big game permits, commercial hunting and fishing licenses, fur dealer and fur harvester licenses, mussel fishing licenses, wildlife importation permits, turkey tags, and other miscellaneous fees. The bill would raise certain maximum fees and make other modifications as follows:

Big Game Permits

- Nonresident (other than elk permit): maximum from \$400 to \$600;
- Elk permit: maximum from \$350 to \$500;
- Nonresident mule deer stamp: maximum from \$150 to \$250; and
- Nonresident applications: maximum from \$25 to \$40.

Combination hunting and fishing licenses

Resident: maximum from \$50 to \$100;

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- Lifetime: maximum from \$1,000 to \$1,500; or 8 quarterly payments, each from maximum \$150 to \$187.50; and
- Nonresident: maximum from \$200 to \$300.

Fishing licenses

- Resident: maximum from \$25 to \$50;
- Lifetime: maximum from \$500 to \$750; or 8 quarterly payments, each maximum from \$75 to \$93.75;
- Nonresident: maximum from \$75 to \$100; and
- Five-day nonresident: maximum from \$25 to \$50.

Fur harvester licenses

- Resident: maximum from \$25 to \$50;
- Lifetime: maximum from \$500 to \$750; or 8 quarterly payments, each maximum from \$75 to \$93.75; and
- Nonresident: maximum from \$400 to \$500.

Hunting licenses

- Resident: maximum from \$25 to \$50;
- Lifetime: maximum from \$500 to \$750; or 8 quarterly payments, each maximum from \$75 to \$93.75;
- Nonresident 16 or more years of age: maximum from \$125 to \$200;

- Nonresident under 16 years of age: maximum from \$75 to \$100; and
- Controlled shooting area: maximum from \$25 to \$50.

Wild turkey permits

- Resident turkey tag: maximum from \$20 to \$40;
 and
- Nonresident turkey tag: maximum from \$30 to \$60.

Miscellaneous fees and other changes

- Special events on department land or water: maximum from \$200 to \$500;
- Duplicate licenses, permits, stamps and other issues of the department: maximum from \$10 to \$20;
- Field trial permits: maximum from \$25 to \$50;
- Fur dealer licenses: maximum \$600 (the bill would eliminate resident and nonresident license fees);
- Game breeder permits: maximum from \$15 to \$50;
- Migratory waterfowl habitat stamps: maximum from \$8 to \$20;
- Mussel fishing licenses: maximum to \$1,500 (the bill would eliminate the resident and nonresident fees);
- Scientific, educational or exhibition permits: maximum from \$10 to \$25; and

 Wildlife importation permits: maximum from \$10 to \$25.

In addition to the fees specified above, the bill would also:

- Delete the fees for resident and nonresident guide permits;
- Change the twenty-four-hour category to a "calendar day," with the maximum from \$10 to \$20;
- Change handicapped hunting and fishing permits to "Disability" hunting and fishing permits: maximum \$5; and
- Eliminate the 48-hour waterfowl permits: maximum \$25 category.

Background

This bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of a spokesperson from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT). In the Senate Committee hearing, the only conferee was the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism who appeared as a proponent. The Secretary indicated that there was no contemplation at the present time to raise fees, but that eventually there may be a need to increase the fees.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill states the KDWPT believes the bill would have no fiscal effect.