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SENATE BILL No. 395

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning privacy rights; relating to real property; imposing 1 2 restrictions on-access and surveillance by employees of the Kansas 3 department of wildlife and parks. 4 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: Section 1. (a) *Except as provided in subsection (b)*, no employee of 6 7 the Kansas department of wildlife and parks authorized to enforce the laws of the state of Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 32-808, and amendments thereto, 8 shall conduct surveillance on private property unless authorized pursuant 9 to a warrant under K.S.A. 22-2502, and amendments thereto lawfully 10 11 issued warrant, court order or subpoena, the constitution of the United 12 States or one of the following exceptions to the search warrant 13 requirement: 14 (1) Exigent circumstances; 15 (2) consent searches; or 16 (3) the plain view doctrine. (b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to any activities 17 18 of: 19 (1) A wildlife biologist or a bio-technician when the primary 20 purpose of the surveillance is to track wildlife movement or migration; 21 or 22 (2) an employee of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks 23 when the primary purpose of the surveillance is to locate and retrieve a 24 missing person. 25 (c) As used in this section: 26 (1) "Surveillance" means either physical or electronic presence the 27 installation and use of electronic equipment or devices on private property, including, but not limited to, the use or installation and use of a 28 tracking device, video camera or audio recording device, to monitor 29 30 activity or collect information related to the enforcement of the laws of the 31 state of Kansas.

(2) "Tracking device" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 22-2502,
and amendments thereto.

34 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 35 publication in the statute book.