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To: Kansas Legislature

From: Jill Shelley, Principal Research Analyst

Re: Report of the May 5, 2021, Meeting of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and

Regulations

With this report, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations (Committee) provides its comments on rules and regulations reviewed at its meeting of May 5, 2021. Agencies are asked to respond to each comment or request for information; responses are compiled and maintained by staff of the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission

KAR 115-3-1, game birds; legal equipment, taking methods, and possession; KAR 115-4-4, big game; legal equipment and taking methods; KAR 115-8-1, department lands and waters: hunting, furharvesting, and discharge of firearms; KAR 115-25-1, prairie chickens; open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits; permit; KAR 115-25-1a, quail; open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits; KAR 115-25-1b, pheasants; open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits; KAR 115-25-9a, deer; open season, bag limit, and permits; additional considerations; military subunits.

The Committee had no comments.

State Board of Healing Arts

KAR 100-28a-5, continuing education (physician assistants); KAR 100-28a-16, reinstatement, lapsed and revoked licenses (physician assistants).

The Committee had no comments.

Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Environmental Field Services

KAR 28-18-4, filing of applications and payment of fees; KAR 28-18a-4, filing of applications and payment of fees.

The Committee had no comments.

State Employees Health Care Commission, Department of Administration

KAR 108-1-1, eligibility (for State Employee Health Plan); KAR 108-1-3, school district employee health care benefits plan; KAR 108-1-4, local unit of government employee health care benefits plan.

The Committee notes it is unusual for an employee health care benefits plan to make employees eligible for coverage at the start of employment and expresses concern over the change. Information the agency provided states no surrounding state government offers a similar day-of-employment health plan benefit, and private industries also are facing challenges in finding employees. The Committee requests cost figures for each of the groups covered by the state employee health insurance plan, with specific information on the numbers used and the calculations made.

Department of Administration

KAR 1-18-1a, mileage rates; KAR 1-18-2, revoked (was applicability).

The Committee had no comments.