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MEMORANDUM

To: House Standing Committee on Agriculture

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 22, 2021

Subject: HB 2336

HB 2336 would make it unlawful to take a wildlife simulated device that is being used by a law enforcement officer for the purpose of enforcing the wildlife laws of this state.

The term "take" is defined in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-701 to mean "harass, harm, pursue, shoot, wound, kill, molest, trap, capture, collect, catch, possess or otherwise take, or attempt to engage in any such conduct."

The term "wildlife simulated device" would be defined in subsection (c) to mean "any simulation or replication of wildlife, in whole or in part."

Upon conviction for a violation of the section, the penalty would be the same as prescribed for the unlawful taking of the actual wildlife being simulated, excluding the penalties provided under K.S.A. 32-1032(b). The exempted penalties include big game trophy and restitution fines, which are calculated by measuring antlers or horns.

HB 2336 would take effect upon publication in the statute book on July 1, 2021.