

115-25-9a. Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits; additional considerations; military

subunits. (a) In addition to the pre-rut antlerless white-tailed ~~whitetail~~ deer only season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, in the Fort Riley subunit 8a, ~~the an additional~~ antlerless white-tailed deer only season shall also be November 28, 2025, ~~November 29, 2024~~, through November 30, 2025 ~~December 1, 2024~~.

(b) Instead of the open firearm season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, in the Fort Riley subunit 8a, the open firearm season for the taking of deer shall be December 13, 2025, ~~December 14, 2024~~, through December 21, 2025 ~~December 22, 2024~~, and the extended firearms season for the taking of antlerless-only white-tailed deer shall be January 1, 2026, through January 11, 2026.

(c) Three ~~Five~~ antlerless-only white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in Fort Riley subunit 8aA.

(d) Instead of the open firearm season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, in the Fort Leavenworth subunit 10a, the open firearm season for the taking of deer shall be November 15, 2025, ~~November 16, 2024~~, through November 16, 2025 ~~November 17, 2024~~; November 22, 2025, ~~November 23, 2024~~, through November 23, 2025 ~~November 24, 2024~~; November 27, 2025, ~~November 28, 2024~~, through November 30, 2025 ~~December 1, 2024~~; December 6, 2025, ~~December 7, 2024~~, through December 7, 2025 ~~December 8, 2024~~; and December 13, 2025, ~~December 14, 2024~~, through December 14, 2025 ~~December 15, 2024~~.

(e) In the Fort Leavenworth subunit 10a, the extended firearms season for the taking of antlerless-only white-tailed deer shall be January 1, 2026, ~~January 1, 2025~~, through January 18, 2026 ~~January 19, 2025~~.

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(f) In ~~the~~ Fort Leavenworth subunit 10a, the extended archery season for the taking of antlerless-only white-tailed deer shall be January 19, 2026, January 20, 2025, through January 31, 2026~~January 31, 2025~~.

(g) In ~~the~~ Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range subunit 4a, the open firearm season for the taking of deer shall be December 3, 2025, December 4, 2024, through December 14, 2025~~December 15, 2024~~. Five ~~additional~~ antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in the Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range subunit 4a.

(h) This regulation shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2026~~2025~~.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2024~~2023~~ Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-937; effective July 1, 2007; amended July 1, 2008; amended July 1, 2009; amended July 1, 2010; amended July 1, 2011; amended July 1, 2012; amended July 1, 2013; amended July 1, 2014; amended July 1, 2015; amended July 1, 2016; amended June 29, 2017; amended July 2, 2018; amended June 18, 2019; amended June 29, 2020; amended June 29, 2021; amended Aug. 5, 2022; amended Aug. 18, 2023; amended, T-115-10-11-24, Oct. 11, 2024; amended Dec. 27, 2024; amended P-

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Kansas Administrative Regulations Economic Impact Statement (EIS)

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☒ Permanent ☐ Temporary

Is/Are the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) mandated by the federal government as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program?

☐ Yes If yes, continue to fill out the remaining form to be included with the regulation packet submitted in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. Budget approval is not required; however, the Division of the Budget will require submission of a copy of the EIS at the end of the review process.

☒ No If no, do the total annual implementation and compliance costs for the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), calculated from the effective date of the rule(s) and regulation(s), exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental units and individuals as a result of the proposed rule and regulation over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) (as calculated in Section III, F)?

☐ Yes If "Yes," then the agency shall not adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s) until the rule(s) and regulation(s) has been ratified by the Legislature with a bill, unless the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are: 1) mandated by the federal government as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program, as described in K.S.A. 77-416(b)(1)(B), and amendments thereto; 2) temporary rule(s) and regulation(s) adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-722, and amendments thereto; or 3) rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 2-3710 (Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board). Continue to fill out the remaining EIS form to be included with the regulation packet in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The submitted EIS will be independently analyzed by the Division of the Budget for approval.

☒ No If no, continue to fill out the remaining form to be included with the regulation packet submitted in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The submitted EIS will be analyzed by the Division of the Budget for approval.

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Section I

Analysis, brief description, and cost and benefit quantification of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s). If the approach chosen by the Kansas agency to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or of the federal government, the economic impact statement shall include an explanation of why the Kansas agency's rule and regulation differs.

The proposed regulation sets the dates for deer hunting seasons on military subunits, which differ from the statewide seasons. This regulation is updated annually because KDWP must work with the U.S. Department of Defense each year to determine the dates to allow deer hunting activities to occur on military bases while minimizing or eliminating conflicts with DoD mission objectives. The proposed regulation will not impose any additional cost on KDWP and will benefit active-duty service members by permitting them to continue to harvest deer in these subunits.

Section II

Explain whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law.

The proposed regulation is not mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program.

Section III

Agency analysis specifically addressing the following:

- A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;

The proposed regulation will not restrict business activities. It may slightly enhance business activities through increased purchases of sporting goods at local sporting goods stores, but any amount is de minimis.

- B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole;

The proposed regulation does not impose any compliance costs on businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, or local governments. It may slightly enhance business activities through increased purchases of sporting goods at local sporting goods stores, but any amount is de minimis.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s);

There are no businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed regulation. Some businesses may be affected indirectly.

- D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The primary benefit of the proposed regulation is that it grants active-duty service members the opportunity to harvest deer on military bases. There are no implementation costs associated with the regulation.

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- E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals;

Because the proposed regulation imposes no implementation costs, no such action is necessary.

- F. An estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governments, or individuals. *Note: Do not account for any actual or estimated cost savings that may be realized. Implementation and compliance costs determined shall be those additional costs reasonably expected to be incurred and shall be separately identified for the affected businesses, local governmental units, and individuals.*

Costs to Affected Businesses – \$0

Costs to Local Governmental Units – \$0

Costs to Individuals – \$0

Total Annual Costs – \$0

(sum of above amounts)

Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.

The proposed regulation does not impose any implementation costs—it simply allows active-duty military members the opportunity to harvest deer on military bases.

- ☐ Yes If the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental units and individuals as a result of the proposed rule and regulation, did the agency hold a public hearing to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.
- ☐ No
- ☒ Not Applicable

If applicable, click here to enter public hearing information.

Provide an estimate to any changes in aggregate state revenues and expenditures for the implementation of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), for both the current fiscal year and next fiscal year.

The proposed regulation will not change any aggregate state revenues or expenditures.

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Provide an estimate of any immediate or long-range economic impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on any individual(s), small employers, and the general public. If no dollar estimate can be given for any individual(s), small employers, and the general public, give specific reasons why no estimate is possible.

The proposed regulation might provide a slight immediate benefit to businesses through increased purchases of sporting goods at local sporting goods stores, but any amount is de minimis.

- G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.

The proposed regulation neither increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, nor does it impose functions or responsibilities on cities, counties, or school districts.

- H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, business associations, local governmental units, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) or may provide relevant information.

KDWP works with environmental program staff at Ft. Riley, Ft. Leavenworth, and Smoky Hill ANG Range to determine what dates deer seasons can occur with minimal or no impact to DOD missions. KDWP solicited information from the public on this proposed regulation during the Wildlife Commission meeting on January 27, 2025. Historically, KDWP has annually solicited input from the public on this topic at Wildlife Commission meetings and has received support from businesses and individuals in maintaining military subunit seasons.

Section IV

Does the Economic Impact Statement involve any environmental rule(s) and regulation(s)?

- ☐ Yes If yes, complete the remainder of Section IV.
☒ No If no, skip the remainder of Section IV.

- A. Describe the capital and annual costs of compliance with the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), and the individuals or entities who would bear the costs.

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- B. Describe the initial and annual costs of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), including the estimated amount of paperwork, and the state agencies, other governmental agencies, or other individuals who will bear the costs.

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- C. Describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, the individuals or entities who will bear the costs and who will be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).

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- D. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the costs used.

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