

HB 2463 -- KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPONSOR: Rizzo

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows the chief of the Kansas City Police Department to appoint a police officer to serve as Lieutenant Colonel on matters of homeland security as determined by the Chief of Police. The person appointed to this new position will be entitled to the same rank, privileges, and compensation given to all other Lieutenant Colonels within the department.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this allows the Chief of Police to dedicate an officer to Homeland Security, and the officer will hold the position of Lieutenant Colonel. This is more of a restructuring, and it should not have a significant fiscal impact.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rizzo and the KCPD Board Of Police Commissioners.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.