

SENATE BILL No. 64

AN ACT concerning tobacco; relating to the master settlement agreement; appeal bonds in certain litigation.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. (a) The appeal bond that an appellant in civil litigation under any legal theory, involving a signatory or a successor to a signatory of the master settlement agreement, as defined in K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 50-6a02, and amendments thereto, may be required to post to stay execution on a judgment during an appeal or discretionary review shall be set in accordance with existing law and court rules, except that in no case shall an appeal bond exceed \$25,000,000, regardless of the total value of the judgment.

(b) If it is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the appellant for whom the bond has been limited pursuant to this section is intentionally dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of avoiding payment of the judgment, the court shall enter such orders as are necessary to prevent the dissipation or diversion of assets.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

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SENATE adopted  
Conference Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

Passed the HOUSE  
as amended \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSE adopted  
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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Governor.*