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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 107**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 107 would amend the Bingo Act described below.

**Prizes**

The prize limit would be increased from:

- \$50 to \$100 per regular bingo game per session;
- \$1,200 to \$1,500 aggregate value of prizes per session;
- \$500 to \$1,000 special bingo prize per session; and
- \$25 to \$100 nonmonetary prize per session.

The bill would increase the nonmonetary prize drawings from four to five per month and would allow two drawings of not more than \$500.

The bill would repeal the starting prize cap of \$250 for a progressive game of bingo and repeal a limit of \$100 per session for progressive games of bingo. Current law for the maximum ending prize for a progressive bingo game would remain at a \$1,000 limit.

**Cards**

The bill would repeal the mandatory card price of \$1 per card and replace it with a maximum price of \$3.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

## **Frequency**

The bill would:

- Allow the sale of instant bingo tickets from one hour to two hours before the start of a bingo game;
- Repeal the provision that only three games of instant bingo could be played per session;
- Increase the time a mini bingo game could be played from one hour to two hours after the commencement of the first regular or special game of call bingo per session;
- Allow premises to conduct games of bingo from three days a week to four; and
- Restrict the playing of bingo games only once during a 24 hour period and prohibit the conduct of any other bingo games from operation within 1000 feet of the premise used for bingo games.

## **Qualifications**

The bill would add to the qualifications of an administrator of charitable gaming to include “similar background” to the current qualifications of five years experience in charitable gaming regulations.

## **Remuneration**

The bill would exempt food offered and consumed on the premise by volunteers as being considered as remuneration.

## **Background**

Proponents of the bill included Patsy Congrove, Administrator of Charitable Gaming, Department of Revenue; representatives of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Leavenworth, Kansas; Emporia Senior Center; Positive Directions, Wichita; and a representative of the VFW, Holton, Kansas.

Opponents included a representative of the American Legion and written testimony by a representative of the Kansas VFW.

According to the fiscal note, the Department of Revenue estimates that SB 107 would generate \$167,000 in FY 2010, of which \$112,000 would be deposited into the State General Fund and \$55,000 into the Bingo Regulation Fund. However, the Department indicates that the estimate is based on the frequency that bingo can be played and the removal of certain playing and prize limits. Further, the Department states that a number of the organizations licensed for bingo are small and may not be able to incorporate the changes into their bingo sessions, which may lower the estimated additional revenues. Any fiscal effect resulting from enactment of SB 107 is not accounted for in *The FY 2010 Governor's Budget Report*.