

## **Transfers of Property to the State; HB 2407**

**HB 2407** prohibits transfers of real estate to the State of Kansas or any agency, *via* a probate proceeding or otherwise without consideration, unless written consent is provided by the Secretary of Administration and the Attorney General. The Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil action to declare any violation of the bill. The bill excludes state educational institutions, community colleges, and the Kansas Department of Transportation from the definition of “agency.”

The bill also permits the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to purchase a specific parcel of land in Sherman County, encompassing approximately 1,078 acres. This land purchase is subject to the provisions of KSA 2016 Supp. 32-833, which requires the purchased land comply with regulations regarding control and management of noxious weeds and the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism develop a management plan for the property.

The bill exempts this purchase from KSA 2016 Supp. 75-3739, which includes specific requirements for competitive bidding procedures.