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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 407

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 407 would allow the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission to authorize up to 25.0 percent to be deducted from the total amount wagered in parimutuel pools for multiple and exotic bets. Currently, the Commission is authorized to deduct up to 22.0 percent.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill concerning the Veterans Benefit Game conducted by the Kansas Lottery to:

- ! delete the limitation in the current law which limited the sale of tickets for the Veterans Benefit Game to the period of May 1 through November 30 in the years 2003 and 2004; and
- ! direct the Kansas Lottery Commission to change the design or theme of the Veterans Benefit Game regularly so that the game remains competitive.

Background

A representative of the Ruffin Companies, which own the Wichita Greyhound Park and the Frontenac track, appeared in support of the bill.

The fiscal note indicates that the bill would increase parimutuel taxes and revenue to the parimutuel licensees; however, the bill would also decrease prizes to winners. According to the Racing and Gaming Commission, the parimutuel tax would increase from \$30,000 to \$160,000 per year, and licensee revenue would increase from \$153,000 to \$818,382 based on FY 2003 revenue amounts. The prizes to winners could decrease from \$184,000 to as much as \$982,000. If prizes

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decrease and the amount of bets decreases as a result, this could decrease revenues.