

SESSION OF 2005

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2152

As Amended by the House Committee on
of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2152 would allow a signatory or a successor to a signatory of the Master Settlement Agreement regarding tobacco products the maximum appeal bond that any appellant in the litigation may be required to post except that the appeal bond cannot exceed \$25 million. These provisions will apply to cases pending or filed on or after July 1, 2005.

Background

Conferees representing R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and Phillip Morris expressed support for the original bill.

A representative of Kansas Trial Lawyers Association (KTLA) opposed the bill, as drafted.

The House Committee amended the bill to add the term tobacco product manufacturer as suggested by the KTLA.

The fiscal note indicated it was not possible to estimate a fiscal effect.

The House Committee of the Whole amendments dealt with the maximum appeal bond and the restriction on an individual appellant and successors.

*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>