

Session of 2025

**SENATE BILL No. 197**

By Committee on Commerce

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Proposed Amendment for SB 197  
Senate Committee on Commerce  
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1 AN ACT concerning the STAR bonds financing act; extending the  
2 expiration date of the STAR bonds financing act to July 1, 2030;  
3 amending K.S.A. 12-17,179 and repealing the existing section.  
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allowing for approval of vertical construction within certain  
STAR bond districts; providing authority for the Kansas  
development finance authority to issue special obligation  
bonds for any approved STAR bond project as authorized by  
the secretary;

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

See Attachment for New Section 1 and New Sec. 2  
and renumber sections accordingly

6 Section 1. ~~K.S.A. 12-17,179~~ is hereby amended to read as follows:  
7 12-17,179. (a) A city that created a redevelopment district in an eligible  
8 area that was approved for STAR bonds prior to the effective date of this  
9 act for the city of Manhattan Discovery Center on December 28, 2006, and  
10 the Schlitterbahn project in Wyandotte county on December 23, 2005, may  
11 by ordinance elect to have the provisions of this act applicable to such  
12 redevelopment district.

13 (b) ~~Subject to the provisions of section 61(h) of chapter 5 of the 2020~~  
14 ~~Session Laws of Kansas, The provisions of this act K.S.A. 12-17,160 et~~  
15 ~~seq., and amendments thereto, regarding STAR bond projects shall expire~~  
16 ~~on and after July 1, 2026 2030.~~

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-17,179 is hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
19 publication in the statute book.



New Section 1. (a) The secretary of commerce may approve vertical construction of any project within an approved STAR bond project district in cities with a population under 60,000 if such approval is granted prior to December 31, 2025.

(b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the STAR bonds financing act.

New Sec. 2. (a) (1) As authorized by the secretary, the Kansas development finance authority shall have the power to issue special obligation bonds in one or more series to finance the undertaking of any STAR bond project as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162, and amendments thereto, that has been approved by the secretary. Such special obligation bonds shall not be general obligations of the state. Any such bonds and interest thereon shall be an obligation only of the Kansas development finance authority and shall not constitute a debt of the state of Kansas within the meaning of section 6 or 7 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas and shall not pledge the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the state of Kansas. Such special obligation bonds shall be made payable, both as to principal and interest, solely from:

(A) Tax increment revenue as determined in the secretary's discretion, from up to 100% of state sales taxes, including state sales tax revenue from all retail sales of any business located within the district;

(B) tax increment revenue as determined in the secretary's discretion, from up to 100% of the taxes imposed on the sale of alcoholic liquor as defined in K.S.A. 79-41a01, and amendments thereto, from sales within the district pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4101 and 79-41a02, and amendments thereto;

(C) if approved by the city or county and with the approval of the secretary, revenue from any of the other methods or combination of methods as provided in K.S.A. 12-17,169(a)(1), and amendments thereto; or

(D) by any combination of these methods.

(2) In the event that the Kansas development finance authority shall default in the payment of any STAR bonds payable from revenues described in this subsection, no public funds shall be used to pay the holders thereof except as otherwise specifically authorized in the STAR bonds financing act.

(b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the STAR bonds financing act.

