

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 376

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Government Efficiency

Brief*

SB 376 would amend Criminal Code provisions regarding the crime of dealing in gambling devices and make additional conforming and technical amendments.

Continuing law provides a defense to the crime of dealing in gambling devices when the slot machine at issue is an antique slot machine that was not operated for gambling purposes while in the possession of the owner or defendant. The bill would amend provisions that classify a slot machine as being antique to include a slot machine that was manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current year.

[*Note:* Current law requires a slot machine to have been manufactured on or before 1950 to be considered antique.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Blew.

Senate Committee on Government Efficiency

In the Senate Committee hearing on March 12, 2026, **proponent** testimony was provided by Senator Blew, who stated the bill would bring current law in line with common practices in the antique market and help remove

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complications for auctioneers and families managing estate sales.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Sentencing Commission, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, and Board of Indigents' Defense Services indicated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agencies.

The Office of Judicial Administration and League of Kansas Municipalities indicated that any fiscal effect from enactment of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicated enactment of the bill would increase county government expenditures related to investigations and prosecutions but that no fiscal effect could be determined.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Gambling devices; crime; slot machines; antique; exemption