

February 28, 2011

The Honorable Pete Brungardt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Brungardt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 201 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 201 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 201 would amend existing statutes concerning bingo games and would add a new “instant bingo” game. The bill would make the following amendments:

1. Remove the \$1 charge limit for regular games of bingo;
2. Raise the charge for a single instant bingo ticket from \$1 to \$2;
3. Increase the number of hours instant bingo tickets can be sold prior to the start of a regular session from one to two hours;
4. Remove the \$1,000 prize limit for progressive games;
5. Increase the starting prize for progressive games from \$250 to \$400;
6. Remove the three game limit of instant bingo;
7. Increase the number of mini games allowed per session from 20 to 30;
8. Allow mini games to begin two hours prior to, or continue one hour after, the regular session;
9. Exclude food offered to volunteer duty staff that is less than \$10 in value from being considered remuneration;
10. Allow games to be operated by a licensee, including a “beneficiary organization;”
and

The Honorable Pete Brungardt, Chairperson


February 28, 2011

Page 2—Fisc_Note_Sb201

11. Require at least one member of the licensee organization to be on duty, assist with the game, and be listed with the Office of Charitable Gaming.

The Department of Revenue indicates that SB 201 could result in additional bingo tax revenue, but the increase would be negligible. The Department indicates the costs associated with this bill would also be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Steve Neske, Revenue