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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 201

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 201 would amend existing bingo statutes by making the following amendments:

- Create a new method of conducting “instant bingo” games as a designated call game;
- Remove the \$1 charge limit for regular games of bingo;
- Raise the maximum charge for a single instant bingo ticket from \$1 to \$2;
- Increase the number of hours instant bingo tickets can be sold prior to the start of a regular session from one to two hours;
- Remove the \$1,000 prize limit for progressive games;
- Increase the starting prize for progressive games from \$250 to \$400;
- Remove the three game limit of instant bingo;
- Increase the number of mini games allowed per session from 20 to 30;
- Restrict mini bingo games to begin no less than two hours prior to the first regular game of bingo, or continue not less than one hour after the last regular game;

*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>

- Exclude food offered to volunteer duty staff from being considered remuneration if it does not exceed \$10 in value per volunteer;
- Allow games to be operated by a licensee, including a “beneficiary organization”; and
- Require that at least one member of the licensee organization be on duty during a session, assist with the game, and be listed with the Office of Charitable Gaming.

Background

Proponents of the original bill included representatives from All American Bingo, Hayden High School, American Legion, and Mid American Consulting. Written testimony was provided by a representative of Kansas Charitable Gaming. No opponents testified on the original bill.

The Committee amended the bill by clarifying that a remuneration limit applied to each volunteer, and by prohibiting bingo games from beginning two hours prior to the first regular game of bingo or not less than one hour after the last regular game. The Committee made the enactment of the original bill upon publication in the statute.

According to the fiscal note from the Division of Budget, passage of the original bill would increase tax revenue, but the tax would be negligible.