

SENATE BILL No. 59

AN ACT concerning the attorney general; relating to payment of reward for persons providing certain information.

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

Section 1. (a) The attorney general is hereby authorized to pay a reward not to exceed \$5,000 to any person who first furnishes information to the attorney general concerning a violation by any person of the medicaid fraud control act, the false claims act, or any other provision of law that protects the integrity of the public treasury.

(b) No employee of a governmental entity shall be eligible for a reward under this section, unless the information furnished to the attorney general does not relate in any manner to such employee's responsibilities as an employee of a governmental entity, as determined solely by the attorney general. As used in this section, "employee" and "governmental entity" mean the same as in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

(c) Any reward pursuant to this section shall be paid only upon certification by the attorney general that information provided by such informant: (1) Was not previously known to the attorney general; and (2) materially contributed to an investigation conducted by the attorney general. No such reward shall be paid except after entry of judgment in favor of the state, or conviction for violation of the law, in the matter upon which the informant provided information.

(d) Any reward payment authorized by this section shall be made on the order of the attorney general from the medicaid fraud prosecution revolving fund established by K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-5933, and amendments thereto. The attorney general shall have sole discretion in determining whether a reward shall be paid, the amount of any such payment not to exceed \$5,000 and whether an informant is eligible to receive such reward.

(e) The attorney general shall inform the public of rewards authorized by this section for the purpose of encouraging persons to furnish information described in subsection (a) to the attorney general.

(f) The attorney general may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.