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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Ryckman and members of the House Appropriations Committee

From: Mike Heim, Assistant Revisor

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Subject: House Bill No. 2537, Kansas expanded lottery act; racetrack gaming

HB 2537 would:

1. Require the official horse and greyhound breed registering agencies to make recommendations to the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission for programs to benefit economic development in rural Kansas on or before December 1. (Section 1)
2. Reduce the minimum number of electronic gaming machines from 600 to 400 at each racetrack gaming facility and eliminate a privilege fee bidding procedure. (Sec. 3)
3. Establish the number of racing weeks in Sedgwick and Crawford counties. (Sec. 4)
4. Reallot the distribution of net electronic gaming machine income to provide, among other things, the racetrack gaming facility manager would receive approx. 56% in the first two years and approx. 59% thereafter. Current law provided 25% shall go to such manager. (Sec. 5)
5. Reduce the racing application fees for fair associations. (Sec. 6)
6. Change simulcasting license criteria. (Sec. 7)
7. Amend the state debt setoff statutes to include moneys owed to a debtor by a lottery gaming facility manager, racetrack gaming facility manager or facility owner licensee. (Sec. 8-9)
8. Require a vote in Sedgwick County on the issue of placing electronic gaming machines at the Wichita Greyhound Park if a petition is brought forth signed by 5,000 or more qualified voters. (Sec. 10)
9. Establish a Kansas horse council fund in the state treasury funded by 0.1% of the net electronic gaming facility machine income from the southeast and south central Kansas gaming zones for the promotion of the equine industry. (Sec. 11)