



March 18, 2015

Memorandum:

To: The House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee
From: Thomas M. Palace Executive Director PMCA of Kansas
Re: Written Testimony Supporting HB 2171

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee:

My name is Tom Palace. I am the Executive Director of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas), a statewide trade association representing over 300 independent Kansas petroleum distribution companies and convenience store owners throughout Kansas.

PMCA supports the Kansas Lottery efforts to modernize the agency with the changes in HB 2171. Those changes include:

- Allows the Lottery to sell its own products at Lottery sponsored events.
- Cleans up the language with regard to minors attempting to purchase Lottery tickets making it a criminal offense for a person under the age of 18 to purchase or attempt to purchase Lottery tickets.
- Allows the Lottery to advertise at Board of Regents Institutions and venues such as sporting events.
- Allow the Lottery to invest in and use electronic product dispensers.

Of the four changes HB 2171 makes to the statute self serve machines are of most interest to PMCA. We believe that self serve lottery sales will reduce the pressure at the counter; reduce long lines as well as potential theft. In our industry people want to get in and out of a convenience store and long lines at the counter equates to unhappy customers.

We support the efforts by the Kansas Lottery and ask that the committee support HB 2171 in its entirety.

Thank you

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