



January 26, 2016

Memorandum:

To: The 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 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 retailers throughout Kansas.

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

- 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.
- Establishes a fine for persons under 18 years of age that violate the statute.
- Allows the Lottery to advertise at sporting events where the majority of the athletes are over the age of 18.
- Defines a lottery ticket vending machine.

Convenience store owners are always looking for ways to get their customers in and out of the store quickly. Allowing an electronic ticket dispenser to be used will be a tremendous help assisting customers with the purchase of lottery tickets.

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

Thank you