

SESSION OF 2003

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 64**

As Agreed to April 2, 2003

Brief *

SB 64, as agreed to by the Conference Committee, would impose a cap on the amount of an appeal bond that would be required for defendants in a civil case against tobacco companies that are a part of the Master Settlement Agreement. The maximum appeal bond would be \$25.0 million. The bill would also allow for a higher bond amount to stop the intentional dissipation of assets if dissipation is shown by a preponderance of evidence by the defendant to avoid eventual payment of the judgment.

Background

The Conference Committee agreed to add provisions of SB 48 imposing a cap on an appeal bond into SB 64 and to move the contents of SB 64 dealing with technical amendments to the Kansas Offender Registration Act and an application fee for indigent defendants into HB 2121.

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