

SESSION OF 2003

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2400**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ways and Means

**Brief\***

The bill would permit a new instant ticket game, designated as a veterans benefit game, to be conducted by the Kansas Lottery. Net profits from this game would be dedicated for National Guard scholarship assistance and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs.

The bill would direct 50 percent to the State Board of Regents to be used for Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Act scholarships and the other 50 percent to either the Soldiers Home or Veterans Home as determined by the Executive Director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, to be used for either operating expenditures or capital improvements for the two homes and for the state Veterans Cemetery System.

The bill would exempt the Veterans Benefit Game from a statutory requirement that the Governor must approve all new games. A second exemption would reference the statutory provision, corrected by the Senate Committee amendment, that pertains to transfers to the State Gaming Revenues Fund and would allow proceeds to be used for purposes specified in the bill.

The bill would limit the new game to the periods of between May 1 and November 30, in 2003 and in 2004. The bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org/klrd>

## **Background**

The original bill, SB 280, was introduced at the request of Senator Steve Morris. The Executive Director of the Kansas Lottery appeared in support of the bill. He noted that a similar veterans game had been used in West Virginia and proved to be successful in raising money for a dedicated purpose to finance construction of a Soldiers' Home. Information from West Virginia indicated that the initial veterans game sold \$9.0 million in tickets and netted \$2.4 million for the construction fund after prizes and expenses.

The Director of the Budget notified the Senate Committee that the Division of the Budget was preparing a fiscal note for the bill, and as of April 3, 2003, the day of the hearing, that a fiscal note would be submitted as soon as one is compiled.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee amended SB 280 into HB 2400, striking the original contents.