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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF SENATE BILL NO. 198

As Agreed to April 2, 2007

Brief*

SB 198 would authorize issuance of a new distinctive license plate for breast cancer research and outreach, effective January 1, 2008.

Individuals seeking such plates would pay an annual royalty fee between \$25 and \$100 to obtain authorization from the University of Kansas Cancer Center (KUCC) for use of its logo. The royalty fees would support a statewide coordinator position for the Midwest Cancer Alliance to serve as a liaison between the KUCC and hospitals, physicians, and clinics across the state. The sponsoring agency, KUCC, would be required to provide to all county treasurers a toll-free telephone number applicants could call for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application. The KUCC also would be required to submit a \$10,000 deposit to the Department of Revenue to defray certain costs associated with plate development. The bill would require an initial issuance of at least 500 plates.

Application for the plates would have to be made not less than 60 days prior to the applicant's registration renewal date and would be made on forms and in a manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The distinctive plates could not be transferred to another person.

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Conference Committee Action

The House Taxation Committee had amended the bill to include the provisions of Sub. for HB 2430 relating to the Homestead Program. The House Committee of the Whole had amended the bill to include the provisions of SB 144 relating to renewal of the mandatory school district general fund property tax committee.

The Conference Committee on April 2 agreed that the House would recede from both amendments.

Background

Proponents, who included Senator Allen; Dr. Roy Jensen of the KUCC; the Kansas City Cancer Center; the American Cancer Society; the Kansas Medical Society; the Kansas Medical Society Alliance; and the Young Survival Coalition noted that at least 17 other states authorize breast cancer license plates.

A fiscal note indicated that the KUCC would receive between \$12,500 and \$50,000 in royalty fees in FY 2008 if the bill were to be enacted. The agency stated that any additional funding necessary for the coordinator position and toll-free phone line could be absorbed within its current budget.

The Department of Revenue indicated that the breast cancer plates would cost \$3.50 each to produce.

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