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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2410

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2410 would eliminate the compensation amount set by the Governor for members of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. Commission members would continue to be eligible to receive subsistence allowances, mileage, and reimbursement of certain expenses; however, payments and reimbursements would be limited to twelve meetings per year.

Background

Under current law, the five statutory members of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission receive \$1,999.98 per meeting, subsistence allowances, mileage, and reimbursement of certain expenses, such as lodging. The amount of compensation above expenses is set by statute. In FY 2009, the Governor, at the request of the Commission, reduced the compensation received by the members. The reduction coincided with the closure of parimutuel racing facilities and a substantial reduction in revenue to the State Racing and Gaming Commission. In FY 2010, the Governor returned the Commission member compensation to the previous and current level with the start of expanded gaming regulation.

The bill would amend KSA 74-8803(j) to limit meetings to twelve per year and provide Commission members the \$35 allowance per meeting plus expenses, as described in KSA 74-8803.

*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>

The Commission indicated the revision would reduce expenditures from the Gaming Facility Manager's share of the Expanded Lottery Act Revenue Fund by \$140,762 in FY 2013.

Through its contract with the Gaming Facility Managers, the expenses the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission incurs to regulate expanded gaming in the State of Kansas are paid from the Lottery Gaming Facility Managers percentage of gross proceeds. Therefore, this change will not have a fiscal impact on the amount of money the state receives through the Expanded Lottery Act Regulation Fund.