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Sam Brownback, Governor

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR REGARDING VETO OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 2313

The people who operate the Kansas Lottery do an outstanding job. I cannot, however, support this expansion of the lottery.

The Kansas Lottery has a disproportionately negative effect on low income Kansans. Rather than investing limited resources in games of chance, our goal is to help low income Kansans find a path to self-reliance and independence through education, work, and savings.

Given that the state is the only entity allowed to operate a lottery in Kansas, we have a higher standard of care concerning the management and implementation of the lottery. The state should not encourage behavior that undermines our efforts to encourage upward economic mobility and long term financial security and thrift.

Accordingly, pursuant to Article 2, Section 14(a) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I hereby veto Senate Substitute for House Bill 2313.

Dated: 15, 2017

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