



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 301

Hearing Date: February 5, 2007
Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer(s): (Janssen, 15)

Title: Extend the current distribution of state lottery proceeds until 2013

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	McDonald, Karpisek, Dierks, Dubas, Friend, Janssen, Preister
1	No	Erdman
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Ray Janssen
Kathy Siefken
Marshall Hill

Mark Brohman

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Nebraska Coordinating Commission for
Postsecondary Education
Nebraska Environmental Trust

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

Dennis Nelson

Representing:

Nebraska Lottery

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 301 would extend the current distribution of lottery proceeds until January 1, 2013. In 2003, the Legislature passed LB 367, in which the “hold harmless” period of October 1, 2003 to January 1, 2008, was implemented. During this period a “portion” of lottery revenue was to be distributed, rather than 25%. That bill also required that the amount transferred was not to be less than the amount the funds received in 2002-03. After the sunset date, the distribution plan was to go back to the original “at least 25%” of the annual lottery ticket sale amount. This bill would move the sunset date to 2013.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment changes the January 1st date to July 1st for accounting purposes, as the Department of Revenue operates on a fiscal year rather than a calendar year.

Details

Section 1 amends § 9-812, relating to lottery distributions to the beneficiaries, by changing the sunset date of the current distribution scheme to the year 2013 instead of ending in 2008. The date extension means that not until after January 1, 2013 will the distribution to the beneficiary funds be 25% of the dollar amount of lottery tickets sold on an annualized basis.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson