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**Kansas Lottery Launches Vending Machine Pilot Program Sites**

TOPEKA, KAN. – The Kansas Lottery is launching four self-service vending machine pilot program sites at select retailers around Topeka.

In 2018, the Kansas legislature passed HB 2194 allowing the Kansas Lottery to sell traditional style lottery tickets through self-service vending machines.

“The Kansas Lottery is excited to join the majority of other states offering the convenience of selling lottery products through self-service vending machines,” said Stephen Durrell, the Acting Executive Director of the Kansas Lottery. “We look forward to the opportunity of increasing our sales and our transfer to the state. We feel the machines will also provide easier access for our players to find their favorite games.”

The first pilot site, John’s Food Center, was installed on Wednesday and already had its first customer. Malik El-amin of Topeka was the first Kansas Lottery player in the state to purchase Lottery tickets using the vending machine. El-amin bought a Powerball ticket and even added the Power Play option.

“It was an exciting experience,” El-amin said. “I like how simple it is you don’t have to wait in line to buy a ticket. It was awesome.”

The three other pilot program sites will be operational next week.

The pilot program locations are:

- Gage Center Bowl, 4200 SW Huntoon Street, Topeka.
- John’s Food Center, 5812 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka.
- Kansas Lottery Headquarters, 128 N. Kansas Ave, Topeka.
- West Ridge Lanes, 1935 SW Westport Drive, Topeka.

The Kansas Lottery plans to roll out a total of 272 machines to select retailers across the state beginning in July 2019.

Up to \$8 million of the net profit from the machines will go to mental health programs throughout the Sunflower state.

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