

Committee on Health and Human Services

Testimony of House Bill No. 2183

Chairman Crum and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in regards to House Bill No. 2183. My name is Scott Stueven, Lieutenant with Butler County Emergency Medical Services and the Designated Infection Control Officer in Butler County, Kansas. I have been with Infection Control Officer since 2005. Butler County EMS is a rural/ Suburban EMS service located outside of Wichita.

The bill presented today, is an amendment to Kansas statues to implement guidelines for the protection of care personnel that are exposed to communicable diseases. This is an industry standard among care providers to have the right to know if they have been exposed to a patient with a communicable disease.

The problem: Kansas does not have a comprehensive state testing law to protect care providers when exposed to communicable diseases.

- By signing this bill into place, it will assure Kansas care providers, that they will be protected by Kansas Law
- Although exposure incidents do not occur on a regular basis, the consequences that can result can be life changing and need to be dealt with quickly.
- It will create specific rights to Kansas care providers; by allowing blood testing after an exposure incident occurs.

Again, thank you for your time and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Stueven  
Lieutenant, Butler County EMS