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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2281

As Recommended by House Committee on Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2281 would amend the Vision Care Services Act to authorize the Insurance Commissioner to administer the provisions of the Act and adopt rules and regulations, as necessary, to carry out the provisions of the Act.

Background

In the House Committee on Health and Human Services, a representative from the Kansas Optometric Association testified as a proponent of the bill. The representative stated the bill was drafted in response to the ongoing concerns of Association members regarding insurance companies and vision plans lacking compliance with the Act since it took effect in April of 2014.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, in consultation with the Kansas Insurance Department, the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the Department. The bill would require the Department to design, write, and implement rules and regulations for the Act, which would be completed utilizing existing staff and budget resources.

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^{*}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