

**65-5504. Respiratory care council established; appointment of members; compensation.** (a) There is established a respiratory care council to advise the board in carrying out the provisions of this act. The council shall consist of seven members, all citizens and residents of the state of Kansas appointed as follows: One member shall be a physician appointed by the state board of healing arts; one member shall be the president of the state board of healing arts or a person designated by the president; two members shall be from the public sector who are not engaged, directly or indirectly, in the provision of health services appointed by the governor; and three members shall be respiratory therapists appointed by the governor. The governor, insofar as possible, shall appoint persons from different geographical areas and persons who represent various types of respiratory therapy practice. If a vacancy occurs on the council, the appointing authority of the position which has become vacant shall appoint a person of like qualifications to fill the vacant position for the unexpired term, if any. The Kansas respiratory care society shall recommend the names of respiratory therapists to the governor in a number equal to at least twice the positions or vacancies to be filled, and the governor may appoint members to fill the positions or vacancies from the submitted list. Members of the council appointed by the governor on and after the effective date of this act shall be appointed for terms of three years and until their successors are appointed, except that members appointed from the public sector shall be appointed for terms of two years and until their successors are appointed. The member appointed by the state board of healing arts shall serve at the pleasure of the state board of healing arts. A member designated by the president of the state board of healing arts shall serve at the pleasure of the president.

(b) Members of the council attending meetings of the council, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the council, shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and amendments thereto from the healing arts fee fund.

**History:** L. 1986, ch. 322, § 4; L. 1987, ch. 253, § 4; L. 1988, ch. 251, § 4; L. 1999, ch. 87, § 9; Mar. 1, 2000.