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Subject: HB 2045 Institutional Licenses for Healing Arts Act (HAA)
Proponent testimony (written only)

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2456. The KSBHA presently licenses and regulates multiple health care professions. The mission of the KSBHA is to safeguard the public and strengthen the healing arts.

HB 2045 would amend statutes regarding holders of institutional licenses that were issued prior to May 9, 1997. The bill would clarify that the practice privileges of these licensees are restricted and valid only during the time that they are providing mental health services pursuant to a written protocol with a person who holds a Kansas license to practice medicine or surgery other than an institutional license.

A full active license to practice medicine and surgery requires all applicants to successfully take and pass Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or other national examination such as the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX). The USMLE includes three steps. Step 1 tests knowledge that serves as the basic foundation for medical practice, and for the support of life-long learning. Step 2 is composed of two different parts; clinical skills (CS) and clinical knowledge (CK). Step 2 tests the clinical science knowledge and the clinical skills necessary for safe and effective patient care under supervision. Step 3 tests the knowledge and application of the biomedical and clinical sciences necessary for independent patient care.

An institutional license does not require that an applicant take or pass the USMLE or other national exam.

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts respectfully requests that the Committee pass HB 2045.

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