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Senate Public Health and Welfare

Re: HB2185 Proponent

Chairman, Members of the committee, my name is Kevin Barone and I represent the Kansas Naturopathic Doctors Association. I stand here in obvious support of the bill and ask that when you work the bill to pass it out favorably, you allow the language below to be amended. As Dr. Johnson stated this bill is more of a technical bill concerning digital imaging that is supported by all the parties involved. It was brought to our attention that to completely correct this, the Radiology Technicians scope needs to be amended to include naturopathic doctors. By including this language, not only will the ND's scope say they can now write up digital imaging, but the amendment ensures that the Radiology Technicians can accept the instructions from the ND's. You will notice K.S.A. 65-7302 (d) adds in naturopathic doctor into the def of "Licensed practitioner", as well as two other groups that should have included when their specific scopes were done.

As you are aware opening a professions scope of practice is sometimes a delicate matter. After confirming with the Ks Board of Healing Arts and the Radiology Technicians on this language, I ask that this committee amend HB2185 to include the technical changes to the K.S.A. 65-7302 (d) and bring the RT's scope completely up to date. This is truly technical in nature since these groups already have the authority in their scopes. By passing HB2185 favorably as amended you will bring Naturopathic Doctors as well as Radiology Technicians completely up to date.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak on behalf of HB2185 and I ask that you pass HB2185 out of committee favorably, as amended with the language provided. I will be happy to stand for any questions when appropriate.

Thank you

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**Language to be amended into HB2185**

**65-7302. Definitions.** As used in this act:

- (a) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.
- (b) "Ionizing radiation" means x-rays, gamma rays, alpha and beta particles, high speed electrons, protons, neutrons and other nuclear particles capable of producing ions directly or indirectly in its passage through matter.
- (c) "License" means a certificate issued by the board authorizing the licensee to perform radiologic technology procedures on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- (d) "Licensed practitioner" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, dentistry, podiatry, chiropractic ***or a person licensed as a physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or naturopathic doctor.***
- (e) "Licensure" and "licensing" mean a method of regulation by which the state grants permission to persons who meet predetermined qualifications to engage in a health-related occupation or profession.
- (f) "Nuclear medicine technologist" means a person who uses radio pharmaceutical agents on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- (g) "Nuclear medicine technology" means the use of radio nuclides on human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- (h) "Radiation therapist" means a person who applies radiation to humans for therapeutic purposes.
- (i) "Radiation therapy" means the use of any radiation procedure or article intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease in humans.
- (j) "Radiographer" means a person who applies radiation to humans for diagnostic purposes.
- (k) "Radiography" means the use of ionizing radiation on human beings for diagnostic purposes.
- (l) "Radiologic technologist" means any person who is a radiographer, radiation therapist or nuclear medicine technologist.
- (m) "Radiologic technology" means the use of radioactive substance or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes upon prescription of a licensed practitioner. The term includes the practice of radiography, nuclear medicine technology and radiation therapy, but does not include echocardiography, diagnostic sonography and magnetic resonance imaging.
- (n) This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2005.

**History:** L. 2004, ch. 84, § 2; July 1.