

Approved: May 10, 2002
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on March 13, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Downey, District 31
Mr. David Lake, Administrator, Board of Medical Services
Mr. Mr. Clyde Graeber, Secretary, KDHE

Others attending: See attached guest list.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes distributed on March 6, 2002, are approved, as there was no response received from Committee members.

Hearing on HB2665 - an act concerning emergency medical services; relating to certification

Upon calling the meeting, Chairperson Susan Wagle announced there would be a hearing on two bills, the first being HB2665. She then asked Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department, to give a briefing on the bill.

Ms. Correll explained that this bill relates to attendant certificates, repeals a statute that is not shown in this bill, definition of a supervisor (means "in place" or "on site"), allows a new kind of certificate (does not yet have a name), technical changes (ex. "appropriate" changed to "approved") and authority for the applicant to practice expires 120 days from the date of the last class taken by the applicant (to complete the appropriate education for the level applied for, or until the results of the first examination are received by the Board, whichever comes first).

As there were no questions of Ms. Correll, Chairperson Wagle then introduced Senator Downey who presented a story of her granddaughter who, because of allergies, has a need for epinephrine if subject to an anaphylactic reaction. She also stated EMTs (emergency medical technicians) are divided into three classes: Basic, Intermediate, and Paramedic and in the majority of states, only Paramedics are authorized to carry and administer epinephrine. And finally, Senator Downey provided how EMTs in Kansas are classified, valid reasons why a patient may not have this drug, and a proposed amendment to the bill. A copy of her testimony and her amendment is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

As there were no questions for Senator Downey, the Chair called on Mr. David Lake, Administrator of the Board of Medical Services who stated the bill proposes the establishment of a temporary graduate level of certification for a student who has successfully completed an approved course of instruction, taken with the intention of gaining certification as an Emergency Medical Services attendant in Kansas. He listed the three criteria that needed to be met to gain this temporary attendant status and the value of this legislation. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

As there was no opponent or written testimony to be heard, the Chair asked for questions of the Committee. Questions came from Ms. Correll, Senators Salmans and Harrington regarding medical protocol (what happens at sporting events, ex. Football games), how do they get access to a prescription drug, misdiagnosis, instructional components, invasive technique, to would this be beyond the responsibilities of a first responder.

With no further discussion, the Chair announced the hearing was closed.

Hearing on SB643 - an act concerning the secretary of health and environment, permanent color technology; tattooing and body piercing; concerning the transfer of certain powers, duties, and functions to the secretary of health and environment

The Chair then announced a hearing on the second bill SB643 as stated above and asked Mr. Norm Furse to give an overview of the bill. Mr. Furse stated the bill states to delay the effective date of the transfer from July of this year (2002) to July 1 of next year (2003) and that this was HB2275 from last year.

The Chair then called on Mr. Clyde Graeber, Secretary, KDHE, who had no written testimony available, but stated he was simply asking for a one year delay of taking over this responsibility. He stated that the department needs three personnel, and \$200,000.00 to hire them, for this transfer and their fees only amount to \$18,000.00.

The Chair recognized Ms. Mary Ellen Conlee from the Kansas Association of Cosmetology Schools, who mentioned that HB2711 was introduced in the Federal and State Affairs Committee and is still working if this bill is delayed.

A question and comment discussion took place between Senators Wagle and Salmans, Mr. Furse, Ms. Correll, Mr. Graeber, and Ms. Conlee regarding would the secretary have the authority to contract if this is unfunded, fees in the statute would not cover personnel, are there fees in this bill, rules and regs, funding issue only to inspections to board make-up.

The Chair requested an interim study be made.

Adjournment

Adjournment time was at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2002.

CONTINUATION SHEET