

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Morrison at 1:35 p.m. on January 27, 2003 in Room 243-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Landwehr.

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association
Ron Hein, Hein Law Firm

Others attending: See Guest List.

The minutes for January 16, 2003, were approved.

The Chair opened the meeting for introduction of bill requests. Representative Kirk requested the Committee sponsor a bill broadening the qualifications for the director of the Division of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). (Attachment 1) She said current law allows only a physician to be director; the change would allow advanced nurse practitioners, master's degree nurses, and master's degree public health administration individuals also to be eligible for the position. A motion was properly made, seconded and passed to sponsor the bill.

Representative Kirk requested the Committee sponsor another bill to increase the number of social work members on the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board from 2 to 8, increasing the total number of board members to 16. (Attachment 2) A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sponsor the bill.

Representative Kirk also requested a bill to prohibit an inspection of an adult care facility from being used in any judicial proceeding. (Attachment 3) A motion was properly made, seconded and passed to sponsor the bill.

Representative Bethell requested a bill creating a Kansas Health Commission, a 19-member group promoting healthy lifestyles for Kansans. (Attachment 4) A motion was properly made, seconded and passed to sponsor the bill.

Representative DeCastro requested a House Concurrent Resolution be drawn to recognize school nurses as first responders. (Attachment 5) She said school nurses are already trained in emergency procedures and would be a valuable asset especially in light of a possible terrorist attack. A motion was properly made, seconded and passed to sponsor the resolution.

Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association, requested the Committee sponsor two

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bills. The first would amend K.S.A. 65-1456 to allow dental hygienists to work in certain off-site settings, such as public schools, clinics for indigent dental services, etc., under the delegated supervision of a dentist. (Attachment 6) A motion was properly made, seconded and passed to sponsor the bill. The second request, amending K.S.A. 65-1426, would allow temporary licensure for out-of-state dentists and dental hygienists to provide indigent dental care at special clinics. (Attachment 7) He noted the license would apply only to charitable care and would not allow later reciprocity for obtaining a license in Kansas. A motion was properly made, seconded and passed to sponsor the bill.

Ron Hein, Hein Law Firm, requested the introduction of a bill to License Radiologic Technologists. (Attachment 8) He said the Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists had been approved by the KDHE credentialing process for licensure with regulation provided by the Board of Healing Arts. A motion was properly made, seconded and passed to sponsor the legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2003, in Room 243-N.