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SENATE BILL No. 304

By Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations

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AN ACT concerning domestic violence; enacting the batterer intervention program certification act; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-4509 and 22-4616 and repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

6 New Section 1. (a) There is hereby created in the office of the 7 attorney general a batterer intervention program certification unit.

8 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the books, documents, 9 papers, records or other sources of information obtained and the 10 investigations conducted by the unit shall be confidential as required by 11 state or federal law.

12 (c) The purpose of the batterer intervention program certification unit 13 is to certify and inspect batterer intervention programs in Kansas. To 14 accomplish this purpose, upon request of the unit, the unit shall have 15 access to all records of reports, investigation documents and written 16 reports of findings related to confirmed cases of domestic violence or 17 exploitation of persons or cases in which there is reasonable suspicion to 18 believe domestic violence has occurred which are received or generated by 19 the department of social and rehabilitation services, department on aging, 20 department of health and environment, Kansas bureau of investigation or 21 the behavioral sciences regulatory board.

22 (d) The attorney general shall develop a set of tools, methodologies, 23 requirements and forms for the domestic violence offender assessment required by subsection (p) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-6604, and 24 25 amendments thereto. The batterer intervention program tools. 26 methodologies, requirements and forms shall be developed in consultation 27 with the agency certified by the centers for disease control and prevention 28 and the department of health and human services as the domestic violence coalition for the state and with local domestic violence victims' services 29 30 organizations.

(e) The attorney general may appoint a panel to assist the attorneygeneral by making recommendations regarding the:

33 (1) Content and development of a batterer intervention certification34 program; and

35 (2) rules and regulations.

36 (f) The attorney general may appoint such advisory committees as the

attorney general deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. 1 Except as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, no 2 member of any such advisory committee shall receive any compensation, 3 subsistence, mileage or other allowance for serving on an advisory 4 5 committee or attending any meeting thereof.

6 New Sec. 2. (a) No person shall operate or provide services as a 7 batterer intervention program unless such program has been certified as 8 required by this section.

9 (b) Any program desiring to be certified in Kansas as a batterer intervention program shall submit an application thereof to the attorney 10 general. All completed applications for initial, renewal, or reinstatement 11 certification shall be verified and on a form approved by the attorney 12 general. The completed application shall include: 13

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(1) The full name and resident address of the applicant;

(2) the name under which the applicant intends to do business and the 15 16 business address:

17 (3) a statement as to the general nature of the business in which the 18 applicant intends to engage;

(4) a statement of the educational and work experience qualifications 19 20 of each individual, including any employee or agent of applicant, who will 21 be directly providing intervention services to clients of a batterer 22 intervention program;

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(5) payment of the application fee; and

(6) such other information, evidence, statements or documents as may 24 25 be required by the attorney general.

26 (c) Before an application for a certification may be approved and 27 granted, the applicant shall: 28

(1) Have attained the age of 21;

29 (2) have satisfied the attorney general that the applicant is a person 30 who merits the public trust;

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(3) have paid the certification fee; and

32 (4) complied with such other qualifications as may be established by 33 the attorney general by rules and regulations.

34 (d) If in evaluating an applicant's application the attorney general 35 finds any deficiency in the applicant's qualifications, the attorney general may require such applicant to fulfill such remedial or other requirements 36 37 as the attorney general may prescribe.

38 (e) Certification as a batterer intervention program shall expire on the 39 second anniversary of the date of certification.

40 (f) Certification as a batterer intervention program may be renewed 41 every two years upon submission of a completed renewal application to 42 the attorney general on or before the expiration date of such certification, 43 payment of the renewal fee and verification of continuing compliance with

the requirements of this act and the rules and regulations adopted 1 2 thereunder by the attorney general.

(g) Any batterer intervention program that fails to secure a renewal 3 4 certification within the time specified in subsection (f) may request 5 reinstatement of such lapsed certification by submitting to the attorney 6 general a completed application on a form approved by the attorney 7 general, furnishing proof that the applicant is qualified to act as a certified 8 batterer intervention program and satisfying all of the requirements for 9 reinstatement including payment of a reinstatement fee to the attorney 10 general.

11 (h) The attorney general may issue a temporary permit to act as a 12 certified batterer intervention program for a period not to exceed 180 days to an applicant requesting initial certification if the attorney general 13 determines the applicant qualifies under subsections (b) and (c), except for 14 15 program requirements regarding agency structure, personnel 16 qualifications, education requirements or training requirements established 17 in rules and regulations, and such deficiencies can be remedied within such time period. The temporary permit shall expire upon the applicant 18 19 meeting all of the program requirements and the applicant's program being 20 certified as required by this section, or upon the expiration date of the 21 temporary permit, whichever occurs first.

22 (i) No certification as a batterer intervention program or temporary 23 permit to act as a certified batterer intervention program shall be 24 assignable or transferable.

25 New Sec. 3. Each applicant, certified batterer intervention program or holder of a temporary permit shall notify the attorney general in writing of: 26

27 (a) A change in name or address, both residential and business, within 28 30 days of the change; or

29 (b) a conviction of or entering into a diversion agreement in lieu of 30 further criminal proceedings alleging a violation of:

31 (1) A felony offense in the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and 32 amendments thereto, or similar conviction in another jurisdiction:

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- Involving dishonesty or false statement; (A) (B)

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involving alcohol or a controlled substance; or 35 (C) designated as a person offense in article 54 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto: or

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- 37 (2) a misdemeanor offense in the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and 38 amendments thereto, or similar conviction in another jurisdiction or an 39 ordinance of any city of this state, or resolution of any county of this state:
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involving alcohol or a controlled substance; or (B)

42 designated as a person offense in article 54 of chapter 21 of the (C) 43 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 4. The fee for an initial application, renewal application or 1 reinstatement application for a batterer intervention program certification 2 shall be \$100. The fee for an initial application, renewal application or 3 reinstatement fee for temporary permit shall be \$50. The attorney general 4 may increase the amount of fee for an initial application, renewal 5 6 application or reinstatement application for a batterer intervention program 7 certification by rules and regulations, except that the fee for a batterer 8 intervention program certification shall not exceed \$250. The attorney general may increase the amount of fee for an initial application renewal, 9 application or reinstatement application for temporary permit by rules and 10 regulations, except that the fee for a temporary permit shall not exceed 11 12 \$250

New Sec. 5. (a) The attorney general shall establish by rules and
 regulations the requirements for a batterer intervention certification
 program. These requirements may include, but not be limited to:

16 (1) Standards;

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- (2) program elements and goals;
- 18 (3) the role of the certified batterer intervention program in the 19 community;
- 20 (4) technical considerations which may include, but not be limited to,21 consideration of any combination of:
- 22 (A) Expectations of batterers;
- 23 (B) group composition;
- 24 (C) facilitation;
- 25 (D) curriculum;
- 26 (E) prohibited and restricted practices;
- 27 (F) batterer confidentiality, victim confidentiality and safety checks;
- 28 (G) program length;
- 29 (H) victim notification;
- 30 (I) victim involvement;
- 31 (J) public relations;
- 32 (K) research;
- 33 (L) agency structure; and
- 34 (M) personnel qualifications;
- (5) the assessment of batterer participants and the utilization of theKansas domestic violence offender assessment;
- (6) training and education requirements, continuing or otherwise, forprogram facilitators, program supervisors and program coordinators; and
- 39 (7) any other requirements or conditions as may be required by the 40 attorney general.
- 41 (b) A batterer intervention program may be exempted from the initial
 42 application for certification as a certified batterer intervention program if
 43 such program had been previously certified or certified by the attorney

1 general as a batterer intervention program on the day preceding the 2 effective date of this act.

New Sec. 6. (a) The attorney general may suspend, limit, condition, deny, revoke or refuse renewal or reinstatement of any certification or permit issued under this act if the attorney general determines that an applicant, a person operating or providing services as a certified batterer intervention program or holder of a temporary permit has:

8 (1) Made any false statement or given any false information in 9 connection with an application for an initial, renewal or reinstatement of a 10 certification or temporary permit issued under this act;

(2) failed to meet or maintain compliance with program requirements;

(3) been found guilty or convicted of fraud or deceit in connectionwith services rendered;

14 (4) been found guilty of negligence or wrongful actions in the 15 performance of services rendered;

16 (5) allowed the use of the attorney general's domestic violence 17 offender assessment by any person who is not an employee or agent of 18 either a current certified batterer intervention program or a holder of a 19 temporary permit issued under this act;

20 (6) committed an act of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules21 and regulations adopted by the attorney general;

(7) been convicted of any offense as defined in section 3, andamendment thereto; or

(8) failed or refused to allow inspection of records pursuant to section8, and amendments thereto.

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(b) (1) For purposes of this section, "conviction" means:

(A) The entry of a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a
plea of nolo contendere and without regard to whether the sentence was
suspended or probation granted after such conviction;

30 (B) a forfeiture of bail, bond or collateral deposited to secure a 31 defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated; or

(C) entering into a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal
 proceedings alleging a violation of any offense specified in subsection (b)
 of section 3, and amendments thereto.

35 (2) The record of conviction, or a certified copy thereof, shall be 36 conclusive evidence of such conviction.

(c) Proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance
with the Kansas administrative procedure act. Judicial review and civil
enforcement of agency actions under this act shall be in accordance with
the Kansas judicial review act.

New Sec. 7. (a) Any applicant, person who operates or provides
services as a batterer intervention program or holder of a temporary permit
who violates any provision of this act or any rules and regulations adopted

thereunder, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, may incur a
 civil penalty imposed under subsection (b) in an amount not less than \$100
 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation and, in the case of a continuing
 violation, every day such violation continues may be deemed a separate
 violation.

6 (b) No civil penalty shall be imposed pursuant to this section except 7 upon the written order of the attorney general to the applicant, person who 8 operates or provides services as a certified batterer intervention program or holder of a temporary permit who committed the violation. Such order 9 shall state the violation, the penalty to be imposed and the right of the 10 applicant, person who operates or provides services as a certified batterer 11 intervention program or holder of a temporary permit to appeal to the 12 attorney general. Any such applicant, person who operates or provides 13 services as a certified batterer intervention program or holder of a 14 temporary permit, within 20 days after notification, may make written 15 16 request to the attorney general for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. The attorney 17 18 general shall affirm, reverse or modify the order and shall specify the 19 reasons therefor.

(c) Any applicant, person who operates or provides services as a
certified batterer intervention program or holder of a temporary permit
aggrieved by a final order of the attorney general made under this section
may appeal such order to the district court in the manner provided by the
Kansas judicial review act.

(d) Any civil penalty recovered pursuant to the provisions of this
 section shall be remitted to the state treasurer, deposited in the state
 treasury and credited to the state general fund.

(e) Any action taken pursuant to this section shall be in addition toand not in lieu of any other penalty prescribed by law.

New Sec. 8. (a) Each certified batterer intervention program and each holder of a temporary permit issued pursuant to this act shall keep and maintain for a period of two years, each book, document, paper, record or other information pertaining to services rendered as a certified batterer intervention program.

(b) Regardless of the form or media in which such 35 books. 36 documents, paper, record or other source of information is kept, each book, 37 document, paper, record and other source of information concerning the 38 compliance with the requirements established in this act and the rules and 39 regulations adopted thereunder by each certified batterer intervention 40 program or holder of a temporary permit shall be inspected at least once 41 every certification period by the attorney general. The attorney general may order other or additional inspections as deemed necessary by the 42 43 attorney general. The attorney general shall at all times be given free

access to all such books, documents, papers, records or other sources of
 information concerning the compliance with the requirements established
 in this act and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

4 (c) (1) Any information or copy thereof obtained by the attorney 5 general pursuant to this section or pursuant to an investigation pursuant to 6 this act shall not be public and shall not be subject to disclosure pursuant 7 to the Kansas open records act, and amendments thereto.

8 (2) The provisions of subsection (c)(1) shall expire on July 1, 2017, 9 unless the legislature acts to reenact such provision. The provisions of 10 subsection (c)(1) shall be reviewed by the legislature prior to July 1, 2017.

New Sec. 9. (a) The attorney general may bring an action to restrain 11 or enjoin any violation of this act or any rule and regulation promulgated 12 thereunder. The district courts of this state shall have jurisdiction to 13 restrain violations of this act or the rules and regulations promulgated 14 thereunder. The court may issue such orders, including temporary 15 restraining orders, as the facts may warrant without first requiring proof 16 17 that an adequate remedy at law does not exist. Any orders issued pursuant to this section shall be issued without bond. Proceedings may be instituted 18 under this section without any criminal proceedings, administrative 19 20 proceedings or civil penalty proceedings being first initiated.

21 (b) In any civil action brought by the attorney general pursuant to this 22 section in which a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction or 23 permanent injunction is sought, it shall be sufficient to show that a 24 violation of the provisions of this act, or the rules and regulations adopted 25 thereunder, has occurred or is imminent. It shall not be necessary to allege or prove at any stage of the proceeding that irreparable damage will occur 26 27 should the temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction or 28 permanent injunction not be issued or that the remedy at law is inadequate.

New Sec. 10. Except for a certified batterer intervention program or a holder of a temporary permit authorized under this act, and amendments thereto, no person shall use any of the tools, methodologies, and forms for the domestic violence offender assessment required by subsection (p) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-6604, and amendments thereto, developed by the attorney general pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 11. In accordance with the provisions of the rules and regulations filing act, K.S.A. 77-415 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, the attorney general shall adopt, amend and revoke rules and regulations governing the administration and enforcement of this act, including but not limited to:

40 (a) Criteria for the evaluation, certification and monitoring of any 41 certified batterer intervention program;

- 42 (b) any form required to implement this act;
- 43 (c) any educational requirement for any certified batterer intervention

1 program;

> (d) any fee required under this act;

3 (e) any report, record or other information which may be required to 4 be kept, and maintained pursuant to this act; and

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such other rules and regulations as the attorney general may deem (f) 6 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

7 Rules and regulations required for the administration of this act shall be 8 adopted on or before the first anniversary of the effective date of this act.

9 New Sec. 12. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the 10 Kansas attorney general batterer intervention program certification fund. The attorney general shall remit all amounts received under this act to the 11 12 state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and 13 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the attorney general shall remit the entire amount to the state treasurer pursuant to the 14 15 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of 16 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in 17 the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas attorney general batterer 18 intervention program certification fund.

19 (b) Moneys in the Kansas attorney general batterer intervention 20 program certification fund shall be expended only for the purposes of 21 administering this act.

22 (c) All expenditures from the Kansas attorney general batterer 23 intervention program certification fund shall be made in accordance with 24 appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports 25 issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the attorney general or by a 26 person designated by the attorney general.

27 New Sec. 13. (a) As used in this act, unless the context otherwise 28 requires, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings 29 ascribed to them in this section:

30 (1) "Agent or employee thereof," in the context of either a certified 31 batterer intervention program or the holder of a temporary permit, means 32 any individual who acts or aids in any manner in directly providing 33 intervention related service to a client of a certified batterer intervention 34 program. The term "agent or employee thereof" shall not include an 35 individual working as an officer for a certified batterer intervention 36 program, or in a clerical, administrative or service capacity for a certified 37 batterer intervention program, provided that such individual does not 38 provide intervention services to clients under such program.

39 (2) "Attorney general" means the attorney general of the state of 40 Kansas and any authorized agent or designee thereof.

41 (3) "Certified batterer intervention program" includes any agent or 42 employee thereof.

(4) "Holder of a temporary permit" includes any agent or employee 43

1 thereof.

2 (5) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited 3 liability company, association, business entity, legal representative, 4 trustee, trustee in bankruptcy or receiver, partnership, joint venture, 5 company, firm, corporation, institution, governmental subdivision, state or 6 federal department or agency or other legal entity.

7 (b) Sections 1 through 13, and amendments thereto, shall be cited as 8 the batterer intervention program certification act.

9 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-4509 is hereby amended to read as 10 follows: 12-4509. (a) Whenever a person is found guilty of the violation of 11 an ordinance, the municipal judge may:

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(1) Release the person without imposition of sentence;

(2) release the person on probation after the imposition of sentence,
 without imprisonment or the payment of a fine or a portion thereof, subject
 to conditions imposed by the court as provided in subsection (e);

16 (3) impose such sentence of fine or imprisonment, or both, as17 authorized for the ordinance violation; or

(4) impose a sentence of house arrest as provided in K.S.A. 2011Supp. 21-6609, and amendments thereto.

20 (b) In addition to or in lieu of any other sentence authorized by law, 21 whenever a person is found guilty of the violation of an ordinance and 22 there is evidence that the act constituting the violation of the ordinance 23 was substantially related to the possession, use or ingestion of cereal malt 24 beverage or alcoholic liquor by such person, the judge may order such 25 person to attend and satisfactorily complete an alcohol or drug education 26 or training program certified by the chief judge of the judicial district or 27 licensed by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services.

28 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), in addition to or in lieu of 29 any other sentence authorized by law, whenever a person is convicted of 30 having violated, while under 21 years of age, an ordinance prohibiting an 31 act prohibited by K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5701 through 21-5717, and 32 amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 8-1599, 41-719 or 41-727, and 33 amendments thereto, the municipal judge shall order such person to submit 34 to and complete an alcohol and drug evaluation by a community-based 35 alcohol and drug safety action program certified pursuant to K.S.A. 8-36 1008, and amendments thereto, and to pay a fee not to exceed the fee 37 established by that statute for such evaluation. If the judge finds that the 38 person is indigent, the fee may be waived.

(d) If the person is 18 or more years of age but less than 21 years of
age and is convicted of a violation of K.S.A. 41-727, and amendments
thereto, involving cereal malt beverage, the provisions of subsection (c)
are permissive and not mandatory.

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(e) In addition to any other sentence authorized by law, whenever a

1 person is convicted of any criminal offense, the municipal judge shall determine whether the defendant committed a domestic violence offense as 2 defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-3110 and 21-5111, and amendments 3 4 thereto, and shall sentence the defendant pursuant to K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 5 22-4616. and amendments thereto. 6 (f) The court may impose any conditions of probation or suspension 7

of sentence that the court deems proper, including, but not limited to, 8 requiring that the defendant:

(1) Avoid such injurious or vicious habits, as directed by the court or 9 10 the probation officer;

(2) avoid such persons or places of disreputable or harmful character, 11 as directed by the court or the probation officer; 12

(3) report to the probation officer as directed;

(4) permit the probation officer to visit the defendant at home or 14 15 elsewhere: 16

(5) work faithfully at suitable employment insofar as possible;

17 (6) remain within the state unless the court grants permission to 18 leave:

19 (7) pay a fine or costs, applicable to the ordinance violation, in one or 20 several sums and in the manner as directed by the court;

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(8) support the defendant's dependents;

22 (9) reside in a residential facility located in the community and 23 participate in educational counseling, work and other correctional or 24 rehabilitative programs;

25 (10) perform community or public service work for local governmental agencies, private corporations organized not for profit, or 26 charitable or social service organizations performing services for the 27 28 community;

29 (11) perform services under a system of day fines whereby the 30 defendant is required to satisfy fines, costs or reparation or restitution obligations by performing services for a period of days determined by the 31 32 court on the basis of ability to pay, standard of living, support obligations 33 and other factors:

34 (12) make reparation or restitution to the aggrieved party for the 35 damage or loss caused by the defendant's crime, in an amount and manner 36 determined by the court and to the person specified by the court; or

37 (13) reimburse the city, in accordance with any order made under 38 subsection (f) (g), for all or a part of the reasonable expenditures by the 39 city to provide counsel and other defense services to the defendant.

(f) (g) In addition to or in lieu of any other sentence authorized by 40 law, whenever a person is found guilty of the violation of an ordinance the 41 judge may order such person to reimburse the city for all or a part of the 42 43 reasonable expenditures by the city to provide counsel and other defense

1 services to the defendant. In determining the amount and method of 2 payment of such sum, the court shall take account of the financial 3 resources of the defendant and the nature of the burden that payment of 4 such sum will impose. A defendant who has been required to pay such sum 5 and who is not willfully in default in the payment thereof may at any time 6 petition the court which sentenced the defendant to waive payment of such 7 sum or of any unpaid portion thereof. If it appears to the satisfaction of the 8 court that payment of the amount due will impose manifest hardship on the 9 defendant or the defendant's immediate family, the court may waive 10 payment of all or part of the amount due or modify the method of 11 pavment.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 22-4616 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-4616. (a) On and after July 1, 2011, in all criminal cases *filed in the district court or in the municipal court*, if there is evidence that the defendant committed a domestic violence offense, the trier of fact shall determine whether the defendant committed a domestic violence offense.

(1) Except as provided further, if the trier of fact determines that the
defendant committed a domestic violence offense, the court shall place a
domestic violence designation on the criminal case and the defendant shall
be subject to the provisions of subsection (p) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 216604, and amendments thereto.

(2) The court shall not place a domestic violence designation on the
criminal case and the defendant shall not be subject to the provisions of
subsection (p) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-6604, and amendments thereto,
only if the court finds on the record that:

26 (A) The defendant has not previously committed a domestic violence
 27 offense or participated in a diversion upon a complaint alleging a domestic
 28 violence offense; and

(B) the domestic violence offense was not used to coerce, control, punish, intimidate or take revenge against a person with whom the offender is involved or has been involved in a dating relationship or against a family or household member.

(b) The term "domestic violence offense" shall have the meaningprovided in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5111, and amendments thereto.

35 (c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas 36 code for criminal procedure.

37 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-4509 and 22-4616 are hereby 38 repealed.

Sec. 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after itspublication in the Kansas register.