

SENATE BILL No. 152

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to physicians,
2 physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses; allowing
3 the use of expedited partner therapy.

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

6 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "expedited partner therapy"
7 means the practice of treating a sex partner of a person diagnosed with
8 chlamydia or gonorrhea without performing an intervening medical
9 evaluation or professional prevention counseling.

10 (b) Any physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered
11 nurse licensed by the state board of healing arts or the board of nursing
12 may, but shall not be required to, utilize expedited partner therapy for the
13 treatment of a sex partner of a person diagnosed with chlamydia or
14 gonorrhea. Any physician, physician assistant or advanced practice
15 registered nurse utilizing expedited partner therapy pursuant to this section
16 may prescribe and dispense medication for the treatment of chlamydia or
17 gonorrhea for a sex partner of a person diagnosed with chlamydia or
18 gonorrhea without establishing a formal patient-prescriber relationship, but
19 otherwise subject to the scope of practice established by law or rules and
20 regulations of the state board of healing arts or the board of nursing for
21 each respective profession.

22 (c) Any physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered
23 nurse utilizing expedited partner therapy pursuant to this section shall
24 provide to the diagnosed patient explanation and guidance on preventative
25 measures that can be taken by the patient to prevent the spread of such
26 conditions.

27 (d) Any physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered
28 nurse utilizing expedited partner therapy pursuant to this section shall not,
29 by act or omission, be subject to civil liability unless personal injury
30 results from negligence, recklessness or malicious purpose by the
31 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

32 (e) The state board of healing arts shall adopt rules and regulations as
33 may be necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this
34 section prior to January 1, 2018.

35 (f) The board of nursing shall adopt rules and regulations as may be
36 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section prior

1 to January 1, 2018.

2 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
3 January 1, 2018, and its publication in the statute book.