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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 10, 2020

Subject: HB 2723 – Appointment of emergency medical service medical directors.

House Bill No. 2723 (HB 2723) would allow the medical director designated by an emergency medical service operator to have medical oversight of such operator. Under current law an EMS operator appoints a medical director to review medical protocols and approve and monitor the activities, competency, and education of the EMS providers working for the operator. The medical protocols are approved by the county medical society or the medical staff of the hospital to which the EMS operator primarily transports patients.

HB 2723 creates the new term "medical oversight" to encompass: (1) The review, approval, and implementation of medical protocols; and (2) the approval and monitoring of the activities, competency, and education of EMS providers. Both functions would be conducted by the medical director designated by the EMS operator.

Under HB 2723, a medical director would not be liable for damages resulting from such medical oversight unless the damages result from gross negligence.

If enacted, HB 2723 would become effective on publication in the Kansas Register.