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MEMORANDUM

To: Special Committee on Health
From: Eileen Ma, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2295

HB 2295 would enact the Anesthesiologist Assistant Licensure Act (Act) under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Healing Arts. The bill also amends two existing statutes, K.S.A. 65-1163 and 65-28,127.

The Act creates the statuses of active, inactive, license by endorsement and temporary licensure, and grants the State Board of Healing Arts the ability to adopt all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act, including: (1) The information required for an applicant to apply for licensure; (2) the date of expiration of any license; (3) continuing education requirements; and (4) fees. HB 2295 also specifies the conditions under which a license may be revoked, suspended or limited, or when a licensee may be publicly censured or placed under probationary or monitoring conditions, fined, or denied a license.

The Act defines an anesthesiologist assistant as a person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Act and who provides patient services under the direction and supervision of a supervising or designated anesthesiologist, and it specifies the duties that an anesthesiologist assistant has the authority to perform when assisting the supervising or designated anesthesiologist. A supervising anesthesiologist is limited to supervising four anesthesiologist assistants at any one time and is required to physically present or immediately available in the same physical facility in which the anesthesiologist assistant is working.

An anesthesiologist assistant council is created within the Act, to advise the State Board of Healing Arts in administering its provisions.

The bill amends K.S.A. 65-1163 to explicitly state that nothing in the Kansas Nurse Practice Act shall prohibit the practice of anesthesiologist assistant students enrolled in approved courses of study in the administration of anesthesia or analgesic as a part of such course of study.

Additionally, the bill amends K.S.A. 65-28,127 to require any supervising or responsible licensee of the State Board of Healing Arts to review and keep current any required written agreements or practice protocols between the supervising or responsible licensee and persons who may be determined by the board, including the supervising or responsible person or licensee's responsibility to notify the board when terminating the direction and supervision request of a written agreement or practice protocol.