

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Barbieri-Lightner at 3:30 on February 25, 2003 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Hansen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: **Bob Williams**, Executive Director, Kansas Pharmacists Association
Bob Alderson, representing Kansas Pharmacists Association
William Sneed, Legislative Council, PBM coalition Group
Larry Magill, representing Kansas Association of Insurance Agents

Others attending: 22 others including those who signed the register.

Hearing on:

HB 2392- Pharmacy benefit management companies; registration of.

Proponents:

Bob Williams, Executive Director, Kansas Pharmacists Association, (Attachment #1), presented testimony to describe why Kansans need **HB 2392**. Currently there are no repercussions for pharmacy benefit management companies for not registering with the state, even though they are required to do so. Only four of the thirty plus doing business in the state are registered.

Questions were posed by: Representatives Mario Goico and Stanley Dreher.

Bob Alderson, representing Kansas Pharmacists Association, (Attachment #2), explained point by point the language of **HB 2392**. Believes this is a good first step towards regulating Pharmacy Benefit Management Companies.

Questions were posed by: Representatives Scott Schwab, Patricia Barbieri-Lightner, and Ray Cox.

Opponents:

William Sneed, Legislative Council, PBM coalition Group, (Attachment #3), presented testimony that explains why this bill is just adding more regulation to business and is not needed.

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Questions were posed by: Representatives Mario Goico, Scott Schwab, Patricia Barbieri-Lightner, and Nancy Kirk.

The hearing was closed.

The committee then chose to work:

HB 2233 - Enacting the Uniform Prescription Drug Information Card Act.

An amendment was presented by Brad Smoot, and explained by Ken Wilke and it was explained by Bob Alderson that Representative Deena Horst saw this amendment and was in favor of the changes that helped to combine **HB2268** and **HB 2233**.

Representative Bob Grant moved to adopt the amendments to **HB2233** , seconded by Representative Ray Cox, passed unanimously.

A question was posed by Representative David Huff.

Representative Scott Schwab moved to pass **HB 2233** favorably out of committee as amended, seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor, passed unanimously.

It was recommended that Representative Scott Schwab carry this bill to the floor of the Kansas House of Representatives.

HB 2232 - Insurance; informal deductible for certain medical claims under workers compensation.

An amendment was presented by Larry Magill, representing Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, (Attachment #4). Also reminded everyone that a fiscal note was passed out on this bill.

Concerns were expressed by: Representative Nancy Kirk, and Ray Cox.

Representative Bob Grant moved to table the bill and that it be looked at by the Workers Compensation Advisory Board, seconded by Representative Ray Cox, passed unanimously.

HB 2392 - Pharmacy benefit management companies; registration of.

Representative Nile Dillmore moved to recommend **HB2392** favorably out of committee, seconded by Representative Nancy Kirk.

Discussion was posed by: Representative Scott Schwab, Ray Cox, and Mario Goico.

Representative Nancy Kirk moved to table **HB 2392**, seconded by Representative Scott Schwab, passed unanimously.

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HB 2069 - Insurance coverage for expense of participating in clinical trials.

Representative Nancy Kirk presented some amendments for **HB 2069**.

Representative Cindy Neighbors moved to adopt the amendments presented, seconded by Representative Eber Phelps.

Discussion was offered by: Representatives Stephanie Sharp, Mario Goico, and Nile Dilmore.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the bill would be asked to be looked at in an interim committee, if funding allowed.

Representative Bob Grant moved to approve the minutes from January 30, February 4, and February 6, 2003, seconded by Representative Stephanie Sharp, passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting after turn around yet to be scheduled.