

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on February 22, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Whitney Nordstrom, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society
Larry Buening, Kansas Board of Healing Arts
Thomas Bell, Kansas Hospital Association
Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on SB 254

SB 254– Persons not engaged in practice of healing arts

Upon calling the meeting to order the Chair announced there would be a hearing on **SB 254**, an act concerning those not engaged in the practice of healing arts; amending K.S.A. 65-2872 and repealing the existing section. Chairperson Barnett requested that Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department, give a brief overview of the bill.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Correll, the Chair called upon the first proponent conferee to testify. Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, stated that this legislation allows us to identify and develop common-sense exceptions to the licensure requirement, so the confusion and inconvenience are minimized, without undermining the valid structure of state-based licensure, which promotes accountability and quality assurance. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair asked the Committee for any questions and/or comments for Mr. Slaughter. Emalene Correll clarified language in the rules and regulations. Senator Palmer asked how often out of state orders occur and will there be any added restrictions due to this legislation.

Chairperson Barnett called the Committee's attention to the written testimony submitted by Larry Buening, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, in support of **SB 254**. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then called the Committee's attention to the written testimony submitted by Thomas Bell, Kansas Hospital Association, in support of **SB 254**. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairperson Barnett called the Committee's attention to the written testimony submitted by Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans, in support of **SB 254**. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no opponent or neutral conferees, Chairperson Barnett asked for question and/or comments from the Committee. Having none, the Chair closed the hearing on **SB 254**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Final action on SB 254

The Chair then asked the Committee if they would like to take action on the above legislation.

Senator V. Schmidt motioned to accept recommended amendments. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Senator Haley motioned to favorably pass legislation as amended. Senator Palmer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Adjournment

Chairperson Barnett requested that Richard Morrissey, KDHE, give a progress report on SB 217.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2005.