

To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Representative Dan Hawkins, Chair

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Subject: HB 2362 concerning the Healing Arts & relating to the Physician Assistant Licensure Act

Proponent testimony

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2362. The KSBHA presently licenses and regulates 13 health care professions. The mission of the KSBHA is to safeguard the public and strengthen the healing arts. The KSBHA worked with a variety of health care stakeholders on issues to update and enhance the Healing Arts Act and Physician Assistant Licensure Act. HB 2362 includes the following:

- Creates a new “resident active” license to allow physicians in residency programs to have a full scope of practice to work outside their residency programs after their first year of residency. Residents must meet all other requirements for full licensure and be in good standing in their residency programs.
- Eliminates confusion created by the expired license status and provides a regular and late renewal period.
- Creates federal active and exempt license status for Physician Assistants (PA).
- Allows PAs to write DNR orders if delegated such authority by a physician.
- Reinstates requirements for KSBHA licensees to furnish copies of patient records and sets appropriate charges for copies.

Proposed balloon amendments to HB 2362:

- Technical language updates such as replacing the word “clause” with “paragraphs”
- Delays effective date of 2014 PA Licensure Act amendments because additional time is needed to collaborate with stakeholders to create/amend necessary regulations for implementation. Notably, it maintains the two PA limit per physician and such terms as “written protocol”, “responsible physician” until January 11, 2016, when the limitation on PAs per physician will be set forth in regulation and the terms will be replaced by “written agreement” or “supervising physician” in relevant statutory sections.