

HOUSE BILL No. 2170

By Committee on Appropriations

1-25

AN ACT relating to nursing pools; providing for registration thereof; providing for minimum standards for the operation of nursing pools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Health care facility" means any medical care facility, adult care home or any other facility requiring the services of nurses, nurse assistants or nurse aides. "Health care facility" shall not include a facility operated by and for persons who rely exclusively upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer for healing, in accordance with the creed or tenets of a church or religious denomination and in which health care by or under the supervision of persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery or dentistry is not provided.

(2) "Nursing pool" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association engaged for hire in the business of providing or procuring temporary employment in health care facilities for medical personnel including but not limited to nurses, nursing assistants and nurse aides. "Nursing pool" does not include an individual who only engages in providing such individual's own services on a temporary basis to health care facilities.

(3) "Secretary" means the secretary of health and environment.

(b) Every person who operates a nursing pool shall register the pool with the secretary. Each separate location of the business of a nursing pool shall have a separate registration. The secretary shall establish forms and adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures for the processing of nursing pool registration applications, including the payment of a reasonable registration fee.

(c) The secretary shall establish by rules and regulations minimum standards for the registration and operation of a nursing pool. These rules and regulations shall be designed to protect the public's right to high quality health care by assuring that nursing pools employ competent and qualified nursing personnel and that such nursing personnel are provided to health care facilities in a way to meet the needs of residents and patients.

(d) The secretary may adopt rules and regulations as necessary to

1 carry out the provisions of this section.

2 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.

4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43