

HOUSE BILL No. 2178

AN ACT concerning the Kansas senior care act; relating to preventative health services; amending K.S.A. 75-5927 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-5928 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 75-5927 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5927. The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

(a) There are many older Kansans who face difficulties in maintaining self-care and independent living within the mainstream of life;

(b) inappropriate or premature institutionalization of persons who have not exhausted their financial resources often leads to exhaustion of those resources and placement in more costly and limited long-term-care services; and

(c) it is in the interest of older Kansans and of providers of care that a coordinated system of services be developed; and

(d) *it is in the interest of older Kansans and of providers of care that preventative health services be made available.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-5928 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5928. (a) Within the limitations of appropriations therefor, the secretary of aging is hereby authorized to establish a program of in-home services *and a program of preventative health services* for residents of Kansas 60 years of age or older who have functional limitations which restrict their ability to carry out activities of daily living and impede their ability to live independently.

(b) The secretary of aging shall establish and administer, pursuant to the provisions of the Kansas senior care act, a program of in-home services *and a program of preventative health services* as authorized under subsection (a). The secretary shall designate area agencies on aging to administer the program in their respective planning and service areas. The secretary shall allocate funds to an area agency on aging only after the area agency on aging has executed a contract with the secretary under the Kansas senior care act.

(c) The program of in-home services authorized under subsection (a) shall serve such planning and service areas and provide such services as may be specified by the secretary and as are consistent with the Kansas senior care act and with appropriation acts relating thereto.

(d) *The program of preventative health services authorized under subsection (a) shall serve such planning and service areas and provide such services as may be specified by the secretary and as are consistent with the Kansas senior care act and with the appropriation acts relating thereto.*

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 75-5927 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-5928 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.