

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Marvin Littlejohn at
Chairperson

1:30 a.m./p.m. on February 8, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Dennis Spaniol, Excused.

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Research Department
Bill Wolff, Research Department
Bruce Hurd, Revisor's Office
Sue Hill, Secretary to Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Mr. Mack Smith, Exec. Secy. of Ks. State Board of Embalming
- Mr. Jim Snyder, Exec. Secy. of Ks. Funeral Directors and Embalmers Assn.

Visitor's register, see (Attachment No. 1.)

Chairman called meeting to order.

Chairman called members attention to the letter from Mr. Smith of the Ks. State Board of Embalming, (see Attachment No.2.), and recognized Mr. Smith as conferee. Mr. Smith stated his position and requested committee to introduce a bill to amend K.S.A. 65-1721 to include:--
" (c) The board shall have the right to administer a written or oral examination of the statutes and regulations that govern funeral directing in the state of Kansas." This statute change will allow HCR 5011 to keep its present form.

Conferee Mr. Jim Snyder also made a few comments in regard to this request.

Representative Harder moved that this bill be requested as stated, Rep. Hassler seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Discussion followed on HB 2012.

Discussion centered on whether this was creating a duplication of the scope of the State-wide Health Coordinating Council, what its function would actually be.

The make up of the commission, what the cost of such a commission would be, its scope, whether policy making or advisory only.

Motion by Rep. Niles to pass HB 2012 favorably, seconded by Rep. Wagnon.

Substitute motion by Rep. Hassler to amend bill as follows: In line 23, by striking "11" and inserting in lieu thereof "13"; also in line 23, by striking "five" and inserting in lieu thereof "seven"; in line 27, by inserting before "one" the following: "one of whom shall represent the county health department, one of whom shall be a licensed professional nurse,"; On page 2, in line 49, by striking "six" and inserting in lieu thereof "seven"; in line 50, by striking "six" and inserting in lieu thereof "seven"; motion seconded by Rep. Helgerson.

In depth discussion especially concerning Public Health Department and possible duplication of professionals.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE,
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~a.m.~~/p.m. on February 8, 1983.

A letter from Health Systems Agency of Southeast Kansas, Inc., signed by Mr. Bruce Shultz, President of HSASEK Board of Directors was distributed to committee members. This letter stated the position of HSASEK on HB 2012, HB 2013, and HB 2014. (See Attachment No. 3.)

Voice vote was taken on substitute motion, chair was in doubt, and on a show of hands, count 8 yes, 7 no, chair voted no, making a tie vote. Motion lost.

Voice vote on original motion to pass HB 2012 favorably passed.

A comprehensive briefing by staff members, Emalene Correll and Bruce Hurd was given on HB 2091, HB 2096, HB 2098, HB 2099, HB 2100, and HB 2103.

Many questions of staff by committee on these bills.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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February 4, 1983

Dear Representative Littlejohn and Members of the Committee,

The Kansas State Board of Embalming would like to request a statute change in conjunction with HCR 5011 that has been assigned to the House Public Health and Welfare Committee. The board would like K.S.A. 65-1721 to be amended to include the following: (c) The board shall have the right to administer a written or oral examination of the statutes and regulations that govern funeral directing in the state of Kansas.

The above statute change would allow HCR 5011 to keep its present form.

The reason that the Embalming Board is requesting this change is so that a person applying for a reciprocal funeral director license will be subject to an examination over the states statutes and regulations governing the funeral laws. While it's true that close to 90% of the states in the U.S.A. require a written examination in order to obtain a funeral director license, it should be noted that the examination is over that particular states laws. No two states have identical laws in the area of funeral directing, and the board feels that it would be better to administer an examination on the laws opposed to simply requiring an applicant to sign a piece of paper stating that they have read, understand and will abide by the rules of our state.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

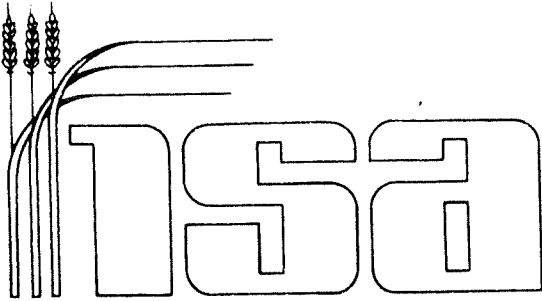
Sincerely,

Douglas "Mack" Smith, Executive Secretary
The Kansas State Board of Embalming

(Attachment
No. 2.)

65-1721. QUALIFICATIONS; PERSONS FROM OTHER STATES. (a) The board may, in its discretion, upon payment of the fees herein provided for, issue licenses to funeral directors residing in other states, and who are funeral directors in good standing in their own states, and whose methods of transacting business do not, in the opinion of the board, violate any of the laws of Kansas, or the rules and regulations of the board.

(b) If a funeral director from another state desires to locate and engage in that business in this state, the funeral director shall not be required to serve one year as a license assistant funeral director in this state if the funeral director favorably recommended in writing by the license board of the state of the funeral director's previous residence, and has had at least one full year of actual experience as a funeral director, in that state, and if the state of the funeral director's previous residence has educational requirements for funeral directors at least equal to those in Kansas, such person shall pay the same fees as required of other applicants on this state.



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February 7, 1983

PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Due to the snow and blizzard like conditions prevailing throughout much of southeast Kansas, we were unable to present public testimony to the Public Health & Welfare Committee on H.B. 2012. HSASEK supports H.B. 2012, H.B. 2013, and H.B. 2014.

HSASEK is concerned that a health planning review commission (H.B. 2012) be chosen carefully with a proper mix of purchasers and providers of medical services. Since consumers (buyers) of services pay for it all, either directly through taxes (i.e., Medicare and Medicaid) or indirectly through insurance premiums and through the cost of goods and services (i.e., medical pass through costs such as in food, automobiles, homes, etc.), we urge a strong consumer representation.

Thank you for an opportunity to voice our opinions eventhough the snow and wind denied us an opportunity to be there.

Sincerely,


Bruce Shultz, President
HSASEK Board of Directors

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(Attachment
No. 3.)