

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jan Meyers at
Chairperson

10 a.m./~~PM~~ on March 12, 1984 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Gordon, Francisco, Vidricksen, Hayden and Roitz, excused
Senator Chaney, absent

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Robert Harder, SRS
Elizabeth Carlson, State Board of Healing Arts

Others present: see attached list

Senator Meyers asked the committee if they would like to have Dr. Howard Ward speak to SB 488, as he had expressed a great interest in the bill and was not aware that it was dead. It was decided to hear him later in the session, if time would allow.

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes office, gave an update on the hospital bills and said they have finished the county hospital balloon, and part of the district hospital balloon. Senator Meyers said a copy of the balloons will be given to the Hospital Association and the committee will work them next week.

HB 2095 - SRS institutions, traffic control

Dr. Robert Harder, SRS, testified in support of HB 2095, and said this bill was the result of a discussion with the Rules and Regulations Committee, and would give SRS statutory authority to post a speed limit and other traffic signs. This bill would delete the requirement of posting applicable administrative regulations on state institution grounds, but traffic control signs would remain in place. (Attachment #1). There was discussion concerning the authority of local police to write tickets for violations. Dr. Harder said he would like this bill passed in its present form, and if a fine is found to be necessary, they can look at it again next year.

HB 2101 - Divorce and annulment statistics, reports of SRS for purposes of enforcement of support

Dr. Robert Harder testified in support of HB 2101 and distributed testimony stating that this amendment requires that the Social Security numbers of parties to a divorce or annulment be added to an already existing form which is currently being used. The amendment also makes clear that information in the report must be made available to SRS for the purpose of establishing, enforcing or modifying a support obligation. State and Federal Parent locator systems require the input of the support obligor's Social Security number before valuable location data may be obtained. It is a very small addition which can result in a great deal of cost savings. (Attachment #2).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 526-S, Statehouse, at 10 a.m.~~p.m.~~ on March 12, 1984.

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes office, suggested that in Line 37 the words "Rules and" should be inserted before the word "Regulations", and in Lines 42 and 43 the words "or the secretary's designee" should be re-inserted.

HB 2996 - Temporary permits issued by Board of Healing Arts only for licensure by endorsement

Elizabeth Carlson, State Board of Healing Arts, testified in support of HB 2996, saying that this bill would limit the authority of the Board to issue temporary permits only to those doctors who have taken an examination, and would eliminate a temporary permit for those applicants who are applying for examination. The purpose behind this recommendation is that some applicants who are applying for examination, and have not passed any examination in another state or in Kansas, are receiving a temporary permit and then going out to practice in the state of Kansas. The Board feels that an applicant who has not yet passed the examination is not qualified to practice. The Board still desires to have a temporary permit issued for those persons applying for licensure by endorsement. (Attachment #3).

There was discussion concerning malpractice suits and the difference between national and state examinations. Ms. Carlson said that foreign graduates are not eligible to take National Boards, and take their exams at the state level.

No action was taken at the meeting as a quorum was not present.

The meeting was adjourned.

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DATE 3-12-84

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Statement Regarding House Bill 2095

I. Short Title of Bill

An act relating to the regulation and control of traffic and parking at institutions under the control of the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services; amending K.S.A. 76-12a13 and repealing existing section.

II. Background and Discussion

K.S.A. 76-12a13 relating to traffic control on state institution grounds requires the posting of applicable administrative regulations at or on affected roads, streets, driveways, grounds, etc. This requirement is somewhat burdensome and not workable since the department's administrative regulations concerning traffic control are several pages long and not published in durable form.

This legislation amends K.S.A. 76-12a13 to delete the requirement of posting such traffic control regulations on state institution grounds. This deletion would not be unfair to motorists since traffic control signs would remain in place and other rules would continue to be published as administrative regulations.

III. SRS Position

SRS supports passage of this legislation.

Robert C. Harder, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Social and Rehabilitation Services
296-3271
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K.S.A. 65-2422b currently requires the clerks of court to file a report with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics concerning each divorce and annulment of marriage. The information necessary to prepare this report is furnished the clerks by the parties to the legal action.

The prevailing party fills out an existing worksheet (like the one before you) with various types of personal information.

The amendment before you - would merely require that the Social Security numbers of the parties to a divorce or annulment be added to an already existing form which is currently being used. (The work is Already Being done.)

In addition, the amendment makes it clear that information in the report must be made available to SRS for the purpose of establishing, enforcing or modifying a support obligation.

Often, the greatest hurdle in enforcing a support order is Locating the obligor. This is a never-ending battle for state CSE personnel and for citizens who do not draw public assistance.

The best way to locate a person and his/her source of income is by using the Social Security Number as identification.

The State and Federal Parent locator systems require the input of the support obligor's Social Security Number before valuable location data may be obtained.

If the amendment is enacted it would not only benefit the State of Kansas due to increased collections of assigned support - It would also benefit any custodial parent who is owed support or whose children have been kidnapped by the non-custodial parent. (Often - after divorce, the spouse with custody cannot find the ex-spouse's Social Security Number).

The Kansas Supreme Court has established Supreme Court Rule #164 (found at K.S.A. 60-2702a). In this rule Social Security Numbers are required to be a part of the divorce worksheet. The problem is that this rule is not widely adhered to. A statutory amendment would help.

Since parties to a divorce are already required to provide personal information by statute, it would seem logical and efficient to require disclosure of Social Security Numbers so that enforcement of the court's orders may be accomplished in a timely and cost efficient method. It is a very small addition which can result in a great deal of cost savings.

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Elizabeth W. Carlson

March 12, 1984

The Board of Healing Arts recommended a change in K.S.A. 65-2811 which would eliminate a temporary permit for those applicants who are applying for examination.

The purpose behind this recommendation is that some applicants who are applying for examination -- those who have not passed any examination in another State or have passed the Kansas State Examination -- are applying for the examination, receiving a temporary permit, and then going out to practice in the State of Kansas. Many of these doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy and doctors of chiropractic are then going out to set up a practice in a small town. If the applicant then fails the examination, he must petition the Board for a second temporary permit. The Board feels that an applicant who has not yet passed the examination is not qualified to practice. The members of the Board have been put on the spot by having these applicants out practicing in a small town, have spent a lot of money setting up their office, and have become active in the community. Then when the community determines that they cannot practice anymore there is a lot of pressure put on not only the members of the Board of Healing Arts but also members of the Legislature to retain this individual to continue to practice. The applicant applies to the Board for a second, sometimes third or fourth temporary permit to continue to practice. The Board feels that these individuals, as I have stated before, are not eligible to practice until after they have passed the examination.

The Board still desires to have a temporary permit issued for those persons applying for licensure by endorsement -- those individuals who have already passed either an examination in another state or the national board examinations and are coming into the State of Kansas.

I would be glad to answer any questions concerning this recommended change in the Healing Arts Act.

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