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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR ROY M. EHRLICH at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 21, 1986 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Norman Furse, Revisors Office
Clarene Wilms, committee secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Written testimony from John Peterson, Opticians Association of Kansas,
Attachment I

Others attending: See attached list

House Bill 2747 was presented to the committee for discussion and action.
Senator Francisco moved that HB-2747 be reported favorable with a second from
Senator Salisbury. The motion carried.

The committee concurred that the chairman ask the President of the Senate for a study on all of these various facilities. Staff will prepare a letter for the chairman.

HB-2663 was presented to the committee for discussion and action. Senator Francisco stated two concerns with this bill, the first being that the \$2,500 application fee is too high. It was felt that the four groups who have filed should be exempt from whatever fee was decided on.

Senator Salisbury agreed with Senator Francisco that these groups should be exempted. The reason for the fee is that Federal funds will be cut off. The \$2,500 fee would pay for part of the procedure, therefore, the amount set is possibly valid. Senator Salisbury also felt that although the group were exempt from paying the fee they should meet the criteria set forth in HB-2663.

Senator Francisco made a motion that the application fee be applied to all applicant groups which have not filed both a notice of intention and a fully answered application before the effective date of this act. Senator Anderson seconded the motion.

Discussion covered the fact that anyone could file a letter of intent, that it was no indication that the application is completed properly. Until an application is accepted, you have not really started the procedure.

It was suggested that the amendment use the term "awaiting review". It was decided that the motion would read "that the application fee shall apply to all applicant groups which have not filed both a notice of intention and a fully answered application before the effective date of this act. Motion carried."

Senator Salisbury moved that the date be changed to be effective on publication in the Kansas Register. Senator Hayden seconded the motion.

Senator Hayden offered a substitute motion with a second by Senator Salisbury that any group awaiting review prior to the effective date of this act shall be reviewed under the provisions of this act. Motion carried.

Senator Salisbury moved that the effective date be changed to become effective when published in the Kansas Register, also the "ands" and "ors" on line 0258 be corrected. Senator Hayden seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Senator Francisco moved that on line 66 page 2 strike \$2,500 and insert \$1,000. Senator seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Senator Anderson moved that HB-2663 be passed out favorable as amended with a second by Senator Francisco. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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TO: Senate Committee on Public Health
& Welfare

FROM: John Peterson
Opticians Associations of Kansas

DATE: March 18, 1986 *John Peterson*

RE: Secretary Sabol's proposed amendment to
credentialing bill, House Bill 2663

The Opticians Association of Kansas currently has an application pending for credentialing before the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. They are supportive of the credentialing system and of the changes set forth in House Bill 2663.

Secretary Sabol proposed before your Committee an amendment that would require all groups which are currently in the credentialing process to pay a \$2,500.00 fee. Secretary Sabol did not make such a proposal before the Interim Committee or before the House Committee but now brings that proposal before you. We believe that such an amendment is inappropriate and unfair.

Secretary Sabol testified that the four groups which currently are pending (which includes Opticians) have only filed a notice of intention to seek credentialing. This is incorrect.

The Opticians Association filed their notice of intention and were determined to be a health care provider group during 1984. The preparation and completion of the actual application document is a lengthy and burdensome process almost always resulting a document of several hundred pages. The credentialing manual requires responses to some 60 detailed questions in regards to the need for credentialing, description of the occupation, identification of associated occupations and all other matters relating to the meeting of the standards. That application document was filed by the Opticians Association of Kansas on September 25, 1984 and has been pending ever since. No request for modification to the application document has been made by Health and Environment and the process has not been completed certainly through no fault of the applicant group.

We do not believe that this or other applicant groups which have actually filed their application document should be penalized because of the delays which have occurred within the department.

We would propose that, instead of the Secretary's language, that the application fee apply "to all applicant groups which have not filed both a notice of intention and a fully answered application before the effective date of this act". and then, if the committee so desires, the law can be made effective on publication.

Thank you for your consideration.

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