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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 February 9, 1989 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Legislative Research  
Norman Furse, Revisors Office  
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Cathy Rooney, Director of Health Occupational Credentialing, Bureau of  
Adult and Child Care

Chairman Ehrlich called the meeting to order and issued an opportunity for anyone interested in requesting a committee bill to come forward. There were no requests.

Pages Rachel Dinkel and Brenda Popp from Great Bend were introduced to the committee.

Cathy Rooney, Director of Health Occupational Credentialing appeared before the committee in support of SB-102 stating that this proposed bill would make minor administrative revisions to the existing dietitian licensure law in order to facilitate implementation of the law passed in the 1988 legislative session (House Bill 2464). (Attachment 1)

Following Ms. Rooney's testimony the chairman asked whether or not SB-102 would affect the operation of health food stores. Richard Morrissey, Director, Bureau of Adult and Child Care, replied that he suspected questions arose on this issue due to HB-2464 which was passed in the 1988 legislative session. He further stated that there was nothing in SB-102 that would affect any of the policy decisions that the legislature made last year in regard to the dietician's licensure act.

The chairman requested the wishes of the committee concerning SB-102.

Senator Burke made the motion, with a second from Senator Walker, to report SB-102 favorable for passage. The motion carried.

The committee adjourned at 10:25 and will convene Monday, February 13, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. in room 526-S.

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TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

BY

THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Senate Bill 102

Background

During the 1988 legislative session, House Bill 2464 was passed which requires dietitians to be licensed by the state in order to practice. The bill before you now is being proposed to make minor administrative revisions to the existing dietitian licensure law in order to facilitate implementation of that law. We are proposing four amendments:

- 1 Under Section 1, the definition of "board" has been deleted since the provision for such a board was struck from the original law prior to its passage.
- 2 Under Section 2, the current language of the law sets July 1, 1989 as the date that only licensed dietitians shall practice. Since rules and regulations are not yet in place, this deadline for granting licenses cannot be met. In order to alleviate this problem and maintain uniformity with the "grandfather" clause, the deadline has been moved up to "one year after the date that rules and regulations become effective."
- 3 Proposed language under Section 3 corrects a contradiction in the "grandfather" clause of this act. The "grandfather" clause waives the examination requirement if the applicant meets the educational and experience requirements by July 1, 1989. However, the experience requirement is defined as "900 hours of experience under the supervision of a licensed dietitian under this act." No supervised experience would qualify because no dietitian will have been licensed prior to July 1, 1989. To correct this situation, we have suggested that the experience be approved by the Secretary of Health and Environment and defined in the rules and regulations.

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- 4 Under Section 4, we have proposed clean-up language to the law to enhance the enforceability of the disciplinary clause of this act. No new reasons for or types of discipline have been proposed.

Recommendation

The department hopes you will look favorably on the passage of Senate Bill 102. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Presented by: Cathy Rooney, Director of  
Health Occupations Credentialing  
Bureau of Adult and Child Care  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
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