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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Marvin L. Littlejohn at \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

1:30 /a/m./p.m. on January 30, 1990 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

- Emalene Correll, Research
- Bill Wolff, Research
- Norman Furse, Revisor
- Sue Hill, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Peterson, Kansas Society of Medical Technology

Chair called meeting or order inviting John Peterson to make comments in regard to a bill assigned to this committee.

Mr. Peterson, representing Medical Technologists who had requested the introduction of HB 2427 last year, that would provide licensing of lab personnel in accordance with the Technical Committee that review the credentialing application of same. He noted there have been new Federal Regs in the making, which could contain personnel standards that could roughly mesh with licensing. Their Society recognizes this, and therefore feels in the interest of time, perhaps it is best to wait until those Federal Regs are out and available for review, not to pursue hearings on HB 2427 this year, even though the Chair had expressed a strong desire to hold those hearings.....

Chair noted the bill would not be killed but would be let to languish in the session.

Chair noted Staff would give briefings this date on HB 2594, HB 2595, and HB 2664.

Emalene Correll gave a comprehensive briefing on HB 2594. A new category of Home Health Agency (HHA) personnel, called personal care attendant has been added. Duties of this attendant were outlined in detail. Differences in health care and personal care were defined as well.

Ms. Correll noted instances in the bill that might need to be examined by members to make certain language has been made broad enough, or clear enough to make the law clear, i.e., home health services definitions; concern with requirements that adult care home aide training course be completed before one could move on to the home health aide training courses; concerns that this new category may be regulated under two agencies, i.e., Department of Health and Environment, and the State Board of Nursing; in sub Section (k), it might conflict with legislation from a bill passed last year with regard to individuals in need of care. She then answered questions.

Norman Furse gave a comprehensive briefing on HB 2595, but first gave history of the proposal on Physicians Assistants that was initially enacted in 1972. He outlined the original legislation.

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Mr. Furse then drew attention to some specifics in HB 2595, i.e., language clearly stating the physicians' assistants, (PA's) names should be entered on register and such register maintained by Board of Healing Arts; register renewed annually; notification of expiration to be made to both the PA and physician; increased role of responsible physician; State Board of Healing Arts could develop their own sources; new language on Page 7, lines 11 through 14 in regard to closed formulary, which specifies protocol procedures in prescribing; he noted statutes have similarities to the Tennessee Statutes. Mr. Furse then gave a section by section detailed explanation of all changes in statutes in regard to HB 2595.

Ms. Correll gave a detailed briefing on HB 2664. She noted there are two additional identical bills on this same issue currently in Committees this year. HB 2664 would create broad authority to require testing of a large percentage of the Kansas population for the possible exposure of AIDS, hepatitis B, mononucleosis, and other infectious diseases. She detailed the definitions of infectious diseases, noted the list of persons subject to testing is very extensive and all would be authorized under Section 2, if they come into contact with body fluids, can ask the Court to order the person (s) involved to have this testing done. (Courts must make two findings to issue the testing order). She detailed the treatment procedure/counseling if tests are positive; costs for treatment/counseling are to be paid by the employing agency. Ms. Correll answered numerous questions from committee members.

Chair thanked Staff for their usual great job in briefing members on legislation before this committee.

Chair asked that bill introductions be held off until Thursday this week.

Chair noted there are hearings scheduled tomorrow on two bills with a large number of conferees signed up for testimony and asked that all members please be on time for meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

