

Approved 2-27-91
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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 20, 1991 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Norman Furse, Revisor's Office
Jo Ann Buntten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Yonally, Kansas Dental Hygienists Association
Kim Stabbe, Kansas Dental Hygienist Board
Denise C. Maseman, Program Director, Department of Dental Hygiene, WSU
Barbara Zillner, Dental Hygienist
Kenneth J. Frick, D.D.S.
Robert A. Johns, D.D.S.
Carl C. Schmitthenner, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association
Cynthia Sherwood, D.D.S.

Chairman Ehrlich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., asking for approval or correction to the minutes of February 13 and 14, 1991. Senator Burke made the motion to accept the minutes as presented with a second from Senator Walker. Motion carried.

The Chairman called upon Senator Hayden to introduce his two pages from Satanta who served in the Senate and assisted at the committee meeting.

Hearing on:

SB 82 - An act concerning dental hygienists; relating to the practice of dental hygiene and requirements for licensure; amending K.S.A. 65-1456, 65-1457 and 74-1404 and K.S.A. 1990 Supp. 65-1455 and repealing the existing sections.

Jim Yonally, representing the Kansas Dental Hygienists Association, introduced Kim Stabbe, Chairperson, Kansas Dental Hygienists Association Legislative Committee, who appeared before the committee and outlined the proposed changes requested and as printed in SB 82. Some of their requests are: (1) Dental hygienists be allowed to administer local anesthesia under direct supervision; (2) Dental hygienists be allowed to provide treatment under general supervision for all populations; and (3) Licensee applicants and renewals be required to have CPR certification. Senator Hayden requested further explanation regarding general supervision in a nursing home and was told the dentist is required to be present. Senator Reilly asked for explanation of local infiltration and block anesthesia, an injection at the base of the nerve, while block is used more for the lower teeth. Senator Langworthy inquired as to the difference between a Missouri statute similar to SB 82. Ms. Stabbe stated dental hygienists are allowed to do infiltration anesthesia and not the block method under the direct supervision of the dentist in Missouri. Senator Reilly also inquired about general supervision and was told it was removed from the Missouri statute, but Ms. Stabbe did not know why.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 526-S Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m./p~~xx~~ on February 20, 1991

Denise C. Maseman, Program Director at Wichita State University, presented her written testimony and appeared before the committee and addressed the educational preparation of dental hygienists. She stated there are two dental hygiene programs in Kansas, one at Johnson County Community College and the other at Wichita State University. (Attachment 1)

Senator Hayden asked if the students are trained to spot cancer and was told the students are trained to screen the patients and then refer them to a dentist.

Presenting written testimony and appearing in support of SB 82 was Barbara Zillner, registered dental hygienist, who spoke of working in cooperation with a supervising dentist and supporting their request to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). (Attachment 2) Senator Reilly inquired as to what type of equipment is being used to administer CPR that would avoid contact with the mouth of the patient, and was told it depended upon the dental office.

Kenneth J. Frick, D.D.S., with practices in general dentistry in both Kansas and Missouri, submitted written testimony and appeared in support of SB 82. Dr. Frick stated the administration of local anesthesia under the direct supervision of a dentist, mandating routine and emergency dental care for nursing homes, schools and hospitals, and administering CPR are his reasons to support the bill. (Attachment 3) Questions regarding CPR training, type of mouth device for CPR, and liability insurance were discussed by the committee. Senator Salisbury requested clarification of subsection (e) on page 4 of the bill, regarding the "screening" in an institution and was advised by Staff Furse that is current law, but terms are not defined. Senator Walker called attention to the problems of access and the cost of dental care. Chairman Ehrlich inquired about liability insurance and was told it is the responsibility of the dentist.

Dr. Robert A. Johns, D.D.S., presented written testimony and appeared in support of SB 82. He stated the laws governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene are in place to protect the welfare of the general public, and at the same time, the law should allow those who meet those needs utilize their education to the fullest extent. (Attachment 4) Liability insurance was also discussed.

Carl C. Schmitthenner, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association, appeared in opposition to SB 82 and submitted his written testimony on the bill. (Attachment 5)

Cynthia Sherwood, D.D.S. appeared before the committee and submitted her written testimony opposing SB 82. Dr. Sherwood stated her appreciation for the work done by dental hygienists, but is opposed to the concept of unsupervised hygiene services and the administration of anesthesia as her reasons to oppose the bill. (Attachment 6) After questions from the committee, the chairman announced continued hearing on SB 82 would be held February 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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