

Approved: 1-31-00
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Senator Larry Salmans, at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
JoAnn Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sally Finney, National Association of Social Workers, Kansas Chapter
Jerri Freed, Administrative Director, Kansas Dental Board

Others attending: See attached list

Introduction of bills

Senator Salmans called the Committee's attention to a bill request from the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants that would modify the present registration process for a Physician Assistant to licensure. (Attachment 1) Senator Langworthy made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Becker. The motion carried.

Sally Finney, representing the National Association of Social Workers, Kansas Chapter, requested the Committee introduce legislation that would establish a five member board to regulate social workers. Senator Langworthy made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Jerri Freed, Administrative Director, Kansas Dental Board, requested legislation that would make substantive changes to the Dental Practice Act relating to: the testing requirement for licensure, license renewal procedure, adding limited liability companies to professional corporations as dental practice entities that may use trade names, and establish a procedure for reinstatement after license revocation. (Attachment 2) Senator Hardenburger made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Becker. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Becker made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of January 19 and 20, 2000, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2000.

KANSAS ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Request for Introduction Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

January 26, 2000

*The Honorable Senator Sandy Praeger, Chairperson
and Honorable Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:*

The members of the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants request introduction of legislation to modify the present registration process for a Physician Assistant to licensure.

There are more than 350 Physician Assistants ("PA") currently registered in Kansas with the State Board of Healing Arts. PAs serve an important role, as an extension of their responsible physician and as health care providers. In many cases, the PA is the only source of basic health care available on a daily basis, particularly in rural areas.

A Physician Assistant can perform a wide range of medical duties, from primary family medicine to high-technology specialties, such as medical research. All of these duties, whether performed in a hospital, clinic or private physician office, are done under the direction and supervision of a responsible physician, or physician approved protocols.

The history of the Physician/PA team relationship has always been one of physician directed care. A change to licensure does not indicate a push toward independent practice. PAs remain committed to practicing health care services as directed by their supervising physician.

As an extension of their responsible Physician, PAs should be held to the same regulatory standard. Licensure, as a form of regulation for Physician Assistants, allows the State of Kansas to keep pace with the evolving and expanding role that Physician Assistants fulfill as a members of an important medical practice team.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Sperry
Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants

Senate Public Health and Welfare
Date: 1-26-00
Attachment No. 1

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BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

January 26, 2000

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Capitol Building
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: Proposed Legislations

Dear Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

The Kansas Dental Board is requesting that the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee introduce changes to the Dental Practices Act as a committee bill.

The substantive changes are the following:

1. A clarification that the Act does not apply to dental and hygiene students and instructors in an approval school or course;
2. A clarification of the testing requirement for licensure;
3. A clarification of the license renewal procedure;
4. Adding limited liability companies to professional corporations as dental practice entities that may use trade names;
5. Establish a procedure for reinstatement after license revocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerri Freed".

Jerri Freed
Administrative Director
Kansas Dental Board

Senate Public Health and Welfare
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Attachment No. 2