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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 630

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 630 amends various of the statutes that concern the Kansas Dental Board and the licensing of dentists and dental hygienists. The amendments are essentially technical in nature and make no policy changes in the statutes. The amendments change references to "secretary-treasurer" or "secretary" to "executive director" whenever the reference is to the person appointed by the Board, at an annual salary fixed by the Board and approved by the Governor, who is the legal custodian of all property, money, minutes, records, proceedings, and seal of the Board and who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Board office. References to "secretary-treasurer" when the person to whom the reference applies is a member of the Board who has been elected by the Board to serve for one year as the Secretary of the Board are changed to "secretary."

Background

SB 630 was introduced at the request of the Kansas Dental Board whose executive director was the sole conferee on the bill. According to information presented to the Senate Committee, over the years the terms secretary and secretary-treasurer have been used as the statutes were amended without making a clear distinction between the individual who is elected by the Board from among its members to serve a one-year term as a Board officer and the individual who is an employee of the Board responsible for the day-to-day activities relating to licensing and other responsibilities with which the Board is charged. The result has been confusion for applicants and others who have business with

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the Board. The change to executive director will result in less confusion for everyone.

The change from Secretary-Treasurer to Secretary of the Board is in line with the statutory responsibilities of the Board member so designated. The Secretary of the Board does not have custody of Board funds or deposits made to the State Treasury.

There would be no fiscal impact resulting from passage of SB 630.