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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2155

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

HB 2155, as amended, concerns dentists and dental hygienists and creates a new exception to the requirement that dentists and dental hygienists have a Kansas license in order to practice in Kansas.

The bill authorizes the Kansas Dental Board to issue a 14-day temporary license to certain persons for the sole purpose of providing charitable dental and dental hygienist services as provided under the Kansas Tort Claims Act (KSA75-6102 (f)(4)). Specifically, services are targeted, but not limited to medically indigent persons, and provided on a gratuitous basis at a location sponsored by a not-for-profit organization that is not the dentist or dental hygienist office location. The dentistry services and dental hygienist services do not include "oral and maxillofacial surgery" as defined by Kansas Administrative Regulation 71-2-2, or the use of sedation or general anesthesia that result in "deep sedation" or "general anesthesia" as defined by Kansas Administrative Regulation 71-5-1.

Dentists eligible for the temporary license must be graduates of an accredited dental school, dental college, or dental department of a college or university, have a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and be otherwise qualified to practice; and not be licensed in Kansas, but licensed to practice in the state from which the dentist is applying for the temporary license.

Dental hygienists eligible for the temporary license must be graduates of an accredited dental hygiene school, dental college, or department of a college or university; be credentialed as an R.D.H. or L.D.H. and be otherwise qualified to practice; and not licensed in

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Kansas, but licensed to practice in the state from which the dental hygienist is applying for the temporary license.

The Senate Committee amendments delete the requirement that an applicant for a temporary license to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist in the limited circumstances set out in the bill could not have previously failed a licensure examination in Kansas. The other amendments are technical.

Background

HB 2155 was recommended by the Kansas Dental Association to allow out-of-state dentists and dental hygienists to provide charity dental care in Kansas (see also SB 34). Temporary licensees would participate in dental outreach projects planned by the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation, the Kansas Dental Hygienists Association, the Kansas Dental Assistants Association, local dental societies, dental product suppliers, the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, Mexican American Ministries, community volunteers, and civic groups.

The bill also is supported by the Kansas Dental Hygienists Association and the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved.

The Senate Committee amendments were supported by the Kansas Dental Association.