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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 529

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 529 amends two statutes that are a part of the act under which the practice of physical therapy is regulated. As amended by Senate Committee, the bill adds licensed physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners who are acting pursuant to the order or direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery to those who may approve the initiation of physical therapy treatment.

Background

SB 529 was introduced at the request of the Kansas Physical Therapy Association whose representative also presented testimony in support of the bill. The bill was also supported by representatives of the Kansas Medical Society, the Kansas Hospital Association, and the Kansas State Nurses Association. A representative of the Board of Healing Arts also testified on the bill. Written support was provided by the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants, a hospital administrator, and the director of a nursing facility. The bill is intended to clarify, for purposes of the physical therapy practice act, that a physician assistant or an ARNP may make a referral for physical therapy services when acting under the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery. The committee amendments were suggested by the Kansas Medical Society.

The fiscal note indicates passage of the bill would have no fiscal impact.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>