

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2577**

As Recommended by House  
Committee on Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2577 amends current law regarding access to health care records in the instance of a patient's death. The bill authorizes access to the records for a surviving spouse, any heirs, or the patient's authorized representative, according to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1986.

**Background**

Representative Jack addressed the Committee in support of the bill.

The fiscal note indicates that the passage of HB 2577 would have no effect on the Board of Healing Arts but may require health care providers to amend authorization forms.

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\*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>