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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2832**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2832 concerns the certification of emergency medical services attendants by the Board of Emergency Medical Services. The bill allows an applicant for certification to make an application within two years of completing the last class of a course of instruction approved by the Board for the category of certification being sought. (Current law allows for a one-year period in which to make application.)

Additionally, the requirement is removed for an initial mobile intensive care technician to be first certified as an emergency medical technician before certification as a mobile intensive care technician.

Lastly, the bill strikes the current provision for temporary attendants' certificates, including the requirement that the request for a temporary certificate be made by the operator of an ambulance service, and enacts new requirements for the issuance of temporary certificates. The Board may issue one temporary certificate, good for two years, to a person who has not completed the required course of instruction approved by the Board for the level of certification sought, is currently registered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or certified or licensed in another jurisdiction at the level sought in Kansas, and pays the appropriate fee to the Board.

**Background**

HB 2832 was requested by the Board of Emergency Medical Services whose representative explained that the bill is user-friendly in that it extends the time to two years to make application for certification after completing class work and makes the temporary certificate also

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valid for a two-year period.

The bill was opposed by representatives of American Medical Response (AMR) whose representatives asked the Legislature to reject the Board's proposal to extend the temporary certification period to two years because it facilitates the Board requiring out-of-state attendants to acquire an associate's degree prior to permanent certification. AMR proposed an amendment that would make it clear that registration on the National Registry is sufficient for reciprocity in Kansas.