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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2156

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2156, if enacted, would amend a section of the Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas that concerns pharmacy technicians. The amendments add to the disciplinary actions the Board of Pharmacy may take against a registered pharmacy technician by authorizing the Board to limit, suspend, or revoke a registration on any of the grounds the Board is authorized to take action against a licensed pharmacist. Other amendments delete the statutory limitation on the number of pharmacy technicians a pharmacist may supervise and for whose actions the pharmacist is responsible. The Board is given the responsibility of prescribing the ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians through rules and regulations.

HB 2156, if enacted, would become effective on publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

HB 2156 was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Board of Pharmacy whose representative also appeared in support of the bill. In testimony, it was noted the Board currently has authority only to deny an application for a registration or for renewal of a registration, except in a circumstance in which the continuing employment of a registered pharmacy technician presents an imminent danger to the public health and safety. In the latter case, the Board may temporarily suspend or limit the registration of a pharmacy technician under the emergency adjudicative procedures set out in the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act.

*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>

The Senate Committee amendment changes the effective date, and the amendment adopted in the Senate Committee of the Whole gives the Board the responsibility for determining the allowable ratio of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that the Board believes that passage of the bill would save money by reducing the number of emergency administrative hearings. The fiscal note also indicates that the Board cannot estimate the number of hearings that would no longer be necessary nor the resulting cost savings.