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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 262

As Amended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

SB 262 would amend the statutes that deal with Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The bill would change the title of EMS attendants to:

- “Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate” would be changed to “Advanced Emergency Medical Technician.”
- “First Responder” would be changed to “Emergency Medical Responder.”
- “Mobile Intensive Care Technician” would be changed to “Paramedic.”

The bill would establish a scope of practice for the professions by rules and regulations established by the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (Board). The professions would have to complete a course of instruction approved by the Board and be specifically authorized to perform activities by medical protocol.

Under the bill, all attendant fees for certificates would have to be deposited in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund. Current law requires the deposits of fees in the State General Fund.

*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 bill would appoint a Medical Advisory Council of six members, including two Board members, and four physicians who are not members of the Board to advise and assist the board in medical standards and practices. Under current law, a medical consultant is appointed by the Board. This position would be eliminated under the provisions of the bill.

The bill also would provide additional definitions and provides transition language for the board between enactment of the legislation and renewal of licensure of attendants.

The bill would take effect on January 1, 2011, and after its publication in the statute book.

Background

Proponents of the bill included the Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, the President of the Kansas EMS Association and the Regional Coordinator for Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council.

The President of the Kansas EMS Association testified that revamping the title of EMS attendants in Kansas would conform them to the National EMS scope of practice.

No opponents testified.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill by requiring the attendants' fee for certification be deposited in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund.

The House Committee amended the bill by providing additional transition language to the bill; added a Medical Advisory Council and deleted some rule and regulation authority that the Senate had provided in the bill. The majority of the amendments to the bill were the suggestions of the EMS board.

The fiscal note on the original bill indicates that the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Board.