

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2562

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2562 would add physical therapists, licensed to practice under the Physical Therapy Practice Act, to the list of authorized practitioners who can certify to the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles, that an individual has a disability.

The bill would also make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Buehler.

House Committee on Health and Human Services

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by two representatives of the American Physical Therapy Association – Kansas Chapter who stated generally that the training of a physical therapist is to evaluate mobility and that various types of health care practitioners consult physical therapists currently regarding a patient's mobility. They also noted that 18 states permit physical therapists to certify a patient's disability, and there has not been an increase in fraud, abuse, or misuse of license plates or placards for disabled individuals in those states.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Written-only **neutral** testimony was provided by the Executive Director of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Department of Revenue indicates that enactment of the bill would require some updates to its systems; however, the bill's enactment would not have a fiscal effect. According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of the bill would not have any impact on county expenditures or revenues except the potential for court cases that may arise regarding violations. Any fiscal effect associated with the enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Motor vehicles; Division of Vehicles; registration; disability; physical therapists