

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE
BILL NO. 67**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

Sub. for SB 67 would amend law regarding certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) to expand certain independent prescription authority to align the scope of practice more closely to an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).

CRNA Prescription Authority

The bill would amend law pertaining to a CRNA's prescription authority to:

- Grant independent prescription authority to prescribe durable medical equipment and prescribe, procure, and administer any drug consistent with a CRNA's education and qualifications;
- Clarify that the prescription, procurement, or administration of an anesthetic agent is prohibited unless upon the order of a physician or dentist requesting anesthesia or analgesia care;
- Require controlled substances to be prescribed, procured, or administered in accordance with the Uniform Controlled Substance Act; and

*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/>

- Prohibit the performance or induction of an abortion or the prescription, procurement, or administration of drugs for an abortion.

The bill would require that a prescription order include the name, address, and telephone number of the CRNA.

The bill would prohibit a CRNA from dispensing drugs but would allow a CRNA to request, receive, and sign for professional samples and to distribute such samples to patients.

Requirements for Prescription of Controlled Substances

In order to prescribe a controlled substance, the bill would require a CRNA to register with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and comply with DEA requirements related to controlled substances.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare at the request of a representative of the Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In the Senate Committee meeting, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the Kansas Chamber and a CRNA. The proponents generally stated support for the independent practice of CRNAs to allow CRNAs to perform skills for which they have been trained and noted the range of needed services CRNAs could provide across the state. Current law authorizes CRNAs to perform certain functions exclusively upon the order of a physician or dentist and does not allow collaboration with other advanced practice providers, such as physician assistants and APRNs. The Kansas Chamber

representative stated support for removing government-created regulatory barriers to CRNA practice.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Amberwell Health, Americans for Prosperity Kansas, Kansas Advanced Practice Nurse Association, Kansas Chiropractic Association, Kansas Family Voice, Kansas Justice Institute, Kansas State Board of Nursing, and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, as well as a CRNA, a doctor of podiatric medicine, and several doctors of dental surgery.

Opponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Medical Society (KMS) and the Kansas Society of Anesthesiologists who generally stated concerns with removing physician oversight or involvement from CRNAs. The KMS representative stated, while KMS does not support authorizing non-physicians to independently diagnose or prescribe medications for patients, KMS proposes limiting the privileges of CRNAs to those commensurate with other categories of APRNs.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by an anesthesiologist.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by the Executive Director of the State Board of Healing Arts and a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas.

The Senate Committee removed stricken and new language from the bill and created a substitute bill providing for CRNA practice authority more commensurate with that of other categories of APRNs.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas State Board

of Healing Arts indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts.

The Board of Nursing indicates that any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill would be absorbed within the current resources of the Board of Nursing.

Certified registered nurse anesthetist; prescription authority; durable medical equipment; abortion; prescription orders; controlled substances