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Subject: HB 2178-Granting professional licenses to nonresident individuals

Neutral testimony

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide neutral testimony on HB 2178. The KSBHA licenses and regulates 13 health care professions. The mission of the KSBHA is to safeguard the public and strengthen the healing arts. To meet this purpose, our agency strives to issue licenses in a prompt and efficient manner while still ensuring that applicants meet requisite the qualifications and standards of their profession.

Typically, licenses can be issued within a week of submitting a complete application. The KSBHA regularly issues licenses "by endorsement" for all professions. A license by endorsement is granted by virtue of the applicant holding a valid license in another state and other requirements specific to each profession which is set forth in the specific practice act. Vital to fulfilling our public protection mission is ensuring that all applicants meet the minimum requirements as described by Kansas statutes; these requirements may include minimum education, training, experience, and / or jurisprudence examination requirements. As currently drafted, this bill would allow KSBHA to continue to fulfill our public protection mission.

We are available to respond to any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

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