

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Peggy Mast at 1:30 P.M. on March 5, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Clark Shultz- excused
Ed Trimmer- excused
Jeff Colyer- excused
Jim Ward- excused
Mike Kigerl- excused

Committee staff present:

Justin Thompson, Revisor's Office
Rena Jefferies, Revisor's Office
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Tatiana Lin, Legislative Research
Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Debra Billingsley, Executive Director Kansas State Board of Pharmacy
Julie Hein, Representing the Kansas Pharmacy Coalition

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Vice-Chair Mast opened hearing on **HB2531 - Pharmacy act amendments concerning durable medical equipment and wholesale drug distribution regulation.**

Debra Billingsley, Executive Director of the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy, explained that a task force had been mandated by the 2006 legislature to study the issue of counterfeit drugs, pedigrees for prescription drugs, penalty aspects for violation of pedigree requirements, and registration requirements of wholesale distributors. This bill is a result of the task force recommendations. This bill helps by setting high standard for registration for all distributors shipping into Kansas. There are also increased penalties against those entities that violate any provision of the Pharmacy Act. There are some definitions and technical issues regarding the language that has been proposed. The Board is willing to work with interested parties and arrive at a mutually agreeable amendment to this bill. (Attachment 1)

Julie Hein, speaking on behalf of the Kansas Pharmacy Coalition (K.P.C.) Said that this bill will create additional safeguards and increases the requirements for wholesale licensure of prescription drugs. K.P.C. requests several amendments to clarify definitions. These amendments do not change the intent of **HB2531**, they merely provide clarification and address the return of saleable prescription drugs. (Attachment 2)

Written testimony was provided by Daniel Bellingham, Associate Director of State Government Affairs with Healthcare Distribution Management Association, proponent. (Attachment 3) In addition a newspaper article from the February 18, 2007 issue of the Kansas City Star, Parade, was provided for Committee perusal. (Attachment 4)

Chair Landwehr closed hearings on HB2531 and adjourned the meeting at 1:42. Next meeting is March 6, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.