

Testimony of House Bill No. 2183

Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in regards to House Bill No. 2183. My name is Scott Stueven, Lieutenant with Butler County Emergency Medical Services and the Designated Infection Control Officer in Butler County, Kansas. I have been with Infection Control Officer since 2005. Butler County EMS is a rural/ Suburban EMS service located outside of Wichita.

The bill presented today, is an amendment to Kansas statues to amend definitions of a communicable or infectious disease. It also authorizes the secretary of health and environment to implement rule and regulations for the protection of care personnel that are exposed to those diseases. This is an industry standard among care providers to have the right to know if they have been exposed to a patient with a communicable disease.

- By signing this bill into place, it helps to define who is at risk for exposure
- Although exposure incidents do not occur on a regular basis, the consequences that can result can be life changing and need to be dealt with quickly
- By allowing the secretary to implement regulations, the medical community and emergency personnel can continue to adapt to a changing health environment and ensure that testing is available to those providers

Again, thank you for your time and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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