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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2078**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public  
Health and Welfare

**Brief\***

HB 2078 would amend current law regarding military experience for the licensing of practical nurses and emergency medical technicians.

The bill would authorize the Board of Nursing to waive a requirement that an applicant graduate from an approved school of practical or professional nursing if the applicant attained a passing score on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses and provided evidence of practical nursing experience within the U.S. military.

The applicant would need to have separated from military service with an honorable discharge or under honorable conditions.

The bill also would require the granting of an Attendant's Certificate to an applicant who holds a current and active certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and who completed emergency medical technician training as a member of the U.S. military. For these provisions to apply, the applicant would need to have received an honorable discharge or have been separated under honorable conditions.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security, which held a

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hearing on the bill and amended the bill to require the honorable discharge or under honorable condition discharge status.

Testimony in support of the original bill was provided by representatives of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy, the American Legion Department of Kansas, the Kaw Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs. Neutral testimony was provided by the Board of Nursing. There was no opposition testimony at the House Committee hearing

The Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare amendment was technical in nature. The amendment was recommended by the revisor.

The fiscal note on the original bill as provided by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill would have no fiscal impact.