

March 17, 2015

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 285 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 285 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 285 would amend current law for the Board of Healing Arts in regard to the requirements in the Healing Arts Act, the Physician's Assistant Act, and the Do Not Resuscitate Order or Directives Act. The bill would make the following changes:

Healing Arts Act

1. Eliminate the words expire, expired or expiration in the renewal statute and replace them with renew, renewed, renewal or cancel, canceled, cancellation;
2. Add language to specify that a reentry license must be a reentry active license;
3. Remove the requirement that the Board obtain a certified copy of the record of action taken by another jurisdiction when a licensee has had a license to practice the healing arts revoked, suspended, limited, censured, otherwise disciplined or has had a license application denied by that jurisdiction;
4. Establish the maximum fee for reinstatement of a canceled license and for a resident active license; and,
5. Create the designation of resident active license, set the requirements for this designation, and would authorize the Board to establish rules and regulations regarding issuance, maintenance and renewal of this license.

Physician Assistant's Act

1. Eliminate the words expire, expired or expiration in the renewal statute and replace them with renew, renewed, renewal or cancel, canceled, cancellation;
2. Create the designation of federally active license, set requirements for that designation and limitations for the scope of practice outside of federal employment, and establish the maximum licensure fee for this designation; and,
3. Create the designation of exempt license and set the requirements and maximum licensure fee for that designation.

Under the Do Not Resuscitate Order or Directives Act, physician assistants would be allowed to issue do not resuscitate orders or instructions for a patient under their care.

The bill would also add new language to establish reasonable costs that a provider may charge for copies of health care records provided to patients, or their authorized representatives, and would require that copies be provided within 30 days of receipt of an authorization. The bill would allow for enforcement claims or actions to be filed.

The Board of Healing Arts indicates that it is unable to estimate a fiscal effect resulting from the passage of SB 285.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts