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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2228**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal  
and State Affairs

**Brief\***

Senate Sub. for HB 2228, as amended, would add language to law concerning the administration of abortifacient drugs.

The bill would require that, except in the case of an abortion performed in a hospital through inducing labor, when RU-486 (mifepristone) is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion, the drug must initially be administered by or in the same room as and in the physical presence of the physician prescribing, dispensing, or otherwise providing the drug to the patient.

The bill also would require that when any drug other than RU-486 (mifepristone) is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion, the prescription or the drug must be given to the patient in the same room as and in the physical presence of the physician prescribing, dispensing, or otherwise providing the drug to the patient.

These requirements would not apply in the case of a medical emergency.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

## **Background**

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs deleted the original contents of HB 2228, inserted the contents of SB 304, and recommended the substitute bill be passed. The Senate Committee of the Whole re-referred Senate Sub. for HB 2228 to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. The Senate Committee adopted a balloon amendment requiring that RU-486 be administered by or in the same room as and in the physical presence of the physician providing the drug to the patient and that the prescription for any other drug used to induce any abortion be given to the patient in the same room as and in the physical presence of the physician providing the drug to the patient.

## **SB 304**

At the hearing on SB 304 in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, a representative from Kansans for Life appeared in support of the bill. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by the Attorney General's Office. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

At the time of the hearing on SB 304 in the Senate Committee, the Board of Healing Arts had been contacted regarding the potential fiscal impacts of the bill, but had not yet provided a response.