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MEMORANDUM

To:

House Committee on Appropriations

From:

Scott Abbott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Date:

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Re:

House Bill No. 2759

House Bill No. 2759 would require veterinarians in Kansas to participate in and submit information to the prescription monitoring program, commonly known as K-TRACS. To this end, section 3 of the bill amends the definitions section of the prescription monitoring program act to include veterinarians within the definition of "practitioner" and to strike the current exclusion of veterinarians from the definition of "dispenser."

Section 1 would make statutory transfers of moneys from the state board of healing arts, the board of nursing, the Kansas dental board, the board of examiners in optometry and the state board of veterinary examiners to the state board of pharmacy for the costs of operation of the prescription monitoring program attributable to each entity's respective licensees. Last year's budget bill, chapter 104 of the 2017 Session Laws of Kansas (Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2002), provided for transfers of moneys between those agencies for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. Section 2 would void those transfers for fiscal year 2019. Section 1 would make the transfers statutory to continue indefinitely and would add the state board of veterinary examiners to the list of agencies making such transfers.

If enacted, the bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2018.