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Subject: SB 453

Position: **Neutral (Written)**

The Kansas State Board of Nursing provides this written testimony for SB 453. The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians. SB453 includes a change in who can teach training courses for unlicensed employees in adult care homes. Presently these training courses must be taught by a registered nurse (RN) and this bill would allow an instructor to be a licensed registered professional nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) with a license in good standing. The 40 hours of training shall be supervised by a RN.

Per K.S.A. 65-1113 the practice of nursing as an LPN includes tasks and responsibilities that are based on acceptable educational preparation within the framework of supportive and restorative care under the direction of a RN. HB 2477 contains a provision that allows an LPN to provide healthcare services appropriate to such LPN's education, training, and experience within designated healthcare facilities at which the LPN nurse is employed to work as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic without direction from a RN. This provision is in effect through January 20, 2023. SB 453 states an LPN can be an instructor of the training course, however, does not address the educational preparation the LPN must complete to be faculty of a training course. This bill states the skills demonstration to be evaluated by a RN, however, does not address the educational preparation the RN must complete to be faculty of a training course (evaluate the skills). Both the LPN and RN faculty will need training to be effective instructors as that content is not included in the curriculum of undergraduate nursing programs in Kansas. It would provide clarity to provide a definition of "in good standing" when referring to the licenses of the LPN and RN serving as faculty. HB 2477 contains a definition that could be included in this bill for clarity.

Thank you for your time and service.