

SESSION OF 2024

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2745**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

**Brief\***

HB 2745, as amended, would limit the application of the statute providing for reciprocal occupational licensing for military service members and military spouses to those residing in Kansas or planning to reside in Kansas due to the assigned military station of the individual or their spouse, and would provide that such applicants would be exempt from all fees for applications for any such credential assessed by the licensing body, including criminal background report fees, whether assessed by the licensing body or another agency, including initial applications and any fees associated with renewal of any credential.

The bill would specify that applications for credentials by such applicants would be considered complete applications without the submission of any such fees.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at the request of a representative of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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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>

### ***House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development***

At the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Greater Wichita Area Veterans Advocacy Board, Home Base Wichita, and Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce. The proponents generally stated enactment of the bill would improve access to and lower costs of occupational licenses for military service members and their spouses relocating to Kansas.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners and by a private citizen.

Neutral testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy and Kansas State Board of Technical Professions.

The Committee amended the bill to limit the application of the reciprocal licensing statute for military service members and military spouses to those residing in Kansas or planning to reside in Kansas due to the assigned military station of the individual or their spouse and to clarify the application of the exemption from fees to be applicable to both initial applications and renewals and to include criminal background report fees.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, various state fee-funded agencies indicate the bill would have an impact on their revenues and expenditures.

The Kansas Board of Pharmacy indicates enactment of the bill would require 0.5 additional FTE position at a cost of \$24,375 for FY 2025, a requirement that would be reduced by

one-half in all future years and could result in a revenue loss of thousands of dollars.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board estimates enactment of the bill would reduce agency revenues by \$15,660.

The State Board of Healing Arts estimates enactment of the bill would reduce agency revenues by \$8,000 in FY 2025 and by \$10,000 in FY 2026.

The Board of Examiners in Optometry estimates the bill would reduce agency revenues by \$12,000 in FY 2025.

The Board of Nursing estimates enactment of the bill would reduce agency revenues by \$3,886 in FY 2025 and would require expenditures of \$30,000 in FY 2024 to update its licensing software.

The Board of Barbering, Department of Education, Insurance Department, Abstracters' Board of Examiners, Kansas Real Estate Commission, Real Estate Appraisal Board, State Board of Technical Professions, State Board of Mortuary Arts, and Kansas Board of Hearing Aid Examiners indicate enactment of the bill would reduce agency revenues by an indeterminate amount.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and Board of Accountancy indicate enactment of the bill would have a negligible impact on agency revenues.

The Kansas State Board of Cosmetology and Kansas Dental Board indicate enactment of the bill would have no effect on agency revenues.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Occupational licensing; license fees; military spouse; military service member