



To: House Health and Human Services Committee

From: R.E. "Tuck" Duncan

American Medical Response

RE: HB 2158

This bill was before this committee last year. This bill basically eliminates the reciprocity now available for out-of-state paramedics. It has been the long standing practice in this state to recognize the national registry certification and give full faith and credit to sister-state educational programs. This bill delegates to the Board of EMS the ability to prescribe that an attendant must complete an instate educational program within the two years of being granted a temporary license, or else lose one's accreditation.. Certain programs require full time attendance for two years. As a national company this bill will place a chilling effect on our ability to attract the best and brightest from other states to work in Kansas. Further this bill ignores the fact that there is a paramedic shortage and this policy will further exacerbate that problem across the state, We oppose HB2158 and ask that the committee not advance it to the House.

*Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this matter.*