AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; regulating the practice of medicine and surgery; prohibiting certain inquiries regarding patient firearm ownership.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) No healthcare provider, or any officer, director, employee or agent thereof, shall inquire as to whether any patient being evaluated or treated by such healthcare provider, or any person who resides with such patient, keeps or maintains a firearm at such patient's residence or otherwise owns a firearm. A healthcare provider may inquire as to whether a patient, or any person accompanying such patient, possesses a firearm while on the premises of such healthcare provider.

(b) A violation of this section shall constitute unprofessional conduct under the rules and regulations adopted by the regulatory agency for such healthcare provider.

(c) As used in this section:

1. "Firearm" has the same meaning as that term is used in K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 21-5111, and amendments thereto.

2. "Healthcare provider" has the same meaning as that term is used in K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.