

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Garry Boston at 1:30 p.m. on March 21, 2000 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Brenda Landwehr, Excused

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statute's Office  
June Evans, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: John G. Carney, Public Policy Committee, Association of Kansas Hospices  
Karen Weichert, Executive Director, Midland Hospice Care, Inc.

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB 3027 - Concerning hospice; relating to hospice homes and pain management** and stated staff gave a briefing yesterday.

Staff distributed copies of Kansas Statutes 65-1637a - Institutional drug rooms; supervision and record-keeping; rules and regulations (See Attachment #1).

The Chairperson stated the balloon replaces **HB 3027** in the bill books.

John G. Carney, Public Policy Committee, Association of Kansas Hospices, testified **HB 3027** addressed medication needs, an immediate and urgent issue, of dying Kansans being cared for in a freestanding hospice inpatient facility.

Hospice care is provided by medicare certified programs to terminally ill patients in their own homes, nursing facilities or hospital inpatient settings. Midland Hospice is the first program in Kansas to establish its own inpatient facility. Kansas licensure law, adopted in 1994, recognized the eventuality of this type of facility. Apparently, the statute does not sufficiently address the issue of medications for critically ill dying patients being cared for in this type of facility. The position of the Association of Kansas Hospices is that a long term resolution should be more detailed and descriptive, similar in scope, perhaps to an institutional drug room than what is described in the proposed legislation (See Attachment #2).

Karren Weichert, Executive Director, Midland Hospice Care, Inc., testified that hospice patients have a life-limiting illness and a prognosis of 6 months or less. Hospices need to retain emergency medications on site so they can be administered quickly. **HB 3027** needs to be amended to include use of an institutional drug room by hospice. An institutional drug room would provide safe administration of prescription-only drugs (See Attachment #3).

Representative Long moved and Representative Bethell seconded to have a substitute bill drafted that strikes all of **HB 3027** and replace with balloon allowing institutional drug room effective on publication in the Kansas Register. The motion carried

Larry Froelich, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Pharmacy, stated that **SB 541 - Non-human institutional drug rooms** had not had a hearing and this allows Kansas State University Veterinary School to have an institutional drug room for animals and could be amended into **HB3027**.

Representative Henry requested Mr. Froelich provide a letter explaining what is requested in **SB 541** and **HB 3027** because it will be needed in Conference Committee (See Attachment #4).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Bethell moved and Representative Light seconded to amend **HB 3027** into **SB541**, effective on publication in the Kansas Register and move out favorably. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. No further meetings are scheduled.