

February 26, 2013

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 197 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 197 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 197 would add a new class of licensees called registered dental practitioners to the Kansas Dental Practices Act, effective July 1 2015. Currently, the Kansas Dental Board licenses and regulates dentists and dental hygienists. To practice as a registered dental practitioner, a person must possess the following qualifications:

1. Be a licensed dental hygienist who is also a graduate of a registered dental practitioner education program of not more than 18 months that is provided by an accredited postsecondary institution with a curriculum approved by the State Board of Regents;
2. Pass a comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination that is approved by the Kansas Dental Board and administered independently of an institution which provides registered dental practitioner education;
3. Have practiced under direct supervision of a supervising dentist for at least 500 hours before practicing under general supervision; and
4. Obtain a policy of professional liability insurance and show proof of the insurance as required by rules and regulations.

Before July 1, 2015, the Kansas Dental Board would be required to adopt rules and regulations regarding the licensure of registered dental practitioners. The bill would also specify the terms and conditions under which licenses may be suspended or revoked and make several amendments relating to references to registered dental practitioners and the practice of "dental therapy."

SB 197 would permit the Board to collect fees related to the licensure of registered dental practitioners. The maximum limit for these fees would include \$25 for certificates; \$200 for biennial license renewals; \$150 for examinations; and \$100 for subsequent examinations. The bill would also change the structure of the Kansas Dental Board by requiring the Governor

to appoint two registered dental practitioners to the Board beginning May 1, 2015, which would increase Board membership from nine to 11.

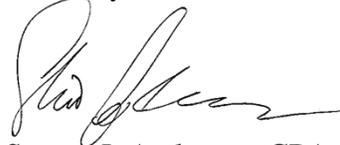
Finally, the bill would add registered dental practitioner services to the list of services the Kansas Department of Health and Environment may provide as a charitable health care provider.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$64,603
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	1.00

The Kansas Dental Board indicates that enactment of SB 197 would result in additional administrative duties from implementing a new group of licensees and supporting expanded Board membership. These tasks would require added expenditures of \$64,603 from the Dental Board Fee Fund and 1.00 Senior Administrative Assistant FTE position in FY 2014. Currently the Kansas Dental Board has 3.00 FTE positions. The Board estimates one-time costs of \$21,500 from computer equipment, furniture, and office expansion costs. Ongoing costs include \$41,803 from salary and wages for the new position and \$1,300 for other operating expenses. For FY 2015, the Board estimates that expenditures of \$50,000 would be required. Included in this amount are the ongoing costs of \$43,103; salary and reimbursement expenses for the two additional board members totaling \$4,480; and \$2,417 for ancillary costs related to developing and publishing the new regulations. Other costs that may be incurred include expenses relating to sanitation inspections, investigations, and database upgrades. The Kansas Dental Board would also receive additional revenue starting in FY 2015 from the new Registered Dental Practitioner fees. However, the Board states that the number of dental hygienists who would seek to become registered dental practitioners is unknown.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 197 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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