

January 25, 2013

CORRECTED

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: Corrected Fiscal Note for SB 3 by Senator Faust-Goudeau

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following corrected fiscal note concerning SB 3 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 3 would amend current law regarding the licensure of physician assistants as regulated by the Board of Healing Arts. The bill would create the designation of exempt license for Physician Assistants; set the maximum fee for an exempt license; exempt the holder of an exempt license from being required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education; and require the Board to adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate requirements to obtain and maintain an exempt license.

Additionally, SB 3 would exempt the holder of an inactive license from being required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education. An exempt license could be issued to a person who is not regularly engaged in practice as a physician assistant in Kansas and who does not hold oneself out to the public as being professionally engaged in such practice.

The bill would require the State Board of Healing Arts to amend rules and regulations; create new physician assistant rules and regulations; update applications, forms, booklets, continuing education requirement information, and other affected on-line or agency website items. Changes would also need to be made to the Board's electronic database and on-line renewal system.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$27,448
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

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The Board of Healing Arts estimates that passage of the bill would increase expenditures from the Board of Healing Arts Fee Fund by \$27,448. The original fiscal note omitted two of the expenses associated with this bill. Some of the work to update regulations and forms could be accomplished in-house with existing staff and some of it would need to be accomplished through the hiring of contract providers. The estimate would include:

Publication of public hearing notices	\$ 448
Updates to applications, forms, booklets	1,000
Contract provider to update database	15,000
Travel expenses for four extra meetings	2,000
Attorney fees to develop new rules	<u>9,000</u>
Total	\$27,448

In other professions regulated by the Board, the fee for exempt status is lower than the fee for active status; therefore, there may be a slight decrease in fees paid to the agency as a result of active status physician assistants changing their status to exempt; the Board, however, is not able to estimate what the decrease in fee revenue would be. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 3 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Healing Arts