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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2524

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2524 would authorize the Board of Nursing to revoke a license for three years and would establish an application fee not to exceed \$1,000 for the reinstatement of a revoked license. The bill also would remove the requirement that the Kansas Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses submit a list of licensed practical nurses to the Governor for consideration in making appointments to the Board.

Background

At the hearing in the House Committee on Health and Human Services, testimony in support of the bill was provided by a representative of the Kansas State Board of Nursing. The representative stated the three-year license revocation would help prevent the continual cycle of license revocation and immediate application for reinstatement and would afford the licensee an opportunity to rehabilitate, while reinforcing the serious nature of the revocation. According to the Board representative, the fee for reinstatement was intended to cover the agency cost of investigating and processing the request to return to practice and reinforced the seriousness of a revocation. The representative also noted the Kansas Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses was no longer a functioning organization representing the practical nurses in the state. Written testimony in favor of the bill was submitted by a representative of the Kansas Alliance of Advanced Nurse Practitioners. There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

At the time the bill was being worked in the House Committee, the Board representative reported a policy decision was made at a recently-held special Board meeting to suspend a license if a licensee fails to meet continuing education requirements after a 30-day grace period for compliance, rather than revoke a license for failure to meet continuing education requirements. The Board decision addressed a concern expressed during the House Committee hearing.

The House Committee made a technical amendment to the bill by reinserting inadvertently stricken language regarding the term of appointment for licensed practical nurse members to the Board.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, states the Board indicates passage of the bill would require the agency to make changes to regulations, but the fiscal effect of those changes would be negligible.