

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Morrison at 1:35 p.m. on March 12, 2003, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Landwehr, Bethell, DeCastro and Holland, all of whom were excused.

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Jefferies, Kansas Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

The minutes of the March 11 meeting were unanimously approved.

Staff Bill Wolff briefed the Committee on **SB 132**, which he said amends a statute authorizing the use of automated external defibrillators. The bill extends the protection from civil liability for trained persons using such equipment to owners of the equipment, licensed physicians and osteopaths who authorize use of the equipment, or those using the equipment for training purposes. The bill further states that anyone purchasing or acquiring such equipment must, on a specified form, notify the area's Emergency Medical Service of its location. In buildings owned by the State of Kansas, the Kansas Secretary of Administration shall develop guidelines for placement of such equipment.

In discussing the bill, members suggested moving the definition of a "qualified person" from page 2, lines 29-34 to the beginning of the bill. The Chair noted that the Supplemental Note states that a medical doctor or osteopath is exempt if the person authorized by him/her uses the equipment properly, wondering that if the converse occurs, the doctor by default incurs liability.

A motion and second were made to recommend **SB 199** favorable for passage. An amendment was made, seconded and passed to delete the clause after "thereto" on page 1, line 21 through to the semi-colon on line 23.

The Committee then voted unanimously to recommend **SB 199** as amended favorable for passage.

The Chair reminded members of the meeting of the Board of Healing Arts at its office, 235 SW Topeka Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. to consider **SB 225**. He noted that subsequent committee meetings would likely consider **SB 225** in sub-committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2003.