

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 1:35 p.m. on February 4, 2004, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Nancy Kirk- excused
Representative Joe McLeland - excused

Committee staff present:

Dr. William Wolff, Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bud Burke, Kansas Physical Therapist Association
Dick Morrissey, Director, Division of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bob Day, Director, Office of Health Planning and Finance

Others attending:

See Attached List.

The Minutes for February 2 and February 3 were approved as printed.

Bud Burke, representing the Kansas Physical Therapists Association, requested a bill that would allow Physical Therapists (PTs) to accept referrals from licensed physician assistants and licensed advanced registered nurse practitioners, and add language that would allow PTs to initiate treatment without consultation and approval for certain specific settings or treatment modalities. ([Attachment 1](#))

A motion passed to introduce the bill as a committee bill.

Dick Morrissey, Director, Division of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, requested a bill regarding the definition of critical access hospitals, amending **K.S.A. 65-468**. He said the bill would expand the number of beds from 15 to 25 and allow the hospital to conform with changes made in federal Medicare regulations. Because of the federal regulations already in place, he suggested the proposed legislation become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*. ([Attachment 2](#))

A motion was passed to sponsor the bill.

Bob Day, Director, Office of Health Planning and Finance, requested a conceptual bill that would add three new members to the Data Governing Board, one of the new members representing large employers, one representing small employers, and one at-large representative.

The Committee passed a motion to sponsor the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE at 1:30 p.m. on February 4, 2004, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Representative Wilson asked for introduction of a bill to raise the maximum age for qualification on the head injury waiver from age 55 to age 65. He said that presently if a person sustains a head injury when he/she is between 55 and 65 years old, he or she is too old to qualify for the head injury waiver, and too young to qualify for the frail elderly waiver, noting that the proposed bill would allow those individuals under the age of 65 to qualify for the head injury waiver.

The Committee passed a motion to sponsor the bill.

Representative Hill requested a bill to amend the Pharmacy Technician Statutes that were passed last year. He said the Kansas Board of Pharmacy requested the bill in order to clean up some of the statutory language.

By proper motion and second, a motion was passed to sponsor the bill.

Staff Bill Wolff gave a briefing on [HB 2248](#), which repeals the sunset provision of an act concerning lead poisoning. He said the bill simply removes the sunset provision regarding a variety of statutes that deal with lead-based paint in residential dwellings and its deleterious effect on children. He cited the relevant statutes connected with the bill, all dealing with removal of lead-based paint: the licensing provision for inspectors, the licensing for contractors through KDHE, and the authorized fees which fund the program. Dr. Wolff said that by removing the sunset provision, the act becomes permanent.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2004.