

February 14, 2022

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2652 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2652 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2652 would amend current law regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Kansas.

Telemedicine and Temporary Licensure

The bill would extend the sunset of current law that allows an out-of-state physician to practice telemedicine to treat Kansas patients from March 31, 2022, to January 20, 2023. The bill would also extend the ability of the Board of Healing Arts to grant temporary emergency licenses to practice the professions overseen by the Board from March 31, 2022, to January 20, 2023.

Amendments to COVID-19 Response and Reopening for Business Liability Protection Act

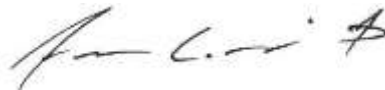
The bill would amend the COVID-19 Response and Reopening for Business Liability Protection Act to extend the expiration date of the statute governing COVID-19 claim immunity for persons or agents of persons conducting business from between March 12, 2020, to March 31, 2022, until January 20, 2023. HB 2652 would extend the provisions related to healthcare provider immunity to any cause of action accruing between March 12, 2020, and March 31, 2022, until January 20, 2023.

Hospital Facility Usage

The bill would amend a statute regarding hospital facility usage and hospitals utilizing non-hospital space for COVID-19 purposes to change its expiration from March 31, 2022, to January 20, 2023.

The provisions regarding telemedicine and temporary licensure would extend current practices by the Board of Healing Arts but would have a negligible fiscal effect and would be absorbed within existing resources. The Judicial Branch states the bill would not have a fiscal effect. The fiscal effect for the provisions regarding hospital usage cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2652 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
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Kim Holter, Children & Families