

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2358** be amended on page 1, following line 6, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 65-2401 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2401. As used in this act:

(a) "Vital statistics" includes the registration, preparation, transcription, collection, compilation, and preservation of data pertaining to birth, adoption, legitimation, death, stillbirth, marriage, divorce, annulment of marriage, induced termination of pregnancy, and data incidental thereto.

(b) "Live birth" means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a human child, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached.

(c) "Gestational age" means the age of the human child as measured in weeks as determined by either the last date of the mother's menstrual period, a sonogram conducted prior to the 20th week of pregnancy or the confirmed known date of conception.

(d) "Stillbirth" means any complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a human child the gestational age of which is not less than 20 completed weeks, resulting in other than a live birth, as defined in this section, and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy.

(e) "Induced termination of pregnancy" means abortion, as defined in K.S.A. 65-6701,

and amendments thereto.

(f) "Dead body" means a lifeless human body or such parts of a human body or the bones thereof from the state of which it reasonably may be concluded that death recently occurred.

(g) "Person in charge of interment" means any person who places or causes to be placed a stillborn child or dead body or the ashes, after cremation, in a grave, vault, urn or other receptacle, or otherwise disposes thereof.

(h) "Secretary" means the secretary of health and environment.

(i) "Cause of death certifier" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery by the state board of healing arts, a physician assistant licensed by the state board of healing arts, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed by the state board of nursing or a district coroner, deputy coroner or special deputy coroner."

Also on page 1, in line 22, by striking "medical"; in line 23, by striking all after the stricken material; by striking all in line 24; in line 25, by striking all before "who" and inserting "the cause of death certifier";

On page 2, in line 6, by striking "medical" and inserting "cause of death"; in line 8, after "(d)" by inserting "A cause of death certifier who makes a certification of a cause of death in good faith is immune from civil liability for such certification.

(e)";

Also on page 2, in line 11, by striking "medical" and inserting "cause of death";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 2, in line 14, after "K.S.A." by inserting "65-2401 and"; also in line 14, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "medical"; in line 3, by striking all before "to" and inserting "cause of death certifiers"; in line 4, after "K.S.A." by inserting "65-2401 and"; also in line 4, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____ Chairperson