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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2045

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2045 would amend a provision in the Kansas Healing Arts Act (Act) regarding the practice privileges of institutional license holders. The bill would reinstate language to clarify that the practice privileges of a holder of an institutional license issued by the State Board of Healing Arts (Board) prior to May 9, 1997, are restricted and valid only during the time the holder is providing mental health services under a written protocol with a person who holds a Kansas license to practice medicine and surgery other than an institutional license.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Kansas Medical Society (KMS). At the House Committee hearing, a representative from KMS testified in favor of the bill, stating the bill would reinstate a long-standing provision that was inadvertently stricken in 2014 when a comprehensive bill modernizing the Act was enacted. The representative noted that as a result of the deletion of the statutory provision, a small number of physicians whose sole practice is providing psychiatric services for state institutions are unable to provide such services and state institutions are without a physician to directly care for mental health patients. Written-only proponent testimony was received from a representative of the Board. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Board states enactment of the bill would not affect agency revenues or expenditures.