February 18, 2015

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2362 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2362 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2362 would make the following changes to the Healing Arts Act, the Physician Assistant Licensure Act, and the Do Not Resuscitate Directives Act regarding licenses issued by the Board of Healing Arts:

1. Eliminate the words expire, expired or expiration in the renewal statutes and replace them with renew, renewed, renewal, or cancel, canceled, cancellation, as appropriate;
2. Specify that a reentry license must be a reentry active license;
3. Remove the requirement that the Board must obtain a certified copy of the record of action taken by another jurisdiction when a licensee has had a license to practice the healing arts revoked, suspended, limited, censured, otherwise disciplined or has had a license application denied by that jurisdiction;
4. Establish the maximum fee for reinstatement of a canceled license and for a resident active license;
5. Create the designation of resident active license, set requirements for this designation, and authorize the Board of Healing Arts to establish rules and regulations;
6. Create the designation of federally active license, set requirements for that designation and limitations for the scope of practice outside of federal employment, and establish the maximum licensure fee for this designation;
7. Create the designation of exempt license and set the requirements and maximum licensure fee for that designation;
8. Allow physician assistants to issue do not resuscitate orders or instructions for a patient under their care; and,

9. Add a definition for physician assistant.

The bill would also add language to establish reasonable costs that a provider may charge for copies of health care records provided to patients, their authorized representatives or any other person or entity authorized by law to obtain or reproduce such records; set the requirement that copies be provided within 30 days of receipt of an authorization; and allow for enforcement claims or actions to be filed.

The Board of Healing Arts indicates that it cannot estimate the fiscal effect resulting from the passage of HB 2362.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts