

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael R. O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on February 12, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dean Newton - Excused

Representative Rick Rehorn - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes

Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Mary Compton

Doug Smith, Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants

Mark Stafford, Kansas Board of Healing Arts

Representative Jeff Goering

Hearing on **HB 2156 - professional corporation may include physician assistants**, was opened.

Representative Mary Compton appeared before the committee as the sponsor of the proposed bill. She informed the committee that a physician in her district wants to form a corporation with a physician assistant. He believes that this bill would encourage physician assistants to come to rural areas of the state to assist doctors. ([Attachment 1](#))

Doug Smith, Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants, appeared in support of the proposed bill because it would be an added incentive to attract and keep physician assistants in rural areas. ([Attachment 2](#))

Mark Stafford, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, suggested that the committee consider whether there are any legal or ethical constraints which prohibits physician assistants from joining a corporation.

Hearing on **HB 2156** was closed.

Hearing on **HB 2165 - civil liability for worthless checks, definition of giving a worthless check**, was opened.

Representative Jeff Goering appeared before the committee as the sponsor of the proposed bill. He explained that the current definition of worthless check is extremely broad. The proposed bill would simply delete the language that addresses the payment of a pre-existing debt. ([Attachment 3](#))

City of Wichita did not appear before the committee but provided written testimony in opposition of the bill stating it would make it more difficult to collect insufficient fund checks when they are written to satisfy pre-existing debt. ([Attachment 4](#))

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Hearing on **HB 2165** was closed.

HB 2165 - civil liability for worthless checks, definition of giving a worthless check

Representative Goering made a motion to report **HB 2165** favorably for passage. Representative Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee minutes from February 3, 4, 5, & 6 were distributed

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in room 313-S.