

HOUSE BILL No. 2707

By Committee on Kansas Futures

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AN ACT concerning the university of Kansas medical center; providing for a pilot program for the center for telemedicine and telehealth; prescribing certain guidelines and financing therefor; imposing a levy on accident and health insurance; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2005.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. The university of Kansas medical center is hereby authorized to conduct a telemedicine pilot program utilizing broadband, interactive telecommunications and data processing equipment to provide interactive communications between health care providers and patients to assist in providing medical care in inpatient settings throughout Kansas. The telemedicine pilot program may include interactive communication connections between health care providers at the medical center and patients at medical care clinics and offices of health care providers and may include patients at licensed adult care homes and private residences. During the period prior to July 1, 2005, the telemedicine pilot program shall be limited to installation of equipment for interactive communication in not more than five licensed adult care homes and not more than five private residences.

Sec. 2. (a) For the purpose of providing support for the center for telemedicine and telehealth of the university of Kansas medical center, each insurance company doing business in this state shall pay to the commissioner of insurance, on or before March 15, 2002, or on or before the fifteenth day occurring after the effective date of this act, which ever is later, and on or before March 15, 2003, and on or before each March 15 thereafter, in addition to the taxes, fees and charges now required by law to be paid by such insurance company, such levy as may be made by the commissioner of insurance and which is hereby imposed. The levy shall be equal to a percentage, determined annually by the commissioner of insurance, of the sum equal to the gross cash receipts as premiums of such insurance company on all accident and health insurance business transacted by such insurance company in the state of Kansas during the year next preceding, as shown by the insurance company's annual state-

1 ment under oath to the state insurance department. The percentage de-
2 termined by the commissioner of insurance for the levy under this section
3 shall be the percentage which is estimated to yield an aggregate amount
4 from all such insurance companies equal to at least \$450,000.

5 (b) The commissioner of insurance shall remit all moneys received
6 under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions
7 of K.S.A. 75-4215 and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such
8 remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state
9 treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

10 Sec. 3.

11 UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL CENTER

12 (a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general
13 fund for the fiscal year or years specified, the following:

14 Telemedicine pilot program

15 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002..... \$450,000

16 *Provided*, That any unencumbered balance in the telemedicine program
17 account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 2002, is hereby reappropriated
18 for fiscal year 2003.

19 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003..... \$450,000

20 *Provided*, That any unencumbered balance in the telemedicine program
21 account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 2003, is hereby reappropriated
22 for fiscal year 2004.

23 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004..... \$450,000

24 *Provided*, That any unencumbered balance in the telemedicine program
25 account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 2004, is hereby reappropriated
26 for fiscal year 2005.

27 (b) The appropriations made by this act shall not be subject to the
28 provisions of K.S.A. 46- 155 and amendments thereto.

29 (c) This act shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of
30 K.S.A. 75-6702 and amendments thereto.

31 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
32 publication in the Kansas register.

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