

HOUSE BILL No. 2115

By House Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning qualifications for director of the division of health;
amending K.S.A. 75-5603 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 75-5603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5603. There is hereby established within and as a part of the department of health and environment a division of health, the head of which shall be the director of the division of health. Under the supervision of the secretary of health and environment, the director of the division of health shall administer the division of health. The director shall be a ~~physician, hold a valid license~~ *person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a person who is an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a master's degree nurse or a person with a minimum of a master's degree in public health administration* and shall have experience ~~and educational training~~ in the field of public health. The secretary of health and environment shall appoint the director of the division of health. The first person appointed to such office after the effective date of this act shall be appointed subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b and amendments thereto and shall serve for a term of four years from and after the date of such appointment, and thereafter at the pleasure of the secretary. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the director of the division of health, the secretary of health and environment shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The director shall be in the unclassified service and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-5603 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.