HB 3004 Veto Message from the Governor

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 14 of the Kansas Constitution, I veto HB 3004 which changes the educational requirements needed for one to apply to take the accountancy examination from the Kansas Board of Accountancy. Changes to the requirements for taking the accountancy examination should include review of all aspects of the requirements including reciprocity. This bill focuses on only one requirement for the accountancy examination. The Board of Accountancy has begun a comprehensive review of the requirements and is set to report their findings to the 2007 Legislature. This legislation is set to be in law for only one year and I believe that the state is better served by making decisions on the requirements for the accountancy examination once a thorough review has been completed.

Vetoed ____May 19, 2006_____

Signed _____Kathleen Sebelius_____

AN ACT concerning certified public accountants; relating to admission to examination; amending K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 1-302a and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 1-302a is hereby amended to read as follows: 1-302a. (a) The education requirement prescribed by K.S.A. 1-302, and amendments thereto, is satisfied by successful completion of course work consisting of at least 150 semester hours, with a concentration in accounting, at a college or university recognized by the board and the applicant is the holder of a baccalaureate or higher academic degree.

(b) An applicant for admission to take the initial examination in this state as required in K.S.A. 1-302, and amendments thereto, must submit evidence satisfactory to the board of accountancy or to the examination service that the applicant has successfully completed coursework course work consisting of at least 150 semester hours, with a concentration in accounting, at a college or university recognized by the board and that the applicant is the holder of a baccalaureate or higher academic degree, except that on and after the effective date of this act until July 1, 2007, an applicant for admission to take the initial examination in this state as required in K.S.A. 1-302, and amendments thereto, must submit evidence satisfactory to the board of accountancy or to the examination service that the applicant has successfully completed course work consisting of at least 150 semester hours with a concentration in accounting from a college or university recognized by the board, whether or not the course work was offered at the physical campus of the college or university, and that the applicant is the holder of a baccalaureate or higher academic degree.

(c) The board of accountancy may define by rules and regulations the term "concentration in accounting," as the same is to be applied each place such term occurs in this section and K.S.A. 1-302b, and amendments thereto.

(d) The board, by rules and regulations, may provide for admittance to the examination in this state of persons who will have met the education requirements, as provided in this section, within 90 days after the examination to which admitted, but no report on the examination of any such person shall be made unless such person shall have met the education requirements as provided in this section. This subsection shall expire on January 1, 2004.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 1-302a is hereby repealed.

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

 ${\rm I}$ hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the Senate as amended _

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved _

Governor.