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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 183

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 183 amends one of the statutes that make up the Kansas Healing Arts Act under which medical doctors, osteopathic doctors, and chiropractors are licensed and regulated. The amendments relate only to a type of license known as a federally active license. The latter type of license may be issued to a person who meets all the requirements for a licence to practice the healing arts in Kansas, but who practices a branch of the healing arts solely as an employee of the U.S. government or on active duty with the U.S. government. Such persons may provide professional services outside their employment only as charitable health care providers under current law.

Under the amendments, the holder of a federally active license could engage in professional practice for compensation outside of such person's federal employment including performing administrative functions, peer review, disability determinations, utilization review, and providing expert opinions. Such licensee could also serve as a charitable health care provider as defined by Kansas law, provide direct professional services, or supervise and direct professional services without compensation other than a subsistence allowance or reimbursement for actual expenses.

Background

Two doctors of medicine who are currently employed by the V A appeared in support of SB 183. The Executive Director of the Board of Healing Arts responded to questions from the Senate Committee,

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noting the amendatory language in the bill closely follows current Board regulations.

The Senate Committee amendment is technical.

The fiscal note on SB 183 indicates there would be no fiscal effect for the Board of Healing Arts.