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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2158

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

The bill would amend the statute that establishes requirements for obtaining an Emergency Medical Attendant Certificate as outlined below.

- An application for certification could be made within two years, rather than one year, of completion of a program of instruction approved by the Board of Emergency Medical Services.
- An applicant could be granted a certificate by the Board if the applicant is:
 - registered with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or is certified or licensed in another jurisdiction at the level of certification for which application is made in Kansas; and
 - has successfully completed an instructional program approved by the Board for the classification of attendant's certificate for which application has been made.
- The procedure for issuing a temporary certificate would be changed. The Board would be authorized to issue a temporary attendant's certificate to a person who is registered with the National Registry but who does not meet the training requirement and who pays the required fee. Temporary certificates would expire when final action is taken on the application for a certificate or two years from the date of issuance, whichever occurs first. Under current law, an emergency services operator must request that an applicant receive a temporary certificate which is valid for

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a maximum of one year while the attendant works for the requesting operator.

- The bill would repeal a requirement that Mobile Intensive Care Technicians be certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and clarify that all training for an attendant's certificate would have to be approved by the Board in all circumstances.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services. Representatives of the Board presented testimony in support of the bill at the House Committee hearing. The representative of American Medical Response presented testimony in opposition to the bill at the Committee hearing.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the introduced version of the bill states that The Board of Emergency Medical Services estimates that \$13,465 additional revenue would be generated from fees charged for issuance of temporary certifications. The fiscal note also states that the Board would not experience increased expenditures as a result of enactment of the bill. Finally, the fiscal note states that any additional revenues are not accounted for in the *FY 2006 Governor's Budget Report*.