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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2532

As Amended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2532, as amended, would amend existing law that regulates the composition of professional corporations. Current law allows professional corporations to organize only for the purpose of rendering one type of professional service and a service connected to the primary service, with certain exceptions. The bill would add an exception allowing licensed physical therapists and licensed occupational therapists to form a professional corporation. The bill also would add an exception allowing clinical professional counselors, clinical psychotherapists, and clinical marriage and family therapists to form a professional corporation with a chiropractor; a dentist; an optometrist; an osteopathic physician or surgeon; a physician, surgeon or doctor of medicine; a podiatrist; a pharmacist; a licensed psychologist; a specialist in clinical social work; a licensed physical therapist or a registered professional nurse.

Background

The House Committee amended the bill to include clinical professional counselors, clinical psychotherapists, and clinical marriage and family therapists in the list of professions which would be allowed to incorporate with specified types of professional corporations.

A representative of the Kansas Occupational Therapy Association and an individual occupational therapist testified in the House Committee as proponents of the bill.

A representative of the Mental Health Credentialing Coalition provided neutral testimony on the bill. The representative requested that clinical professional counselors, clinical psychotherapists, and clinical marriage and family therapists be added to the bill to exempt

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these professionals.

No opponents of the bill testified in the House Committee.

The fiscal note from the Division of Budget indicates that this bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect on the state budget.