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To: House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Representative Will Carpenter, Chair

From: The Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA)

Subject: HB 2358

Position Statement: The Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) Provides our Support for House Bill 2358: Permitting Mid-Level Practitioners to Provide Medical Certification to Attest to an Individual's Cause of Death to file a Death Certificate.

The Kansas State Nurses Association supports the adoption of House Bill 2358: Permitting Mid-Level Practitioners to Provide Medical Certification to Attest to an Individual's Cause of Death to file a Death Certificate. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) practice in the role specialties of nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse mid-wives as outlined in K.S.A. 65-1131 and congruent with the definition of mid-level practitioners in K.S.A. 65-1626.

The amendments to HB 2358 if passed supports the APRN to practice at the full extent of their knowledge, skills, abilities, and competency, inclusive of the ability to determine or certify cause of death. The Kansas State Nurses Association supports HB 2358 as the amendment provides additional access for facilities with APRNs as the primary providers or in areas with limited access to physicians. HB 2358 facilitates prompt certification of the cause of death. The Kansas State Nurses Association supports HB 2358 with the amendments presented and supports the bill to pass favorably out of committee. Please reach out if you have questions or need additional information.

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