

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2005

HOUSE BILL No. 2342

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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10 AN ACT concerning nurses and ~~nursing~~ **physician assistants**; relating
11 to the pronouncement of death.

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

14 Section 1. When a patient dies in a licensed adult care home, an
15 advanced registered nurse practitioner ~~and~~, **a physician assistant or** a
16 registered professional nurse who are licensed in this state and employed
17 by such adult care home at the time of apparent death of such patient,
18 in the absence of a physician, may make the determination and pro-
19 nouncement of the death of such patient; provided, however, that when
20 such patient is a registered organ donor only a physician may make the
21 determination or pronouncement of death; provided further, that when
22 it appears that a patient died from other than natural causes, only a phy-
23 sician may make the determination or pronouncement of death. Such
24 determination shall be made in writing on a form approved by the sec-
25 retary of health and environment.

26 Sec. 2. When a patient who is terminally ill or whose death is antic-
27 ipated and who is receiving hospice care from a licensed hospice dies, an
28 advanced registered nurse practitioner, **a physician assistant** or a reg-
29 istered professional nurse who are licensed in this state and employed by
30 such hospice at the time of apparent death of such patient, in the absence
31 of an attending physician, may make the determination and pronounce-
32 ment of the death of such patient; provided, however, that when a hospice
33 patient is a registered organ donor, only a physician may make the de-
34 termination or pronouncement of death. Such determination or pro-
35 nouncement shall be in writing on a form approved by the secretary of
36 health and environment.

37 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.