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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 105

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Public Health and Welfare

### **Brief\***

SB 105, as amended, would change statutes that govern the renewal of licenses and the information a licensee must supply to the Board of Nursing. The bill would:

- Change the statutory language regarding license renewal notification by the Board of Nursing from “mail an application” to “send a notice”;
- Change the statutory language concerning continuing education so specified licensees would no longer be required to complete continuing nursing education for the first renewal period after licensure; and
- Require a licensee to notify the Board of Nursing, within 30 days, of any final conviction of those felonies and misdemeanors specified in rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Board.

### **Background**

SB 105 was introduced at the request of the State Board of Nursing whose representative indicated the three requested statutory changes would allow regulation of all professions under the Board’s authority to be consistent. A representative of the Kansas State Nurses Association testified in support of the bill stating that requiring the Board to only send a renewal “notice” to licensees would improve efficiency and encourage on-line licensure renewal. Concerning the notification of a felony or misdemeanor conviction, the Association representative stated the proposed legislation was not in concert with current statutes regarding licensure and suggested the Board only receive notification for misdemeanors involving an illegal drug offense. No one spoke in opposition to the bill.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The Public Health and Welfare Committee amended the bill to clarify that licensees would be required to report only "final" felony and misdemeanor convictions and only those specified in rules and regulations to be adopted by the Board.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the introduced version of the bill states that passage of the bill would not require the Board to increase fees or hire additional staff.