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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2781**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2781 would amend existing law regarding dental offices to allow dentists to own two satellite offices in addition to their primary location, if those offices meet the following conditions:

- The satellite offices are within a 125-mile radius of the primary office, and
- The satellite offices are located in counties with a population of less than 10,000.

Current law, KSA 65-1435, requires dentists who own practices to be in the office(s) operating as a dentist or personally overseeing operations during a majority of the time the office(s) are open.

**Background**

The bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas Dental Association whose representative testified that the bill would provide more dental practice opportunities in rural Kansas by making it possible for a dentist to staff a satellite office with an associate dentist. The representative provided a map showing the 64 Kansas counties with a population of less than 10,000. The Executive Director of Oral Health Kansas testified in support of the bill, and offered an amendment.

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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 House Committee on Health and Human Services amended the bill to increase the number of proposed satellite offices from one to two, and to increase the proposed service radius from 75 to 125 miles.

No fiscal note was available at the time of the House Committee hearing.