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Oral Testimony

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To: The Honorable Will Carpenter
House Committee on Health & Human Services

From: Dave Johnston, Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA)

RE: HB 2280, Kansas EMS Statute Modernization Legislation

On behalf of the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA), I offer my testimony in support of HB 2280 as submitted. The proposed legislation represents a crucial update to our state’s EMS statutes, aligning them with the current standards of practice and future innovations in emergency medical services.

This legislation proposal has been a collaborative endeavor between KEMSA and the Kansas Board of EMS. EMS stakeholders from across the state have helped fashion this statute revision. The proposed updates aim to increase EMS efficiency, expand the scope of practice, and allow for the integration of emerging technologies, ultimately benefiting the quality of care for Kansas residents. Examples include allowing EMTs to monitor saline locks, transmit serial EKGs, and refer patients to alternate care sites, aligning with Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) initiatives to better serve our communities.

The proposed legislative changes have received broad support from EMS professionals and industry stakeholders across Kansas. I am pleased to inform you that all Six (6) of the Kansas EMS Council Region have expressed their endorsement for this modernization effort. In addition, the Kansas Association of Fire Chiefs and Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue have also offered their full support. They all recognize the importance of these updates in enhancing EMS service delivery across our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical initiative.

Respectfully

Dave Johnston, KEMSA Administrator’s Society President