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MEMORANDUM

To: House Health and Human Services

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: House Bill 2732 - Directing the state registrar of vital statistics to provide death certificates to survivors of deceased veterans with a service-connected disability that state in such certificates the relationship between the cause of death and the service-connected disability of such veterans.

House Bill 2732, as introduced, directs the state registrar of vital statistics to provide death certificates to survivors of deceased veterans with a service-connected disability that stat the relationship between the cause of death and the service-connected disability.

Subsection (a) provides definitions for terms used throughout the bill.

Subsection (b) requires the state registrar of vital statistics to create and maintain a roster of veterans with a service-connected disability who reside in Kansas as a part of the statewide system of vital statistics, which shall be used to help such registrar prepare death certificates.

Subsection (c) requires a cause of death certifier to confirm the service-connected status of a decedent by consulting the roster established in subsection (b).

Subsection (d) provides that if a veteran with a service-connected disability should die outside of Kansas, a Kansas cause of death certifier in the decedent's county of residence shall prepare a supplemental death certificate.

Subsection (e) provides that if a veteran dies before the United States department of veterans affairs completes an evaluation of such decedent's claim, then a cause of death certifier shall consider if the cause of death was related to a presumptive illness claim.

Subsection (f) provides for the consideration of a presumptive illness if a veteran never filed a disability claim but served in a geographical region identified with presumptive illnesses published in the federal register.

Subsection. (g) requires the Kansas office of veterans services to establish an update as necessary a list of all presumptive illnesses approved by the United States department of veterans affairs.

Subsection (h) provides that two certified copies of a death certificate prepared pursuant to subsection (b) shall be provided to a decedent's next of kin without charge. Additional copies shall be subject to fees set by the secretary of the department of health and environment.

House Bill 2732, as introduced, would become effective upon publication in the statute book.