



To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: MARCER
RE: Support for HB 2280
Date: March 6, 2025

MARCER supports the passage of HB 2280.

Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue (MARCER) is the Kansas City bi-state regional EMS Council. As a subcommittee to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), MARCER consists of over 35 area EMS agencies and 20 hospitals that collaborate on various pre-hospital emergency medical care issues such as communications, disaster planning, hospital diversion, time critical diagnosis, group purchasing, and other policy initiatives.

MARCER supports the passage of HB 2280 which will update several EMS related items in state law, most importantly it resolves a concern regarding the communications between EMS personnel in the field and hospital medical control.

Current law has been interpreted by the Kansas Board of EMS to require continuous communication between a paramedic and a medical control doctor if the medical orders from the medical control physician are to be considered valid.

This is clearly not how the emergency health care system functions, and the Board of EMS has only infrequently used this troubling interpretation. This legislation will resolve the outstanding question currently in state law.

We know of no opposition to this legislation and we encourage its passage.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact MARCER staff, Jason White, JWhite@MARC.org.

