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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2587

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2587, as amended, would authorize a licensed private psychiatric hospital to maintain a stock supply of emergency medication kits for pharmaceutical emergencies.

The bill would be effective on and after January 1, 2027.

Definitions

The bill would define terms, including:

- “Emergency medication kit” would mean a stock supply of such drugs as are required to meet the immediate therapeutic needs of patients when the drug is not available from another source in sufficient time to prevent harm; and
- “Licensed private psychiatric hospital” would mean an institution, excluding state institutions such as the state hospitals, that is primarily engaged in providing services, by and under the supervision of qualified individuals, for the diagnosis and treatment of mentally ill individuals that is licensed pursuant to state law.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Emergency Medication Kits

The bill would require the emergency medication kit to be used only in emergency cases under the supervision and direction of a prescriber and a pharmacist who would have supervisory responsibility of maintaining the kit.

Drugs in the emergency medication kit would be maintained under the control of the pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy from which the kit came until administered to the patient upon the proper order of a practitioner.

The bill would allow drugs included in the emergency medication kit to include controlled substances, but a Pharmaceutical Services Committee would be responsible for specifically limiting the type and quantity of the controlled substance to be placed in each kit. The bill would require administration of controlled substances contained within the kit to comply with the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

The pharmacist-in-charge of the licensed private psychiatric hospital would be responsible for developing procedures, proper control, and accountability for the emergency medication kit as well as maintaining complete and accurate records.

The bill would state that the contents of an emergency medication kit used by a licensed private psychiatric hospital would be consistent with kits used by state psychiatric hospitals.

Rules and Regulations

The bill would authorize the Secretary of Health and Environment and the State Board of Pharmacy (Board) to jointly adopt the rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of the bill. The topics of the rules and regulations would be required to include, but not be limited to,

recordkeeping, the contents of the emergency medication kit, procedures for control and accountability of the kit, and storage of the kit.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of a representative of Catalyst.

House Committee on Health and Human Services

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of Corterra, who generally stated that Corterra is a specialty geriatric private psychiatric hospital serving seniors who are experiencing acute mental health crisis. The facility does not have a full pharmacy or an on-site pharmacist, and the bill would provide facilities like this with the ability to address patients in crisis in a timely manner, contributing to the safety of patients and those around them.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Require emergency medication kits used by licensed private psychiatric hospitals to be consistent with kits used by state psychiatric hospitals; and
- Change the Secretary referenced in the bill from the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services to the Secretary of Health and Environment.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) states enactment of the bill would require KDADS staff to complete an annual on-site survey for compliance with the bill, which would be an additional site visit from current biannual licensure inspections. KDADS would need a Registered Nurse-level position to review annually and as needed for complaint allegations or adverse incidents compliance of emergency medication kits in conjunction with the Board. KDADS estimates an increase in the State General Fund operating expenditures for the additional position, to include salary and benefits and other operating expenditures, to be \$115,000 in FY 2027 and \$117,875 for FY 2028.

The Board indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

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