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## **SENATE BILL No. 402**

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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AN ACT concerning charitable healthcare providers; relating to continuing
 education credits for gratuitous care; amending *K.S.A.* 75-6115 and
 K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-1431, 65-2809 and 75-6102 and repealing the
 existing sections.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-1431 is hereby amended to read as 8 follows: 65-1431. (a) Each license to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist issued by the board, shall expire on December 1 of the year 9 specified by the board for the expiration of the license and shall be 10 11 renewed on a biennial basis. Each application for renewal shall be made 12 on a form prescribed and furnished by the board. Every licensed dentist 13 or dental hygienist shall pay to the board a renewal fee fixed by the 14 board as provided in K.S.A. 65-1447, and amendments thereto.

15 (b) To provide for a staggered system of biennial renewal of 16 licenses, the board may renew licenses for less than two years.

(c) On or before December 1 of the year in which the licensee's 17 18 license expires, the licensee shall transmit to the board a renewal 19 application, upon a form prescribed by the board, which shall include 20 such licensee's signature, post office address, the number of the license 21 of such licensee, whether such licensee has been engaged during the 22 preceding licensure period in active and continuous practice whether 23 within or without this state, and such other information as may be 24 required by the board, together with the biennial licensure fee for a 25 dental hygienist which is fixed by the board pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1447, 26 and amendments thereto.

(d) (1) The board shall require every licensee to submit with the
renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of
continuing education required by the board. The board by duly adopted
rules and regulations shall establish the requirements for such program
of continuing education as soon as possible after the effective date of
this act.

*(2)* A dentist who is a charitable healthcare provider in Kansas who
has signed an agreement to provide gratuitous services pursuant to K.S.A. *75-6102 and 75-6120, and amendments thereto, may fulfill one hour of continuing education credit by the performance of two hours of gratuitous*

services to eligible low-income patients up to a maximum of six continuing
 education credits per licensure period.

3 (e) Upon fixing the biennial license renewal fee, the board shall 4 immediately notify all licensees of the amount of the fee for the ensuing 5 licensure period. Upon receipt of such fee and upon receipt of evidence 6 that the licensee has satisfactorily completed a program of continuing 7 education required by the board, the licensee shall be issued a renewal 8 license authorizing the licensee to continue to practice in this state for a 9 period of no more than two years.

10 (f) (1) Any license granted under authority of this act shall 11 automatically be canceled if the holder thereof fails to apply for and 12 obtain renewal prior to March 1 of the year following the December in 13 which a renewal application is due.

(2) Any licensee whose license is required to be renewed for the 14 next biennial period may obtain renewal, prior to February 1, by 15 16 submitting to the board the required renewal application, payment of the biennial renewal fee and proof that such licensee has satisfactorily 17 completed a program of continuing education required by the board. 18 19 Any licensee whose license is required to be renewed for the next 20 biennial period may obtain renewal, between February 1 and March 1, 21 by submitting to the board the required renewal application, payment of 22 the biennial renewal fee, payment of a penalty fee of not to exceed \$500 23 as fixed by rules and regulations by the board and proof that such licensee has satisfactorily completed a program of continuing education 24 25 required by the board. The penalty fee in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until rules and 26 regulations establishing a penalty fee under this section become 27 28 effective.

(g) Upon failure of any licensee to pay the applicable renewal fee or to present proof of satisfactory completion of the required program of continuing education by February 1 of the year following the December in which a renewal application is due, the board shall notify such licensee, in writing, by mailing notice to such licensee's last registered address. Failure to mail or receive such notice shall not affect the cancellation of the license of such licensee.

36 (h) The board may waive the payment of biennial fees and the 37 continuing education requirements for the renewal of licenses without 38 the payment of any fee for a person who has held a Kansas license to 39 practice dentistry or dental hygiene if such licensee has retired from 40 such practice or has become temporarily or permanently disabled and 41 such licensee files with the board a certificate stating either of the 42 following:

43 (1) A retiring licensee shall certify to the board that the licensee is

not engaged, except as provided in K.S.A. 65-1466, and amendments
 thereto, in the provision of any dental service, the performance of any
 dental operation or procedure or the delivery of any dental hygiene
 service as defined by the statutes of the state of Kansas; or

5 (2) a disabled licensee shall certify to the board that such licensee is 6 no longer engaged in the provision of dental services, the performance 7 of any dental operation or the provision of any dental hygiene services 8 as defined by the statutes of the state of Kansas by reason of any 9 physical disability, whether permanent or temporary, and shall describe 10 the nature of such disability.

The waiver of fees under subsection (h) shall continue so long as 11 (i) 12 the retirement or physical disability exists. Except as provided in K.S.A. 65-1466, and amendments thereto, in the event the licensee returns to 13 14 the practice for which such person is licensed, the requirement for 15 payment of fees and continuing education requirements shall be 16 reimposed commencing with and continuing after the date the licensee returns to such active practice. Except as provided in K.S.A. 65-1466, 17 and amendments thereto, the performance of any dental service, 18 19 including consulting service, or the performance of any dental hygiene 20 service, including consulting service, shall be deemed the resumption of 21 such service, requiring payment of license fees.

22 The Kansas dental board may adopt such rules and regulations (i) 23 requiring the examination and providing means for examination of those persons returning to active practice after a period of retirement or 24 25 disability as the board shall deem necessary and appropriate for the protection of the people of the state of Kansas except that for an 26 27 applicant to practice dental hygiene who is returning to active practice 28 after a period of retirement or disability, the board shall authorize as an 29 alternative to the requirement for an examination that the applicant 30 successfully complete a refresher course as defined by the board in an 31 approved dental hygiene school.

32 Section 1. Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2809 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2809. (a) The license shall be canceled on the date 33 34 established by rules and regulations of the board which may provide 35 renewal throughout the year on a continuing basis. In each case in which a 36 license is renewed for a period of time of more or less than 12 months, the 37 board may prorate the amount of the fee established under K.S.A. 65-38 2852, and amendments thereto. The request for renewal shall be on a form 39 provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee, 40 which shall be paid not later than the renewal date of the license.

(b) There is hereby created a designation of an active license. The
board is authorized to issue an active license to any licensee who makes
written application for such license on a form provided by the board and

1 remits the fee for an active license established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2852,

2 and amendments thereto. The board shall require every active licensee to 3 submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing 4 education required by the board. The requirements for continuing 5 education for licensees of each branch of the healing arts shall be 6 established by rules and regulations adopted by the board.

7 (c) The board, prior to renewal of a license, shall require an active 8 licensee to submit to the board evidence satisfactory to the board that the 9 licensee is maintaining a policy of professional liability insurance as 10 required by K.S.A. 40-3402, and amendments thereto, and has paid the 11 premium surcharges as required by K.S.A. 40-3404, and amendments 12 thereto.

13 (d) At least 30 days before the renewal date of a licensee's license, the board shall notify the licensee of the renewal date by mail addressed to the 14 15 licensee's last mailing address as noted upon the office records. If the 16 licensee fails to submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee by 17 the renewal date of the license, the licensee shall be given notice that the 18 licensee has failed to submit the renewal application and pay the renewal 19 fee by the renewal date of the license, that the license will be deemed 20 canceled if not renewed within 30 days following the renewal date, that 21 upon receipt of the renewal application and renewal fee and an additional 22 fee established by rules and regulations of the board not to exceed \$500 23 within the 30-day period the license will not be canceled and that, if both 24 fees are not received within the 30-day period, the license shall be deemed 25 canceled by operation of law and without further proceedings.

26 (e) Any license canceled for failure to renew may be reinstated within 27 two years of cancellation upon recommendation of the board and upon 28 payment of the renewal fees then due and upon proof of compliance with the continuing educational requirements established by the board by rules 29 30 and regulations. Any person who has not been in the active practice of the 31 branch of the healing arts for which reinstatement is sought or who has not been engaged in a formal educational program during the two years 32 33 preceding the application for reinstatement may be required to complete 34 such additional testing, training or education as the board may deem 35 necessary to establish the licensee's present ability to practice with 36 reasonable skill and safety.

(f) There is hereby created a designation of exempt license. The board is authorized to issue an exempt license to any licensee who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board and remits the fee for an exempt license established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2852, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an exempt license to a person who is not regularly engaged in the practice of the healing arts in Kansas and who does not hold oneself out to the public as being professionally

1 engaged in such practice. An exempt license shall entitle the holder to all 2 privileges attendant to the branch of the healing arts for which such license 3 is issued. Each exempt license may be renewed subject to the provisions of 4 this section. Each exempt licensee shall be subject to all provisions of the 5 healing arts act, except as otherwise provided in this subsection-(f). The 6 holder of an exempt license may be required to submit evidence of 7 satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by 8 this section. The requirements for continuing education for exempt 9 licensees of each branch of the healing arts shall be established by rules 10 and regulations adopted by the board. Each exempt licensee may apply for an active license to regularly engage in the practice of the appropriate 11 12 branch of the healing arts upon filing a written application with the board. 13 The request shall be on a form provided by the board and shall be 14 accompanied by the license fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2852, 15 and amendments thereto. For the licensee whose license has been exempt 16 for less than two years, the board shall adopt rules and regulations 17 establishing appropriate continuing education requirements for exempt 18 licensees to become licensed to regularly practice the healing arts within 19 Kansas. Any licensee whose license has been exempt for more than two 20 years and who has not been in the active practice of the healing arts or 21 engaged in a formal educational program since the license has been 22 exempt may be required to complete such additional testing, training or 23 education as the board may deem necessary to establish the licensee's 24 present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Nothing in this 25 subsection (f) shall be construed to prohibit a person holding an exempt 26 license from serving as a coroner or as a paid employee of: (1) A local 27 health department as defined by K.S.A. 65-241, and amendments thereto; 28 or (2) an indigent health care clinic as defined by K.S.A. 75-6102, and 29 amendments thereto.

30 (g) There is hereby created a designation of inactive license. The 31 board is authorized to issue an inactive license to any licensee who makes 32 written application for such license on a form provided by the board and 33 remits the fee for an inactive license established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-34 2852, and amendments thereto. The board may issue an inactive license 35 only to a person who is not regularly engaged in the practice of the healing 36 arts in Kansas, who does not hold oneself out to the public as being 37 professionally engaged in such practice and who meets the definition of 38 inactive health care provider as defined in K.S.A. 40-3401, and 39 amendments thereto. An inactive license shall not entitle the holder to 40 practice the healing arts in this state. Each inactive license may be renewed 41 subject to the provisions of this section. Each inactive licensee shall be 42 subject to all provisions of the healing arts act, except as otherwise 43 provided in this subsection (g). The holder of an inactive license shall not

be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of 1 2 continuing education required by K.S.A. 65-2809, and amendments 3 thereto. Each inactive licensee may apply for an active license upon filing 4 a written application with the board. The request shall be on a form 5 provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the license fee 6 established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2852, and amendments thereto. For 7 those licensees whose license has been inactive for less than two years, the 8 board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate continuing 9 education requirements for inactive licensees to become licensed to 10 regularly practice the healing arts within Kansas. Any licensee whose license has been inactive for more than two years and who has not been in 11 12 the active practice of the healing arts or engaged in a formal education 13 program since the licensee has been inactive may be required to complete 14 such additional testing, training or education as the board may deem 15 necessary to establish the licensee's present ability to practice with 16 reasonable skill and safety.

17 (h) (1) There is hereby created a designation of federally active 18 license. The board is authorized to issue a federally active license to any 19 licensee who makes written application for such license on a form 20 provided by the board and remits the same fee required for a license 21 established under K.S.A. 65-2852, and amendments thereto. The board 22 may issue a federally active license only to a person who meets all the 23 requirements for a license to practice the healing arts in Kansas and who 24 practices that branch of the healing arts solely in the course of employment 25 or active duty in the United States government or any of its departments, 26 bureaus or agencies. A person issued a federally active license may engage 27 in limited practice outside of the course of federal employment consistent 28 with the scope of practice of exempt licensees under subsection (f), except 29 that the scope of practice of a federally active licensee shall be limited to 30 the following: (A) Performing administrative functions, including peer 31 review, disability determinations, utilization review and expert opinions; 32 (B) providing direct patient care services gratuitously or providing 33 supervision, direction or consultation for no compensation except that 34 nothing in this-subsection (h)(1)(B) subparagraph shall prohibit a person 35 licensed to practice the healing arts issued a federally active license from receiving payment for subsistence allowances or actual and necessary 36 37 expenses incurred in providing such services; and (C) rendering 38 professional services as a charitable health care provider as defined in 39 K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

40 (2) The provisions of subsections (a), (b), (d) and (e) of this section 41 relating to continuing education, cancellation, renewal and reinstatement 42 of a license shall be applicable to a federally active license issued under 43 this subsection. 1 (3) A person who practices under a federally active license shall not 2 be deemed to be rendering professional service as a health care provider in 3 this state for purposes of K.S.A. 40-3402, and amendments thereto.

4 (i) (1) There is hereby created the designation of reentry active 5 license. The board is authorized to issue a reentry active license to any 6 licensee who makes written application for such license on a form 7 provided by the board and remits the fee for a reentry active license. The 8 board may issue a reentry active license with requirements as the board 9 may deem necessary to establish the licensee's present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to a person who has not regularly engaged 10 in the practice of the healing arts for at least two years, but who meets all 11 12 the qualifications for licensure. The requirements for issuance, maintenance and scope of practice for a reentry active license shall be 13 14 established by rules and regulations adopted by the board.

15 (2) The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (d) of this section 16 relating to continuing education, cancellation and renewal of a license 17 shall be applicable to a reentry active license issued under this subsection.

18 (k) A charitable healthcare provider in Kansas who has signed an 19 agreement to provide gratuitous services pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6102 and 75-6120, and amendments thereto, may fulfill one hour of continuing 20 21 education credit by the performance of one hour of gratuitous services to 22 eligible low income patients up to a maximum of eight continuing 23 education credits per-licensure period year.

24 (1) The board shall provide a measurement report annually, starting. on January 15, 2017, to the senate committee on public health and welfare 25 26 and the house committee on health and human services detailing by-27 profession the number of gratuitous continuing education units used,-28 compared to the number of continuous education units required.

29 Sec.-2. 3. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-6102 is hereby amended to read as 30 follows: 75-6102. As used in K.S.A. 75-6101 through 75-6118, and 31 amendments thereto, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

32 (a) "State" means the state of Kansas and any department or branch of 33 state government, or any agency, authority, institution or other 34 instrumentality thereof.

(b) "Municipality" means any county, township, city, school district 35 36 or other political or taxing subdivision of the state, or any agency, 37 authority, institution or other instrumentality thereof.

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(c) "Governmental entity" means state or municipality.

39 (d) (1) "Employee" means: (A) Any officer, employee, servant or 40 member of a board, commission, committee, division, department, branch or council of a governmental entity, including elected or appointed 41 officials and persons acting on behalf or in service of a governmental 42 43 entity in any official capacity, whether with or without compensation and a

1 charitable health care provider;

2 (B) any steward or racing judge appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3 8818, and amendments thereto, regardless of whether the services of such 4 steward or racing judge are rendered pursuant to contract as an 5 independent contractor;

6 (C) employees of the United States marshal's service engaged in the 7 transportation of inmates on behalf of the secretary of corrections;

8 (D) a person who is an employee of a nonprofit independent 9 contractor, other than a municipality, under contract to provide educational or vocational training to inmates in the custody of the secretary of 10 corrections and who is engaged in providing such service in an institution 11 under the control of the secretary of corrections provided that such 12 employee does not otherwise have coverage for such acts and omissions 13 14 within the scope of their employment through a liability insurance contract 15 of such independent contractor;

16 (E) a person who is an employee or volunteer of a nonprofit program, 17 other than a municipality, who has contracted with the commissioner of 18 juvenile justice or with another nonprofit program that has contracted with 19 the secretary of corrections to provide a juvenile justice program for 20 juvenile offenders in a judicial district provided that such employee or 21 volunteer does not otherwise have coverage for such acts and omissions 22 within the scope of their employment or volunteer activities through a 23 liability insurance contract of such nonprofit program;

(F) a person who contracts with the Kansas guardianship program to provide services as a court-appointed guardian or conservator;

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(G) an employee of an indigent health care clinic;

(H) former employees for acts and omissions within the scope of their
 employment during their former employment with the governmental
 entity;

(I) any member of a regional medical emergency response team,
 created under the provisions of K.S.A. 48-928, and amendments thereto, in
 connection with authorized training or upon activation for an emergency
 response;

(J) any member of a regional search and rescue team or regional
hazardous materials response team contracting with the state fire marshal
pursuant to K.S.A. 31-133, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp.
75-1518, and amendments thereto, in connection with authorized training
or upon activation for an emergency response; and

(K) medical students enrolled at the university of Kansas medical
center who are in clinical training, on or after July 1, 2008, at the
university of Kansas medical center or at another health care institution.

42 (2) "Employee" does not include: (A) An individual or entity for 43 actions within the scope of K.S.A. 60-3614, and amendments thereto; or 1 (B) any independent contractor under contract with a governmental 2 entity except those contractors specifically listed in paragraph (1) of this 3 subsection (d)(1).

4 (e) "Charitable health care provider" means a person licensed by the 5 state board of healing arts as an exempt licensee or a federally active 6 licensee, a person issued a limited permit by the state board of healing arts, 7 a physician assistant licensed by the state board of healing arts, a mental 8 health practitioner licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board, an 9 ultrasound technologist currently registered in any area of sonography 10 credentialed through the American registry of radiology technologists, the American registry for diagnostic medical sonography or cardiovascular 11 12 credentialing international and working under the supervision of a person 13 licensed to practice medicine and surgery, or a health care provider as the 14 term "health care provider" is defined under K.S.A. 65-4921, and 15 amendments thereto, who has entered into an agreement with:

16 (1) The secretary of health and environment under K.S.A. 75-6120, 17 and amendments thereto, who, pursuant to such agreement, gratuitously 18 renders professional services to a person who has provided information 19 which would reasonably lead the health care provider to make the good 20 faith assumption that such person meets the definition of medically 21 indigent person as defined by this section or to a person receiving medical 22 assistance from the programs operated by the department of health and 23 environment, and who is considered an employee of the state of Kansas 24 under K.S.A. 75-6120, and amendments thereto;

25 (2) the secretary of health and environment and who, pursuant to such agreement, gratuitously renders professional services in conducting 26 27 children's immunization programs administered by the secretary;

28 (3) a local health department or indigent health care clinic, which 29 renders professional services to medically indigent persons or persons 30 receiving medical assistance from the programs operated by the 31 department of health and environment gratuitously or for a fee paid by the 32 local health department or indigent health care clinic to such provider and 33 who is considered an employee of the state of Kansas under K.S.A. 75-34 6120, and amendments thereto. Professional services rendered by a 35 provider under this paragraph (3) shall be considered gratuitous 36 notwithstanding fees based on income eligibility guidelines charged by a 37 local health department or indigent health care clinic and notwithstanding 38 any fee paid by the local health department or indigent health care clinic to 39 a provider in accordance with this paragraph (3); or

40 (4) the secretary of health and environment to provide dentistry services defined by K.S.A. 65-1422 et seq., and amendments thereto, or 41 dental hygienist services defined by K.S.A. 65-1456, and amendments 42 43 thereto, that are targeted, but are not limited to, medically indigent

persons, and are provided on a gratuitous basis: (A) At a location 1 2 sponsored by a not-for-profit organization that is not the dentist or dental 3 hygienist office location; (B) at the office location of a dentist or dental 4 hygienist provided the care be delivered as part of a program organized by 5 a not-for-profit organization and approved by the secretary of health and 6 environment; or (C) as part of a charitable program organized by the 7 dentist that has been approved by the secretary of health and environment 8 upon a showing that the dentist seeks to treat medically indigent patients on a gratuitous basis, except that such dentistry services and dental 9 hygienist services shall not include "oral and maxillofacial surgery" as 10 11 defined by K.A.R. 71-2-2, or use sedation or general anesthesia that result 12 in "deep sedation" or "general anesthesia" as defined by K.A.R. 71-5-7.

(5) The secretary of health and environment shall annually, starting
on January 15, 2017, report to the senate committee on public health and
welfare and the house committee of health and human services what type
of charitable health care providers have signed agreements under the act
and how many are using it to provide gratuitous care.

(f) "Medically indigent person" means a person who lacks resources
to pay for medically necessary health care services and who meets the
eligibility criteria for qualification as a medically indigent person
established by the secretary of health and environment under K.S.A. 756120, and amendments thereto.

(g) "Indigent health care clinic" means an outpatient medical care
 clinic operated on a not-for-profit basis which has a contractual agreement
 in effect with the secretary of health and environment to provide health
 care services to medically indigent persons.

(h) "Local health department" shall have the meaning ascribed tosuch term under K.S.A. 65-241, and amendments thereto.

(i) "Fire control, fire rescue or emergency medical services
equipment" means any vehicle, firefighting tool, protective clothing,
breathing apparatus and any other supplies, tools or equipment used in
firefighting or fire rescue or in the provision of emergency medical
services.

*(j) "Community mental health center" means any community mental health center organized pursuant to K.S.A. 19-4001 through 19-4015, and amendments thereto, or a mental health clinic organized pursuant to K.S.A. 65-211 through 65-215, and amendments thereto, and licensed in accordance with K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments thereto.* 

40 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 75-6115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-41 6115. (a) The Kansas tort claims act shall not be applicable to claims 42 arising from the rendering of or failure to render professional services 43 by a health care provider other than:

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- 1 (1) A charitable health care provider; 2 (2) a hospital owned by a municipality
  - (2) a hospital owned by a municipality and the employees thereof;
  - (3) a local health department and the employees thereof;
  - (4) an indigent health care clinic and the employees thereof;-<del>or</del>
- 5 (5) a district coroner or deputy district coroner appointed pursuant

6 to K.S.A. 22a-226 and amendments thereto; or

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  - (6) a community mental health center and the employees thereof.

8 (b) Claims for damages against a health care provider that is a 9 governmental entity or an employee of a governmental entity other than 10 those health care providers enumerated in subsection (a), arising out of 11 the rendering of or failure to render professional services by such health 12 care provider, may be recovered in the same manner as claims for 13 damages against any other health care provider.

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(c) As used in this section:

15 (1) "Indigent health care clinic" shall have the meaning ascribed 16 to such term under K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

17 (2) "Charitable health care provider" shall have the meaning 18 ascribed to such term under K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

(3) "Health care provider" shall have the meaning ascribed to such
 term under K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments thereto.

(4) "Hospital" means a medical care facility as defined in K.S.A.
65-425, and amendments thereto, and includes within its meaning any
clinic, school of nursing, long-term care facility, child-care facility and
emergency medical or ambulance service operated in connection with
the operation of the medical care facility.

26 (5) "Local health department" shall have the meaning ascribed to 27 such term under K.S.A. 65-241 and amendments thereto.

- 28 Sec. -3. 5. K.S.A. 75-6115 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-1431, 65-2809
  29 and 75-6102 are hereby repealed.
- 30 Sec. 4. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 31 publication in the statute book.