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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The 2021 Legislative Session continues to offer significant activity as the committees met throughout the week to consider bills. All eyes are on Turnaround as next week is dedicated solely to all-day debates on the House and Senate floor. Most bills, save for ones in the budget, tax or federal and states affairs committees, must be passed by their house of origin by Turnaround to remain active this session. This will result with weeks in the month of March reviewing fewer bills, but the ones in play will receive more attention. Bills not passed by the Turnaround deadline on March 5 will be active again in January 2022.

The Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee spent a busy week continuing bill hearings. However, there will not be time to work the Dental Therapy Bill (SB 129) before Turnaround, thus the bill will be in hold until next session. KDHA continues to discuss the merits of dental therapy with members of the Senate and House. On Thursday, Senator Richard Hilderbrand (R-Galena), who serves as the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee chair, advised stakeholders to resolve differences before next session. The comment was in reference to several lingering issues that have persisted over the years.

The Turnaround deadlines are also expected to hold other dental industry bills until next session unless the bills are granted an exemption.

These include:

- SB 121, which proposes to allow the Kansas Dental Board to take disciplinary action against a dental licensee for failing to perform an examination of a patient prior to diagnosing and correcting malpositions of human teeth or initial use of orthodontic appliances.
- SB 227, which would update the Dental Practice Act, introduced by Oral Health Kansas.
- HB 2386, which would establish requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions. Please see below for the bill matrix.

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">SB 10</a> Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th	Enacting the right to earn a living act to minimize unnecessary occupational licensing and regulation	In Senate Commerce	<b>01/20/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Wednesday, 1/27, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
<a href="#">SB 34</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Sunsetting administrative rules and regulations five years after adoption unless extended by the legislature	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/21/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 1/26, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 121</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practice act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/02/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Public Health and Welfare
<a href="#">SB 129</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/10/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">SB 137</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas, providing for licenses in an emergency declared by the legislature, allowing telemedicine by out-of-state healthcare providers and permitting the use of electronic credentials	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/17/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
<a href="#">SB 227</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing dental benefits for medicaid enrollees and making technical updates to the dental practices act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/12/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Public Health and Welfare

<a href="#">HB 2061</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Increasing the minimum age to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 to 21, and prohibiting cigarette vending machines and flavored vaping products	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/14/2021 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">Sub for HB 2066</a> Chris Croft, R-8th	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas	On General Orders in House	<b>02/03/2021 - House</b> Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2129</a> House Insurance and Pensions Committee	Providing for tobacco cessation benefits coverage under the state health care benefits program	In House Insurance and Pensions	<b>02/03/2021 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Insurance and Pensions: Wednesday, 2/10, 3:30 PM, Rm 218-N
<a href="#">HB 2179</a> House Health and Human Services Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In House Health and Human Services	<b>01/29/2021 - House</b> Referred to Health and Human Services
<a href="#">HB 2340</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Increasing the minimum age to 21 to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/17/2021 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Monday, 2/22, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2370</a> House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Prohibiting a criminal conviction from acting as a sole disqualification for occupational licensure and creating guidelines to follow when considering criminal convictions of an applicant for occupational licensure	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>02/12/2021 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2386</a> House Health and Human Services Committee	Establishing requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan	In House Health and Human Services	<b>02/15/2021 - House</b> Referred to Health and Human Services