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The 2022 Session continued to churn towards First Adjournment this week as dozens of bills were debated and passed by the Senate and House. While a few bills are making their way to Governor Kelly's desk, most passed bills will be reviewed next week in conference committee to reconcile differences between House and Senate versions. Next week is the final week of regular session with legislators poised to return to their districts on April 1.

Several noteworthy issues are pushing ahead. The House passed its budget, which will be reviewed along with the Senate's version in conference committee. The House also approved new districts lines for the 125 Kansas House districts that will become effective during the primary election this August. Discussion on sports wagering and medical cannabis remains active as many legislators work to chart a possible solution.

Dental industry legislation moved forward as the Senate debated and passed HB 2386 with a vote of 39-0. HB 2386 proposes to establish requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan. Since the bill was amended after it passed the House, it will be reviewed in the Health Conference Committee next week.

The Health Conference Committee held its first meeting this week to review versions of a bill pertaining to advance practice nurses. Additional meetings are expected next week.

Another bill of general interest includes the House's passage of HB 2340, which would set the statewide minimum age at 21 to purchase or possess tobacco products.

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

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 10 Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th	Enacting the right to earn a living act to minimize unnecessary occupational licensing and regulation	In Senate Commerce	01/20/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Wednesday, 1/27, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
Sub for SB 34 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Requiring review of administrative rules and regulations every five years	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	03/21/2022 - House Emergencied to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 88, Nays 34
SB 121 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practice act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	01/19/2022 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Tuesday, 1/25, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
SB 129 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/03/2022 - Senate Scheduled Discussion & Action in Public Health and Welfare: Monday, 2/7, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
SB 227 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	02/12/2021 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
HB 2061 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	01/14/2021 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2129 House Insurance and Pensions Committee	Providing for tobacco cessation benefits coverage under the state health care benefits program	In House Insurance and Pensions	02/03/2021 - House Scheduled Hearing in Insurance and Pensions: Wednesday, 2/10, 3:30 PM, Rm 218-N
HB 2179 House Health and Human Services Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In House Health and Human Services	01/29/2021 - House Referred to Health and Human Services

HB 2340 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Increasing the minimum age to 21 to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products	Passed in House	03/23/2022 - House Emergenced to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 79, Nays 43
HB 2370 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	02/12/2021 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
HB 2672 Bill Rhiley, R-80th	Creating the open borders for Kansas jobs act providing that professionals in certain occupations holding credentials from a state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such credentials as Kansas may be issued Kansas licenses or certifications	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/10/2022 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development