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March Madness has reached the Kansas Legislature as numerous issues move toward resolution before First Adjournment. This week saw a handful of committees meet, but most of the time was spent on the House and Senate floor debating bills. Next week is the final week of regular session, poised for First Adjournment on April 9. The next few days will be dedicated to conference committees where they will negotiate the differences between bills passed by the two chambers.

Major policy was considered over the last several days, some of it controversial. The House passed its budget and comprehensive tax bill, which will be compared against the Senate's respective versions in conference committee. The House passed HB 2119, a comprehensive education policy bill that creates educational savings accounts for at-risk students and appropriates K-12 funding.

After First adjournment, legislators will return to their district for three weeks and come back for Veto Session beginning on May 3.

Both the House Health Committee and Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee are expected to have wrapped up their business for the rest of session. Health policy bills that have passed one or both chambers in different versions may be considered by the Health Conference Committee. In the conference committee, the chair, vice chair and ranking Democrat from both committees meet to negotiate the differences between bills. Though the Health Conference Committee has many bills to review, none are related to dental policy.

The Substitute for HB 2066, known as the Universal Licensure/Military Spouse Bill, is awaiting review by conference committee next week after its near-unanimous passage by the House and Senate. Once reconciled, the bill will have a final vote in both chambers. The Kansas Dental Board is subject to the bill.

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
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
SB 34 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	01/21/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 1/26, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
SB 121 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practice act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/02/2021 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
SB 129 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/10/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
SB 137 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	02/17/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-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
Sub for HB 2066 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	In Conference Committee	03/25/2021 - Senate Acceded; appointed Alley, Hilderbrand and Faust-Goudeau
Related Bills:			
S Sub for HB 2208: Modified language from HB 2066 added to HB 2208 by House Committee			
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	On General Orders in House	03/01/2021 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by Federal and State Affairs
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 2386 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	02/15/2021 - House Referred to Health and Human Services

