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The 2023 Legislative Session has officially reached its halfway point, known as Turnaround. The procedural legislative deadline is significant as it effectively stops bills unless they have passed one chamber or are have touched an exempt committee (budget, tax or federal and state affairs). This week the House and Senate debated and passed dozens of bills that now transition to the opposite chamber to restart the process. Bills subject to the Turnaround deadlines will not be able to receive consideration until next session unless they have been passed by one chamber.

The second half of session, beginning March 1, will see less quantity of bills in play but they will generally have more momentum. March will see the process begin to pick up speed, with two weeks dedicated for committee work and the rest of the month reserved for debating bills and conference committees.

The development of the budget bills will occupy considerable time, aimed for completion by the end of March. Various tax proposals, including consideration of the food sales tax rate, flat income tax and social security tax, are expected to receive consideration.

Proposed dental legislation stalled this week as the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare did not take action on SB 103. The bill, however, was referred to an exempt committee so it can be considered later in the session. Introduced by the Association of Dental Support Organizations, SB 103 allows dentists to provide basic information about the dentist and dental practice ownership upon request of a patient. Additionally, SB 103 removes provisions of the Kansas Dental Practices Act that currently prevent licensed dentists from conducting a dental office with their name attached when they are not personally present in the office operating as a dentist or personally overseeing operations at least 20.0 percent of the time patients are being treated in such office.

Time appears to be up for this session's consideration of HB 2266. Introduced by the Kansas Dental Association, the bill defines non-covered benefits under dental benefit plan. The bill will be active again next session.

As it relates to licensure, there is no movement for the bill to exempt continuing education requirements for individuals who work more than 1,000 hours a year. HB 2239 is expected to be on hold until next session.

Another licensure bill, related to electronic records, remains in play. HB 2388 relates to the use of electronic licensing records. The hearing saw the Alliance for States Providing Interoperable Reciprocity advocate for the bill, contending Kansas still has a decentralized licensing system. Though the House on Committee, Labor and Economic Development approved the bill, it was not debated on the House floor. However, the bill has been given an exemption to be considered later in the session.

Thank you and please see below for the bill matrix.

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 103 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practices act relating to dentist information requested by patients, in-person practice requirements in dental office using licensee's name, unprofessional conduct and patient complaints	In Senate Ways and Means	02/23/2023 - Senate Withdrawn from Public Health and Welfare; referred to Ways and Means
SB 235 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Expanding limitations to third-party access to provider network contracts and discounts unless certain criteria are met and prohibitions on payment method restrictions and limitations on certain transaction fees from dental services to all healthcare services	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/13/2023 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
HB 2162 Vic Miller, D-58th	Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products	In House Taxation	01/25/2023 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2239 House Welfare Reform Committee	Allowing for exemptions from continuing education requirements for work experience	In House Welfare Reform	02/01/2023 - House Referred to Welfare Reform
HB 2266	Defining non-covered benefits under dental benefit plans	In House Insurance	02/02/2023 - House Referred to Insurance

House Health and Human Services Committee			
HB 2269 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending the Kansas cigarette and tobacco products act to raise the minimum age to 21 years old for the sale, purchase or possession of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes or tobacco products	On General Orders in House	02/16/2023 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by Federal and State Affairs
HB 2388 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Requiring that licensing bodies provide verified electronic credentials to credential holders, including military servicemembers and others receiving Kansas credentials based on their credentials from other jurisdictions, and use centralized electronic credential data management systems with instantaneous credential verification and an auditable record	In House Appropriations	02/22/2023 - House Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Appropriations
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