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The 2022 Legislative Session has reached First Adjournment. This essentially means the regular session is complete and legislators are returning to their district for a three week break. Veto Session begins on April 25, which provides several days for the House and Senate to consider veto-overrides, if any, and wrap up lingering items.

The days leading up to First Adjournment saw considerable progress on many issues. The House and Senate reconciled their budget through the conference committee process. Legalization of sports wagering is moving forward with signs of passage this year. Tax policy deliberations produced an anticipated agreement that phases out the state food sales tax from 6.5%, to 4%, 2% and eventually zero by 2025. Dozens of other bills were reviewed and negotiated in conference committee and sent back to the Senate and House for final approval.

Dental industry issues continue to move forward with HB 2386 on its way to the Governor's desk. This bill, which proposes to establish requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan, passed the Senate last week 39-0. The House agreed to the changes made by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

The Health Conference Committee met and agreed to legislation related to pharmacy and a handful of other issues. The conference committee can meet again during Veto Session to review and consider unresolved issues.

The bill to set up formal reviews of administrative rules every five years for all agencies, including the Kansas Dental Board, is going to the Governor's desk. Originally contained in Substitute for SB 34, it is now in the HB 2087 conference committee report.

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
Sub for SB 34 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Requiring review of administrative rules and regulations every five years	In Conference Committee	03/30/2022 Scheduled Meeting in Fed & State Conference: Wednesday, 3/30, 4:30 PM, 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	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	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/29/2022 - Senate Referred to 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 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