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Warmer weather in Topeka signals spring is on the horizon and the second half of the session is underway. After a short break for Turnaround, legislators returned to the capitol on Wednesday. The Turnaround deadline stopped hundreds of bills, exempting only legislation which has been passed by one chamber or resides in an exempt committee.

The next two weeks will be focused on additional committee work. They will have to work bills at a very brisk pace in order to keep that legislation alive and ahead of deadlines. March 24 marks another deadline in which bills (unless they have touched an exempt committee) must be passed by the second chamber, reserving the last week of the month for conference committees to reconcile any differences between House and Senate versions.

The coming weeks expect to see both chambers develop and pass a budget while each chamber talks through possible tax policy changes.

Proposed dental legislation remains alive for possible consideration as SB 103 was provided an exemption to legislative deadlines. The bill, introduced by the Association of Dental Support Organizations, remains in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. SB 103 proposes to allow dentists to provide basic information about the dentist and dental practice ownership upon request of a patient and changes requirements for operating dentist offices.

In contrast, HB 2266, is not eligible for action this session due to legislative deadlines. HB 2266, introduced by the Kansas Dental Association, defines non-covered benefits under a dental benefit plan. The bill will be active again next session.

Related to licensure, no further consideration is expected for HB 2239, exempting all licensed individuals who work more than 1,000 hours a year.

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licensee's name, unprofessional conduct and patient complaints	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	03/01/2023 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Public Health and Welfare
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 House Health and Human Services Committee	Defining non-covered benefits under dental benefit plans	In House Insurance	02/02/2023 - House Referred to Insurance
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	Passed in House	03/02/2023 - House Emergencied to Final Action: Passed; Yeas 68, Nays 53
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	On General Orders in House	03/01/2023 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Committee of the Whole

