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The 2021 Legislative Session has officially reached its halfway point, known as Turnaround. Most bills, save for ones in the budget, tax or federal and states affairs committees, must be passed by their house of origin by Turnaround to remain active this session. Though over 700 bills have been introduced, the vast majority will be on hold until next session. The balance of the session will focus on bills with a higher degree of momentum.

This week was dedicated to consideration of bills by the full House or Senate. Many of the bills were non-controversial or technical in nature, while others spurred multi-hour debates. Bills dealing with education policy, sports wagering and business incentives were debated while other policy issues, including medical marijuana, could possibly come later this month.

Legislators will return on Wednesday, igniting a short two and a half weeks for committees to consider bills passed by the opposite chamber. The last week of March and first week of April are dedicated to floor debates and conference committees, aimed at wrapping up the session's business.

With SB 129 (Dental Therapy Bill) not being debated and passed by the Senate before the Turnaround deadline, the bill will be on hold in the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee until next session. SB 129's hearing held last month proved effective in educating the committee's seven new members, six of whom are freshman.

Similarly, unless granted an exemption by tomorrow, the following dental industry bills will be on hold until next session due to the Turnaround deadline rule.

These include:

- SB 121, which proposes to allow the Kansas Dental Board to take disciplinary action against a dental licensee for failing to perform an examination of a patient prior to diagnosing and correcting malpositions of human teeth or initial use of orthodontic appliances.
- SB 227, which would update the Dental Practice Act introduced by Oral Health Kansas.
- HB 2386, which would establish requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan.

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	Passed in House	03/03/2021 - House Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 103, Nays 21
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

