

SENATE BILL No. 175

AN ACT concerning insurance companies; relating to securities held by insurance companies; amending K.S.A. 40-2a27 and 40-2b28 and repealing the existing sections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 40-2a27 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2a27. (a) No insurance company shall acquire, directly or indirectly, any medium grade or lower grade obligation of any institution if, after giving effect to any such acquisition, the aggregate amount of all medium grade and lower grade obligations then held by such insurer would exceed 20% of its admitted assets. Within this limitation no more than 10% of its admitted assets shall consist of lower grade obligations; no more than three percent of its admitted assets shall consist of obligations designated "5" or "6" in the valuations of securities manual; and, no more than one percent of its admitted assets shall consist of obligations designated "6" in the valuations of securities manual. Attaining or exceeding the limit of any one category shall not preclude an insurer from acquiring obligations in other categories subject to the specific and multi-category limits.

(b) No insurer organized under the laws of this state may invest more than one percent of its admitted assets in medium grade obligations issued, guaranteed or insured by any one institution nor may it invest more than one-half of one percent of its admitted assets in lower grade obligations issued, guaranteed or insured by any one institution. In no event, shall such insurer invest more than one percent of its admitted assets in any medium or lower grade obligations issued, guaranteed or insured by any one institution.

(c) Nothing contained in this act shall prohibit an insurer from acquiring any obligations which it has committed to acquire if the insurer would have been permitted to acquire that obligation pursuant to this act on the date on which such insurer committed to purchase that obligation.

(d) Notwithstanding the limitations of subsection (b) an insurer may acquire an obligation of an institution in which the insurer already has one or more obligations, if the obligation is acquired in order to protect an investment previously made in the obligations of the institution, except all such acquired obligations shall not exceed one-half of one percent of the insurer's admitted assets.

(e) Nothing contained in this act shall prohibit an insurer to which this act applies from acquiring an obligation as a result of a restructuring of a medium or lower grade obligation already held or require such insurer to sell or otherwise dispose of any obligation legally acquired prior to the effective date of this act.

(f) Nothing contained in this act shall permit or be construed as permitting an insurer to exceed, alter or otherwise circumvent any of the limitations or restrictions applicable to the investments authorized by K.S.A. 40-2a01 *et seq.* and amendments thereto.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2a16 and amendments thereto, the total investment in medium and lower grade securities shall not exceed the limitations set forth in ~~subsection (a)~~ *this section*.

(h) The board of directors of any insurance company organized under the laws of this state which acquires or invests, directly or indirectly, more than two percent of its admitted assets in medium grade and lower grade obligations, shall adopt a written plan for the making of such investments. The plan, in addition to guidelines with respect to the quality of the issues invested in, shall contain diversification standards acceptable to the commissioner which may include, but not be limited to, standards for issuer, industry, duration, liquidity and geographic location.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-2b28 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2b28. (a) No insurance company shall acquire, directly or indirectly, any medium grade or lower grade obligation of any institution if, after giving effect to any such acquisition, the aggregate amount of all medium grade and lower grade obligations then held by such insurer would exceed 20% of its admitted assets. Within this limitation no more than 10% of its admitted assets shall consist of lower grade obligations; no more than three percent of its admitted assets shall consist of obligations designated "5" or "6" in the valuations of securities manual; and, no more than one percent of its admitted assets shall consist of obligations designated "6" in the valuations of securities manual. Attaining or exceeding the limit of any one category shall not preclude an insurer from acquiring obligations in other categories subject to the specific and multi-category limits.

(b) No insurer organized under the laws of this state may invest more than one percent of its admitted assets in medium grade obligations issued, guaranteed or insured by any one institution nor may it invest more than one-half of one percent of its admitted assets in lower grade obligations issued, guaranteed or insured by any one institution. In no event, shall such insurer invest more than one percent of its admitted assets in any medium or lower grade obligations issued, guaranteed or insured by any one institution.

(c) Nothing contained in this act shall prohibit an insurer from acquiring any obligations which it has committed to acquire if the insurer would have been permitted to acquire that obligation pursuant to this act on the date on which such insurer committed to purchase that obligation.

(d) Notwithstanding the limitations of subsection (b), an insurer may acquire an obligation of an institution in which the insurer already has one or more obligations, if the obligation is acquired in order to protect an investment previously made in the obligations of the institution, except that all such acquired obligations shall not exceed one-half of one percent of the insurer's admitted assets.

(e) Nothing contained in this act shall prohibit an insurer to which this act applies from acquiring an obligation as a result of a restructuring of a medium or lower grade obligation already held or require such insurer to sell or otherwise dispose of any obligation legally acquired prior to the effective date of this act.

(f) Nothing contained in this act shall permit or be construed as permitting an insurer to exceed, alter or otherwise circumvent any of the limitations or restrictions applicable to the investments authorized by K.S.A. 40-2b01 *et seq.* and amendments thereto.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2b13 and amendments thereto, the total investment in medium and lower grade securities shall not exceed the limitations set forth in ~~subsection (a)~~ *this section*.

(h) The board of directors of any insurance company organized under the laws of this state which acquires or invests, directly or indirectly, more than two percent of its admitted assets in medium grade and lower grade obligations, shall adopt a written plan for the making of such investments. The plan, in addition to guidelines with respect to the quality of the issues invested in, shall contain diversification standards acceptable to the commissioner which may include, but not be limited to, standards for issuer, industry, duration, liquidity and geographic location.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 40-2a27 and 40-2b28 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

Passed the HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*