#### MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on January 21, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ward Loyd- excused Representative Dale Swenson- excused Representative Dan Williams- excused

#### Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Diana Lee, Revisor of Statues Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department Cindy O'Neal, Secretary

#### Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kathy Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association Rick Fleming, Office of Kansas Securities Commissioner Chris Biggs, Kansas Securities Commissioner Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association Jim Clark, Kansas Bar Association Roger Walter, Kansas Bar Association

The committee received request for bill introductions.

Kathy Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association, requested a bill which would correct printing errors in the Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Article 9. (Attachment 1)

Representative Patterson made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Long-Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Ward requested a bill which would modify the landlord tenant act allowing the tenant ten days after a judgement has been reached for the removal of property. <u>He made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill.</u> Representative Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Davis requested several bills:

- 1. Extend the terms of the Court of Appeals from four years to six.
- 2. Increase the hourly rate from \$50 to \$80 for attorneys doing indigent defense work
- 3. Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Act
- 4. Amend K.S.A. 12-1617 (e), cleanup the notice provision from ten days to forty days

Representative Davis made the motion to have the requests introduced as committee bills. Representative Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative O'Neal received a bill request to amend to the worthless check statute concerning mailing requirements. Amendments had been made to K.S.A. 60-2610 but 60-2611 was not amended and two other changes did not get amended regarding first class and restricted mail. Representative Patterson made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Long-Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hearings on HB 2347- Uniform Securities Act, were reopened.

Rick Fleming, Office of Kansas Securities Commissioner, remarked that the balloon (<u>Attachment 2</u>) was the amendments which were adopted by the Special Committee on Judiciary this past summer. It reflects some technical amendments, conforms <u>HB 2347</u> with SB 110, which was passed last year and addresses the compromise amendments between the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), Kansas Department of Insurance and Office of Kansas Securities Commissioner.

#### CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chris Biggs, Kansas Securities Commissioner, supported the interim committee balloon but had strong objections to variable annuities being taken out of the definition of securities. He informed the members that Oklahoma & Missouri had adopted the uniform act without variable annuities included. However, he urged the committee to not let the issue of variable annuities hold up the bill.

Chairman O'Neal asked if Mr. Biggs would like to request a bill be drafted including variable annuities in the definition of securities. Mr. Biggs responded he would. Representative Patterson made the motion to have a bill drafted. Representative Long-Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried.

He also suggested an amendment involving the statute of limitations for criminal offenses found in section 37 (b) on page 46 of the bill. It should be made clear that Chapter 21 tolling provisions apply to securities issues. (Attachment 3)

Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association, expressed concerns with K.S.A. 17-1262(a) being removed from the bill. After speaking with the Kansas Securities Commissioner, there has been the assurance that they will keep the exemption in through their rules and regulations. (Attachment 4)

Jim Clark, Kansas Bar Association appeared before the committee with a request for several amendments. (Attachment 5)

- 1. Delay the effective date by one year
- 2. Allow for the sale of a security to a person not a resident of the state would not be in violation of registration
  - 3. Strike language on page 18 lines 25 thru 27
  - 4. Issuer exams
  - 5. Change civil statute of limitations
- 6.Include viatical investments as defined in the North American Securities Administrators Association Guidelines.

Rick Fleming opposed the majority of the Kansas Bar Associations proposed amendments.

- #1 change in effective date is fine
- #2 would create a loophole for registration
- #3 would cause different guidelines for each type of security filed
- #4 securities may not be sold through a broker firm
- #5 a change to the civil statute of limitations is not needed currently there is up to a five year period depending on the type of crime committee

#6 the definition of viatical investments does need to be fixed but the committee should wait till they receive recommendations from NCCUSL

Kansas Bankers Association provided written testimony requesting an amendment which would change the definition of a broker-dealer to strike including banks. (Attachment 6)

Written testimony was provided from Waddell & Reed in favor of the uniform bill. (Attachment 7)

The hearings on HB 2347 were closed.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for January 26, 2004.



January 21, 2004

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Kathleen Taylor Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association

Re: Proposed Amendment to UCC: Revised Article 9

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to request introduction of a bill that would make some very technical corrections to two sections of Revised Article 9.

As you will recall the Kansas Legislature passed Revised Article 9 in the 2000 legislative session. It was an expansive piece of legislation that totally revamped Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

This proposal brings to your attention two clerical errors that need to be corrected. The first is found in K.S.A. 84-9-506(c), and would correct an erroneous reference to another section of Article 9.

The second is found in K.S.A. 84-9-509(a)(1), where the word "or" was omitted in the final printing.

While seemingly innocuous, these errors are misleading to practitioners and do need to be cleared up. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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#### **Technical Corrections to Article 9**

- **84-9-506.** Effect of errors or omissions. (a) Minor errors and omissions. A financing statement substantially satisfying the requirements of this part is effective, even if it has minor errors or omissions, unless the errors or omissions make the financing statement seriously misleading.
- (b) **Financing statement seriously misleading.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), a financing statement that fails sufficiently to provide the name of the debtor in accordance with K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 84-9-503(a) and amendments thereto, is seriously misleading.
- (c) **Financing statement not seriously misleading.** If a search of the records of the filing office under the debtor's correct name, using the filing office's standard search logic, if any, would disclose a financing statement that fails sufficiently to provide the name of the debtor in accordance with K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 84-9-508(a) 84-9-503(a) and amendments thereto, the name provided does not make the financing statement seriously misleading.
- (d) "Debtor's correct name." For purposes of K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 84-9-508(b) and amendments thereto, the "debtor's correct name" in subsection (c) means the correct name of the new debtor.
- **84-9-509.** Persons entitled to file a record. (a) Person entitled to file record. A person may file an initial financing statement, amendment that adds collateral covered by a financing statement, or amendment that adds a debtor to a financing statement only if:
- (1) The debtor authorizes the filing in an authenticated record **or** pursuant to subsection (b) or (c); or
- (2) the person holds an agricultural lien that has become effective at the time of filing and the financing statement covers only collateral in which the person holds an agricultural lien.
- (b) **Security agreement as authorization.** By authenticating or becoming bound as debtor by a security agreement, a debtor or new debtor authorizes the filing of an initial financing statement, and an amendment, covering:

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- (1) The collateral described in the security agreement; and
- (2) property that becomes collateral under K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 84-9-315(a)(2) and amendments thereto, whether or not the security agreement expressly covers proceeds.
- (c) **Acquisition of collateral as authorization.** By acquiring collateral in which a security interest or agricultural lien continues under K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 84-9-315(a)(1) and amendments thereto, a debtor authorizes the filing of an initial financing statement, and an amendment, covering the collateral and property that becomes collateral under K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 84-9-315(a)(2) and amendments thereto.
- (d) **Person entitled to file certain amendments.** A person may file an amendment other than an amendment that adds collateral covered by a financing statement or an amendment that adds a debtor to a financing statement only if:
  - (1) The secured party of record authorizes the filing; or
- (2) the amendment is a termination statement for a financing statement as to which the secured party of record has failed to file or send a termination statement as required by K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 84-9-513(a) or (c) and amendments thereto, the debtor authorizes the filing, and the termination statement indicates that the debtor authorized it to be filed.
- (e) **Multiple secured parties of record.** If there is more than one secured party of record for a financing statement, each secured party of record may authorize the filing of an amendment under subsection (d).

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#### HOUSE BILL No. 2347

By Representative O'Neal

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AN ACT enacting the Kansas uniform securities act; amending K.S.A. 12-1675, 12-1677b, 12-4516, 16-214, 17-4632, 50-1009, 50-1016, 66-1508, 74-8229 and 75-6302 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 17-49a01, 21-46192 21-4704 and 75-3170a and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 17-1260, 17-1264, 17-1265, 17-1266, 17-1267, 17-1269, 17-1273, 17-1274 and 17-1275 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 17-1252, 17-1253, 17-1254, 17-1255, 17-1257, 17-1258, 17-1259, 17-1261, 17-1262, 17-1262a, 17-1263, 17-1266a, 17-1268, 17-1270, 17-1270a, 17-1270b, 17-1271 and 17-1272.

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

New Section 1. Sections I through 52, and amendments thereto. may be cited as the Kansas uniform securities act

New Sec. 2. In this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Administrator" means the securities commissioner of Kansas, appointed as provided in K.S.A. 75-6301, and amendments thereto.
- (2) "Agent" means an individual, other than a broker-dealer, who represents a broker-dealer in effecting or attempting to effect purchases or sales of securities or represents an issuer in effecting or attempting to effect purchases or sales of the issuer's securities, but a partner, officer, or director of a broker-dealer or issuer, or an individual having a similar status or performing similar functions is an agent only if the individual otherwise comes within the term. The term does not include an individual excluded by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
  - "Bank" means:
- A banking institution organized under the laws of the United States:
  - a member bank of the federal reserve system;
- (C) any other banking institution, whether incorporated or not, doing business under the laws of a state or of the United States, a substantial portion of the business of which consists of receiving deposits or exercising fiduciary powers similar to those permitted to be exercised by national banks under the authority of the comptroller of the currency pursuant to section 1 of Public Law 87-722 (12 U.S.C. section 92a), and which is supervised and examined by a state or federal agency having supervision

House Judiciary Committee Amendments adopted by the Special Committee on Judiciary, 2003 Int Drafted January 16, 2004

[NCCUSL means National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform Laws

[If a page is not included, there are no amendments on that page]

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[NOTE: 2002 references amended to 2003 on the following: page 71, line 29; page 72, line 18; page 74, line 6; page 75, line 12; page 85, line 31]

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over banks, and which is not operated for the purpose of evading this act; and

- (D) a receiver, conservator, or other liquidating agent of any institution or firm included in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).
- (4) "Broker-dealer" means a person engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others or for the person's own account. The term does not include:
  - (A) An agent;
  - (B) an issuer.
  - (C) a bank or savings institution if
- (i) Its activities as a broker-dealer are limited to those specified in subsections 3(a)(4)(B)(i) through (vi) and (viii) through (x); 3(a)(4)(B)(xi) if limited to unsolicited transactions; 3(a)(5)(B); and 3(a)(5)(C) of the securities exchange act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. sections 78c(a)(4) and (5)); or
- (ii) it is a bank that satisfies the conditions described in subsection  $\Im(a)(4)(E)$  of the securities exchange act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. section 78c(a)(4)):
  - (D) an international banking institution; or
- (E) a person excluded by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- (5) "Depository institution" means:
- (A) A bank; or
  - (B) a savings institution, trust company, credit union, or similar institution that is organized or chartered under the laws of a state or of the United States, authorized to receive deposits, and supervised and examined by an official or agency of a state or the United States if its deposits or share accounts are insured to the maximum amount authorized by statute by the federal deposit insurance corporation, the national credit union share insurance fund, or a successor authorized by federal law. The term does not include:
  - An insurance company or other organization primarily engaged in the business of insurance;
    - (ii)— a morris plan bank: or
    - (iii) an industrial loan company.
  - (6) "Federal covered investment adviser" means a person registered under the investment advisers act of 1940.
  - (7) "Federal covered security" means a security that is, or upon completion of a transaction will be, a covered security under section 18(b) of the securities act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. section 77r(b)) or rules or regulations adopted pursuant to that provision.
  - (8) "Filing" means the receipt under this act of a record by the administrator or a designee of the administrator.
  - (9) "Fraud," "deceit," and "defraud" are not limited to common law deceit.

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[requested by the Kansas Bankers Association, supported by the Office of the Securities Commissioner]

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- (K) a private business development company as defined in section 202(a)(22) of the investment advisers act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. section 80b-2(a)(22)) with total assets in excess of \$10,000,000;
  - (L) a federal covered investment adviser acting for its own account:
- (M)—a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in rule 144A(a)(1), other than rule 144A(a)(1)(i)(H), adopted under the securities act of 1933 (17 C.F.R. 230.144A):
- (N) a "major U.S. institutional investor" as defined in rule 15a-6(b)(4)(i) adopted under the securities exchange act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. 240.15a-6):[67]
- (O) Lany other person specified by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- (12) "Insurance company" means a company organized as an insurance company whose primary business is writing insurance or reinsuring risks underwritten by insurance companies and which is subject to supervision by the insurance commissioner or a similar official or agency of a state.
- (13) "Insured" means insured as to payment of all principal and all interest.
- (14) "International banking institution" means an international financial institution of which the United States is a member and whose securities are exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933.
- (15) "Investment adviser" means a person that, for compensation, engages in the business of advising others, either directly or through publications or writings, as to the value of securities or the advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities or that, for compensation and as a part of a regular business, issues or promulgates analyses or reports concerning securities. The term includes a financial planner or other person that, as an integral component of other financially related services, provides investment advice to others for compensation as part of a business or that holds itself out as providing investment advice to others for compensation. The term does not include:
  - (A) An investment adviser representative;
- (B) a lawyer, accountant, engineer, or teacher whose performance of investment advice is solely incidental to the practice of the person's profession;
- (C) a broker-dealer or its agents whose performance of investment advice is solely incidental to the conduct of business as a broker-dealer and that does not receive special compensation for the investment advice:
- (D) a publisher of a bona fide newspaper, news magazine, or business or financial publication of general and regular circulation:
  - (E) a federal covered investment adviser:
  - (F) a bank of savings institution;

any other person, other than an individual, of institutional character with total assets in excess of \$10,000,000 not organized for the specific purpose of evading this act; or

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[Compromise amendment between the Office of the Securities Commissioner, the Securities Industry Association and NCCUSL]

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- (C) any other person that is excluded by the investment advisers act of 1940 from the definition of investment adviser; or
- (II) any other person excluded by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- (16) "Investment adviser representative" means an individual employed by or associated with an investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser and who makes any recommendations or otherwise gives investment advice regarding securities, manages accounts or portfolios of clients, determines which recommendation or advice regarding securities should be given, provides investment advice or holds herself or himself out as providing investment advice, receives compensation to solicit, offer, or negotiate for the sale of or for selling investment advice, or supervises employees who perform any of the foregoing. The term does not include an individual who:
  - (A) Performs only clerical or ministerial acts;
- (B) is an agent whose performance of investment advice is solely incidental to the individual acting as an agent and who does not receive special compensation for investment advisory services:
- (C) is employed by or associated with a federal covered investment adviser, unless the individual has a "place of business" in this state and is:
- (i) An "investment adviser representative" as that term is defined by rule adopted under section 203A of the investment advisers act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. section 80b-3a); or
- (ii) not a "supervised person" as that term is defined in Section 202(a)(25) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section S0b-2(a)(25)); or
  - (D) is excluded by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- (17) "Issuer" means a person that issues or proposes to issue a security, subject to the following:
- (A) The issuer of a voting trust certificate, collateral trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, or share in an investment company without a board of directors or individuals performing similar functions is the person performing the acts and assuming the duties of depositor or manager pursuant to the trust or other agreement or instrument under which the security is issued.
- (B) The issuer of an equipment trust certificate or similar security serving the same purpose is the person by which the property is or will be used or to which the property or equipment is or will be leased or conditionally sold or that is otherwise contractually responsible for assuring payment of the certificate.
- (C) The issuer of a fractional undivided interest in an oil, gas, or other mineral lease or in payments out of production under a lease, right, or

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position of, a security or interest in a security for value, and "offer to sell" includes every attempt or offer to dispose of, or solicitation of an offer to purchase, a security or interest in a security for value.

- (A) A security given or delivered with, or as a bonus on account of, a purchase of securities or any other thing is considered to constitute part of the subject of the purchase and to have been offered and sold for value.
- (B) A gift of assessable stock is considered to involve an offer and
- (C) A sale or offer of a warrant or right to purchase or subscribe to another security of the same or another issuer, and a sale or offer of a security that gives the holder a present or future right or privilege to convert the security into another security of the same or another issuer, is considered to include an offer of the other security.
- (27) "Securities and exchange commission" means the United States securities and exchange commission.
- (28) "Security" means a note; stock: treasury stock: security future: bond; debenture; evidence of indebtedness; certificate of interest or participation in a profit-sharing agreement; collateral trust certificate; preorganization certificate or subscription; transferable share; investment contract; voting trust certificate; certificate of deposit for a security; fractional undivided interest in oil, gas, or other mineral rights; put, call, straddlo, option, or privilege on a security, certificate of deposit, or group or index of securities, including an interest therein or based on the value thereof; put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency; or, in general, an interest or instrument commonly known as a "security"; or a certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing. The term:
  - (A) Includes both a certificated and an uncertificated security:
- (B) does not include an insurance or endowment policy or annuity contract under which an insurance company promises to pay a fixed sum of money either in a lump sum or periodically for life or other specified period:
- (C) does not include an interest in a contributory or noncontributory pension or welfare plan subject to the employee retirement income security act of 1974;
- (D) includes as an "investment contract" an investment in a common enterprise with the expectation of profits to be derived primarily from the efforts of a person other than the investor. A "common enterprise" means an enterprise in which the fortunes of the investor are interwoven with those of either the person offering the investment, a third party, or other investors; and

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act or an agent registered under this act for soliciting a prospective purchaser in this state: and

- (D) the issuer reasonably believes that all the purchasers in this state, other than those designated in paragraph (13), are purchasing for investment:
- (15) a transaction under an offer to existing security holders of the issuer, including persons that at the date of the transaction are holders of convertible securities, options, or warrants, if a commission or other remuneration, other than a standby commission, is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, for soliciting a security holder in this state:
- (16) an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security not exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if:
- (A) A registration or offering statement or similar record as required under the securities act of 1933 has been filed, but is not effective, or the offer is made in compliance with rule 165 adopted under the securities act of 1933+17 C.F.R. 230 165); and
- (B) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued against the offeror by the administrator or the securities and exchange commission, and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that is public and that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending:
- (17) an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if
- (A)—A registration statement has been filed under this act, but is not effective:
- (B) a solicitation of interest is provided in a record to offerees in compliance with a rule adopted by the administrator under this act; and
- (C) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued by the administrator under this act and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that may culmmate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending:
- (18) a transaction involving the distribution of the securities of an issuer to the security holders of another person in connection with a merger, consolidation, exchange of securities, sale of assets, or other reorganization to which the issuer, or its parent or subsidiary and the other person, or its parent or subsidiary, are parties;
- (19) a rescission offer, sale, or purchase under section 39, and amendments thereto:
- (20) reimployees stock purchase, savings, option, profit-sharing, pension, or similar employees' benefit plan, including any securities, plan interests, and guarantees issued under a compensatory benefit plan or compensation contract, contained in a record, established by the issuer, its parents, its majority-owned subsidiaries, or the majority-owned sub-

an offer or sale of a security through a broker-dealer registered under this act to a person not a resident of this state and not present in this state if the offer or sale does not constitute a violation of the laws of the state or foreign jurisdiction in which the offeree or purchaser is present and is not part of an unlawful plan or scheme to evade this act;

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sidiaries of the issuer's parent for the participation of their employees including offers or sales of such securities to:

- (A) Directors; general partners, trustees, if the issuer is a business trust; officers; consultants; and advisors;
- (B) family members who acquire such securities from those persons through gifts or domestic relations orders:
- (C) former employees, directors, general partners, trustees, officers, consultants, and advisors if those individuals were employed by or providing services to the issuer when the securities were offered; and
- (D) insurance agents who are exclusive insurance agents of the issuer, or the issuer's subsidiaries or parents, or who derive more than 50% of their annual income from those organizations;

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(21) a transaction involving

- (A) A stock dividend or equivalent equity distribution, whether the corporation or other business organization distributing the dividend or equivalent equity distribution is the issuer or not, if nothing of value is given by stockholders or other equity holders for the dividend or equivalent equity distribution other than the surrender of a right to a cash or property dividend if each stockholder or other equity holder may elect to take the dividend or equivalent equity distribution in cash, property, or stock:
- (B) an act incident to a judicially approved reorganization in which a security is issued in exchange for one or more outstanding securities, claims, or property interests, or partly in such exchange and partly for cash; or
- (C) the solicitation of tenders of securities by an offeror in a tender offer in compliance with rule 162 adopted under the securities act of \_\_(23) 1933 (17 C.F.R. 230.162); or \_\_\_\_\_\_

a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act, if the issuer is a reporting issuer in a foreign jurisdiction designated by this paragraph or by rule adopted or order issued under this act, has been subject to continuous reporting requirements in the foreign jurisdiction for not less than 180 days before the transaction; and the security is listed on the foreign jurisdiction's securities exchange that has been designated by this paragraph or by rule adopted or order issued under this act, or is a security of the same issuer that is of senior or substantially equal rank to the listed security or is a warrant or right to purchase or subscribe to any of the foregoing. For purposes of this paragraph, Canada, together with its provinces and territories, is a designated foreign jurisdiction and the Toronto stock exchange, inc., is a designated securities exchange. After an administrative hearing in compliance with the Kansas administrative procedure act, the administrator, by rule adopted or order issued

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under this act, may revoke the designation of a securities exchange under this paragraph, if the administrator finds that revocation is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors.

New Sec. 8. A rule adopted or order issued under this act may exempt a security, transaction, or offer: a rule under this act may exempt a class of securities, transactions, or offers from any or all of the requirements of sections 11 through 16 and section 33, and amendments thereto; and an order under this act may waive, in whole or in part, any or all of the conditions for an exemption or offer under sections 6 and 7, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 9. Except with respect to a federal covered security or a transaction involving a federal covered security, an order under this act may deny, suspend application of, condition, limit, or revoke an exemption created under section 6 (3)(C), (7) or (8) or section 7, and amendments thereto, or an exemption or waiver created under section 8, and amendments thereto, with respect to a specific security, transaction, or offer. An order under this section may be issued only pursuant to the procedures in section 16(d) or section 43, and amendments thereto, and only prospectively.

New Sec. 10. The administrator may by rules and regulations set a fee not to exceed \$2,500 for an application or filing made in connection with any exemption from securities registration.

New Sec. 11. It is unlawful for a person to offer or sell a security in this state unless:

- (1) The security is a federal covered security and, if required by section 12, and amendments thereto, notice or documents have been filed and the fee has been paid.
- (2) the security, transaction, or offer is exempted from registration under sections 6 through 8, and amendments thereto; or
  - (3) the security is registered under this act

New Sec. 12. (a) Required filing of records. With respect to a federal covered security, as defined in section 18(b)(2) of the securities act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. section 77r(b)(2)), that is not otherwise exempt under sections 6 through 8, and amendments thereto, a rule adopted or order issued under this act may require the filing of any or all of the following records:

- (1) Before the initial offer of a federal covered security in this state, all records that are part of a federal registration statement filed with the securities and exchange commission under the securities act of 1933 and a consent to service of process complying with section 50, and amendments thereto, signed by the issuer and the payment of a fee not to exceed \$2,500;
  - (2) after the initial offer of the federal covered security in this state.

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(b) Knowledge of order required. A person does not violate section 11, 13 through 16, 33, or 39, and amendments thereto, by an offer to sell, offer to purchase, sale, or purchase effected after the entry of an order issued under this section if the person did not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the order.

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cords under this section must contain or be accompanied by the following records in addition to the information specified in section 15, and amendments thereto, and a consent to service of process complying with section 50, and amendments thereto:

- (1) . A copy of the latest form of prospectus filed under the securities act of 1933:
- (2) a copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws or their substantial equivalents currently in effect, a copy of any agreement with or among underwriters: a copy of any indenture or other instrument governing the issuance of the security to be registered; and a specimen, copy, or description of the security.
- (3) copies of any other information or any other records filed by the issuer under the securities act of 1933; and
- (4) an undertaking to forward each amendment to the federal prospectus, other than an amendment that delays the effective date of the registration statement, promptly after it is filed with the securities and exchange commission.
- (e) Conditions for effectiveness of registration statement. A registration statement under this section becomes effective simultaneously with or subsequent to the federal registration statement when all the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) A stop order under subsection (d) or section 16, and amendments thereto, or issued by the securities and exchange commission is not in effect, and a proceeding is not pending against the issuer under section 16, and amendments thereto, and the administrator has not given written notice of deficiencies that are unresolved and that would constitute grounds for a stop order under section 16, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) the registration statement has been on file for at least 20 days or a shorter period provided by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- (d) Notice of federal registration statement effectiveness. The registrant shall promptly notify the administrator in a record of the date when the federal registration statement becomes effective and the content of any price amendment and shall promptly file a record containing the price amendment. If the notice is not timely received, the administrator may issue a stop order, without prior notice or hearing, retroactively denying effectiveness to the registration statement or suspending its effectiveness until compliance with this section. The administrator shall promptly notify the registrant of an order by telephone or electronic means and promptly confirm this notice by a record. If the registrant subsequently complies with the notice requirements of this section, the stop order is void as of the date of its issuance.
- (e) Effectiveness of registration statement. If the federal registration statement becomes effective before each of the conditions in this section

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being offered or distributed in a nonexempted transaction by or for the account of the issuer or other person on whose behalf the offering is being made or by an underwriter or broker-dealer that is still offering part of an unsold allotment or subscription taken as a participant in the distribution. For the purposes of a nonissuer transaction, all outstanding securities of the same class identified in the registration statement as a security registered under this act are considered to be registered while the registration statement is effective. If any securities of the same class are outstanding, a registration statement may not be withdrawn until one year after its effective date. A registration statement may be withdrawn only with the approval of the administrator.

(i) Periodic reports. While a registration statement is effective, a rule adopted or order issued under this act may require the person that filed the registration statement to file reports, not more often than quarterly, to keep the information or other record in the registration statement reasonably current and to disclose the progress of the offering.

(j) Posteffective amendments. A registration statement shall be amended after its effective date if there are material changes in information or documents in the registration statement or if there is an increase in the aggregate amount of securities offered or sold in this state. The posteffective amendment becomes effective when the administrator provides written notice that the amendment has been accepted. If a posteffective amendment is made to increase the number of securities specified to be offered or sold, the person filing the amendment shall pay a registration fee based upon the increase in such price calculated in accordance with the rate and fee specified in subsection (b). A posteffective amendment relates back to the date of the offering of the additional -securities being registered if, within one year after the date of the sale. -the amendment is filed and the additional registration for is paid. If a posteffective amendment for registration of additional securities and payment of additional fees is not filed in a timely manner, there shall be no penalty assessed if the amendment is filed and the additional registration fee is paid within one year after the date the additional securities are sold in this state.

New Sec. 16. (a) Stop orders. The administrator may issue a stop order denying effectiveness to, or suspending or revoking the effectiveness of a registration statement if the administrator finds that the order is in the public interest and that:

(1) The registration statement as of its effective date or before the effective date in the case of an order denying effectiveness, an amendment under section 15 (j), and amendments thereto, as of its effective date, or a report under section 15 (i), and amendments thereto, is incomplete in a material respect or contains a statement that, in the light of the

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- (d) Summary process. The administrator may summarily revoke, deny, postpone, or suspend the effectiveness of a registration statement pending final determination of an administrative proceeding. Upon the issuance of the order, the administrator shall promptly notify each person specified in subsection (e) that the order has been issued, the reasons for the revocation, denial, postponement, or suspension, and that within 15 days after the receipt of a request in a record from the person the matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a hearing is not requested and none is ordered by the administrator, within 30 days after the date of service of the order, the order becomes final. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the administrator, after notice of and opportunity for hearing for each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend the order until final determination.
- (e) Procedural requirements for stop order. (1) A stop order may not be issued under this section without:
- (A) Appropriate notice to the applicant or registrant, the issuer, and the person on whose behalf the securities are to be or have been offered:
  - (B) an opportunity for hearing; and
  - (C) findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record.
- (2) Any proceeding under this section shall be done in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act.
- (f) Modification or tracation of stop order. The administrator may modify or vacate a stop order issued under this section if the administrator finds that the conditions that caused its issuance have changed or that it is necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.
- New Sec. 17. The administrator may waive or modify, in whole or in part, any or all of the requirements of sections 12, 13, and 14(b), and amendments thereto, or the requirement of any information or record in a registration statement or in a periodic report filed pursuant to section 15[11] and amendments thereto.
- New Sec. 18. (a) Registration requirement. It is unlawful for a person to transact business in this state as a broker-dealer unless the person is registered under this act as a broker-dealer or is exempt from registration as a broker-dealer under subsection (b) or (d).
- (b) Exemptions from registration. The following persons are exempt from the registration requirement of subsection (a):
- (1) A broker-dealer without a place of business in this state if its only transactions effected in this state are with:

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register as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative by filing an application and a consent to service of process complying with section 50, and amendments thereto, and paying the fee specified in section 27, and amendments thereto, and any reasonable fees charged by the designee of the administrator for processing the filing. The application must contain:

- (1) The information or record required for the filing of a uniform application; and
- (2) upon request by the administrator, any other financial or other information or record that the administrator determines is appropriate.
- (b) Amendment. If the information or record contained in an application filed under subsection (a) is or becomes inaccurate or incomplete in a material respect, the registrant shall promptly file a correcting amendment.
- (c) Effectiveness of registration. If an order is not in effect and a proceeding is not pending under section 29, and amendments thereto, registration becomes effective at noon on the 45th day after a completed application is filled, unless the registration is denied. A rule adopted or order issued under this act may set an earlier effective date or may defer the effective date until noon on the 45th day after the filing of any amendment completing the application.
- (d) Registration renewal. A registration is effective until midnight on December 31 of the year for which the application for registration is filed. Unless an order is in effect under section 29, and amendments thereto, a registration may be automatically renewed each year by filing such records as are required by rule adopted or order issued under this act, by paying the fee specified in section 27, and amendments thereto, and by paying costs charged by the designee of the administrator for processing the filings.
- (e) Additional conditions or waivers. A rule adopted or order issued under this act may impose other conditions not inconsistent with the national securities markets improvement act of 1996. An order issued under this act may waive, in whole or in part, specific requirements in connection with registration as are in the public interest and for the protection of investors.

New Sec. 24. (a) Succession. A broker-dealer or investment adviser may succeed to the current registration of another broker-dealer or investment adviser or a notice filing of a federal covered investment adviser, and a federal covered investment adviser may succeed to the current registration of an investment adviser or notice filing of another federal covered investment adviser, by filing as a successor an application for registration pursuant to section 18 or 20, and amendments thereto, or a notice pursuant to section 22, and amendments thereto, for the unexpired

or the administrator has given written notice of deficiencies that are unresolved and that would constitute grounds for denial under section 29, and amendments thereto

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- (b) Disciplinary conditions registrants. An order issued under this act may revoke, suspend, condition, or limit the registration of a registrant if the administrator finds that the order is in the public interest and that there is a ground for discipline under subsection (d) against the registrant or, if the registrant is a broker-dealer or investment adviser, against any partner, officer, or director, any person having a similar status or performing similar functions, or any person directly or indirectly controlling the broker-dealer or investment adviser. However, the administrator:
- (1) May not institute a revocation or suspension proceeding under this subsection based on an order issued by another state that is reported to the administrator or designee later than one year after the date of the order on which it is based; and
- (2) under subsection (d)(5)(A) and (B), may not issue an order on the basis of an order under the state securities act of another state unless the other order was based on conduct for which subsection (d) would authorize the action had the conduct occurred in this state.
- (c) Disciplinary penalties registrants. If the administrator finds that the order is in the public interest and that there is a ground for discipline under subsection (d)(1) through (6), (8), (9), (10), (12) or (13) against a registrant or, if the registrant is a broker-dealer or investment adviser, against any partner, officer, or director, any person having similar functions, or any person directly or indirectly controlling the broker-dealer or investment adviser, then the administrator may enter an order against the registrant containing one or more of the following sauctions or remedies:
  - (1) A consure:
- (2) a bar or suspension from association with a broker-dealer or investment adviser registered in this state:
- (3) a civil penalty up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each violation
- (4) an order requiring the registrant to pay restitution for any loss or disgorge any profits arising from a violation, including, in the administrator's discretion, the assessment of interest from the date of the violation;
- (5) an order charging the registrant with the actual cost of an investigation or proceeding; or
- (6) an order requiring the registrant to cease and desist from any action that constitutes a ground for discipline, or to take other action necessary or appropriate to comply with this Act.
- (d) Grounds for discipline. A person may be disciplined under subsections (a) through (c) if the person:
- (1) has filed an application for registration in this state under this act or the predecessor act within the previous 10 years, which, as of the effective date of registration or as of any date after filing in the case of

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If any person is found to have violated any provision of this act, and such violation is committed against elder or disabled persons, as defined in K.S.A. 50-676, and amendments thereto, in addition to any civil penalty otherwise provided by law, the administrator may impose an additional penalty not to exceed \$15,000 for each such violation. The total penalty against a person shall not exceed \$1,000,000

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in subsection (h), a rule adopted or order issued under this act may require the filing of a prospectus, pamphlet, circular, form letter, advertisement, sales literature, or other advertising record relating to a security or investment advice, addressed or intended for distribution to prospective investors, including clients or prospective clients of a person registered or required to be registered as an investment adviser under this act. (b) Excluded communications. This section does not apply to sales

and advertising literature specified in subsection (a) which relates to a federal covered security, a federal covered investment adviser, or a security or transaction exempted by section 6, 7, or 8, and amendments thereto, except as required for a notice filing under section 6, 7, or 8, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 34. (a) It is unlawful for a person to make or cause to be made, in a record that is used in an action or proceeding or filed under this act, a statement that, at the time and in the light of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading in a material respect, or, in connection with the statement, to omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in the light of the circumstances under which it was made, not false or misleading.

- (b) It is unlawful for any person toxinfluence, coerce, manipulate or mislead any person in connection with financial statements or appraisals to be used in the offer, sale or purchase of securities for the purpose of rendering such financial statements or appraisals materially misleading.
  - (c) It is unlawful for any person to:
- (1) Alter, destroy, shred, mutilate, conceal, cover up or falsify any record with the intent to impede, obstruct or influence any investigation by the administrator or the administrator's designee:
- (2) alter, destroy, shred, mutilate or conceal a record with the intent to impair the object's integrity or availability for use in a proceeding before the administrator or a proceeding brought by the administrator; or
- (3) take action harmful to a person with the intent to retaliate, including, but not limited to, interference with lawful employment of such person, for providing truthful information relating to a violation of this

New Sec. 35. The filing of an application for registration, a registration statement, a notice filing under this act, the registration of a person, the notice filing by a person, or the registration of a security under this act does not constitute a finding by the administrator that a record filed under this act is true, complete, and not misleading. The filing or registration or the availability of an exemption, exception, preemption, or exclusion for a security or a transaction does not mean that the administrator has passed upon the merits or qualifications of, or recommended or given approval to, a person, security, or transaction. It is unlawful to make, or

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cause to be made, to a purchaser, customer, client, or prospective customer or client a representation inconsistent with this section.

New Sec. 36. A broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative is not liable to another broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative for defamation relating to a statement that is contained in a record required by the administrator, or designee of the administrator, the securities and exchange commission, or a self-regulatory organization, unless the person knew, or should have known at the time that the statement was made, that it was false in a material respect or the person acted in reckless disregard of the statement's truth or falsity.

New Sec. 37. (a) Criminal penalties. (1) Except as provided in subsections (a)(2) through (a)(4), a conviction for an intentional violation of this act, or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, except section 33, and amendments thereto, or the notice filing requirements of section 12 or 22, and amendments thereto, is a severity level 7, nonperson felony. An individual convicted of violating a rule or order under this act may be fined, but may not be imprisoned, if the individual did not have knowledge of the rule or order.

(2) A conviction for an intentional violation of section 30 or 31, and amendments thereto, is:

(A) a severity level on nonperson felony if the violation resulted in a 4 loss of \$1,000,000 or more: \$100,000

(B) To severity level 1, nonperson follow if the violation resulted in a class of at least \$100,000 but loss than \$1,000,000s

(C) a severity level 5, nonperson felony if the violation resulted in a loss of at least \$25,000 but less than \$100,000; or

a severity level **M**anonperson felony if the violation resulted in a loss of less than \$25,000.

(3) A conviction for an intentional violation of section 11, 18 (a), 18 (c), 19 (a), 19 (d), 20 (a), 20 (d), 21 (a), or 21 (e), and amendments thereto, is:

(A) a severity level nonperson felony if the violation resulted in loss of \$1,000,000 or more;

(B) [a severity level 5, nonperson felony if the violation resulted in a loss of at least \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000.

(C) a severity level 6, nonperson felony if the violation resulted in a loss of at least \$25,000 but less than \$100,000, or

(D) I a severity level 7, nonperson felony if the violation resulted in a loss of less than \$25,000.

(4) A conviction for an intentional violation of section 34 or 35, and amendments thereto, is a severity level 8, nonperson felony. 5 \$100,000

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(5) Any violation of section 11, 18 (a), 18 (c), 19 (a), 19 (d), 20 (a), 20 (c), 20 (d), 21 (a), 21 (e), 30 or 31, and amendments thereto, resulting in a loss of \$25,000 or more shall have a presumptive sentence of imprisonment regardless of its location on the sentencing grid block.

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- (b) Statute of Limitations. No prosecution for any crime under this act may be commenced more than five years after the alleged violation, except that no prosecution for any crime under this act may be commenced more than 10 years after the alleged violation if the victim is the Kansas public employees retirement system. A prosecution is commenced when a complaint or information is filed, or an indictment returned, and a warrant thereon is delivered to the sheriff or other officer for execution, except that no prosecution shall be deemed to have been commenced if the warrant so issued is not executed without unreasonable delay.
  - (c) Criminal reference. The administrator may refer such evidence as may be available concerning violations of this act or of any rules and regulations or order hereunder to the attorney general or the proper county or district attorney, who may in the prosecutor's discretion, with or without such a reference, institute the appropriate criminal proceedings under this act. Upon receipt of such reference, the attorney general or the county attorney or district attorney may request that a duly employed attorney of the administrator prosecute or assist in the prosecution of such violation or violations on behalf of the state. Upon approval of the administrator, such employee shall be appointed a special prosecutor for the attorney general or the county attorney or district attorney to serve without compensation from the attorney general or the county attorney or district attorney. Such special prosecutor shall have all the powers and duties prescribed by law for assistant attorneys general or assistant county or district attorneys and such other powers and duties as are lawfully delegated to such special prosecutor by the attorney general or the county attorney or district attorney.
  - (d) No limitation on other criminal enforcement. This act does not limit the power of this state to punish a person for conduct that constitutes a crime under other laws of this state.

New Sec. 38. (a) Securities litigation uniform standards act. Enforcement of civil liability under this section is subject to the securities litigation uniform standards act of 1998.

- (b) Liability of seller to purchaser. A person is liable to the purchaser if the person sells a security in violation of section 11, and amendments thereto, or by means of an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make a statement made, in light of the circumstances under which it is made, not misleading, the purchaser not knowing the untruth or omission and the seller not sustaining the burden of proof that the seller did not know and, in the exercise of reasonable care, could not have known of the untruth or omission. An action under this subsection is governed by the following:
- (1) The purchaser may maintain an action to recover the consideration paid for the security, less the amount of any income received on the

If an attorney employed by the administrator acts as a special prosecutor, the administrator may pay extradition and witness expenses associated with the case.

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security, and interest at 15% per annum from the date of the purchase, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees determined by the court, upon the tender of the security, or for actual damages as provided in paragraph (3).

- (2) The tender referred to in paragraph (1) may be made any time before entry of judgment. Tender requires only notice in a record of ownership of the security and willingness to exchange the security for the amount specified. A purchaser that no longer owns the security may recover actual damages as provided in paragraph (3).
- (3) Actual damages in an action arising under this subsection are the amount that would be recoverable upon a tender less the value of the security when the purchaser disposed of it, and interest at 15% per amount from the date of the purchase, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees determined by the court.
- (c) Liability of purchaser to seller. A person is liable to the seller if the person buys a security by means of an untrue statement of a material fact or omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which it is made, not misleading, the seller not knowing of the untruth or omission, and the purchaser not sustaining the burden of proof that the purchaser did not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care, could not have known of the untruth or omission. An action under this subsection is governed by the following:
- (1) The seller may maintain an action to recover the security, and any income received on the security, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees determined by the court, upon the tender of the purchase price, or for actual damages as provided in paragraph (3).
- (2) The tender referred to in paragraph (1) may be made any time before entry of judgment. Tender requires only notice in a record of the present ability to pay the amount tendered and willingness to take delivery of the security for the amount specified. If the purchaser no longer owns the security, the seller may recover actual damages as provided in paragraph (3).
- (3) Actual damages in an action arising under this subsection are the difference between the price at which the security was sold and the value the security would have had at the time of the sale in the absence of the purchaser's conduct causing liability, and interest at 15% per annual from the date of the sale of the security, costs, and reasonable attorneys fees determined by the court.
- (d) Liability of nuregistered broker-dealer and agent. A person acting as a broker-dealer or agent that sells or buys a security in violation of section 18 (a), 19 (a), or 35, and amendments thereto, is liable to the customer. The customer, if a purchaser, may maintain an action for recovery of actual damages as specified in subsections (b)(1) through (3).

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or, if a seller, for a remedy as specified in subsections (c)(1) through (3).

- (e) Liability of integristered investment adviser and investment adviser representative. A person acting as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative that provides investment advice for compensation in violation of section 20 (a), 21 (a), or 35, and amendments thereto, is liable to the client. The client may maintain an action to recover the consideration paid for the advice, interest fit 15% per amount from the date of payment costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees determined by the court.
- (f) Liability for investment advice. A person that receives directly or indirectly any consideration for providing investment advice to another person and that employs a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud the other person or engages in an act, practice, or course of business that operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit on the other person, is liable to the other person. An action under this subsection is governed by the following:
- (1) The person defrauded may maintain an action to recover the consideration paid for the advice and the amount of any actual damages caused by the fraudulent conduct, interest at 15% per annum from the date of the fraudulent conduct, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees determined by the court, less the amount of any income received as a result of the fraudulent conduct.
- (2) This subsection does not apply to a broker-dealer or its agents if the investment advice provided is solely incidental to transacting business as a broker-dealer and no special compensation is received for the investment advice.
- (g) Joint and several liability. The following persons are liable jointly and severally with and to the same extent as persons liable under subsections (b) through (f):
- (1) A person that directly or indirectly controls a person liable under subsections (b) through (f), unless the controlling person sustains the burden of proof that the person did not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the existence of conduct by reason of which the liability is alleged to exist:
- (2) an individual who is a managing partner, executive officer, or director of a person liable under subsections (b) through (f), including an individual having a similar status or performing similar functions, unless the individual sustains the burden of proof that the individual did not know and, in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the existence of conduct by reason of which the liability is alleged to exist:
- (3) an individual who is an employee of or associated with a person liable under subsections (b) through (f) and who materially aids the conduct giving rise to the liability, unless the individual sustains the burden

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and amendments thereto, may have arisen and fairly advising the purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice of that person's rights in connection with the offer, and any financial or other information necessary to correct all material misrepresentations or omissions in the information that was required by this act to be furnished to that person at the time of the purchase, sale, or investment advice:

(B) if the basis for relief under this section may have been a violation of section 38 (b), and amendments thereto, an offer to repurchase the security for cash, payable on delivery of the security, equal to the consideration paid, and interest at 15% per ammunation the date of the purchase less the amount of any income received on the security, or, if the purchaser no longer owns the security, an offer to pay the purchaser upon acceptance of the offer damages in an amount that would be recoverable upon a tender, less the value of the security when the purchaser disposed of it, and interest at 15% per amount from the date of the purchase ain cash equal to the damages computed in the manner provided in this subsection:

(C) if the basis for relief under this section may have been a violation of section 38 (c), and amendments thereto, an offer to tender the security, on payment by the seller of an amount equal to the purchase price paid, less income received on the security by the purchaser and interest at 15% per annum from the date of the sales or if the purchaser no longer owns the security, an offer to pay the seller upon acceptance of the offer, in cash, damages in the amount of the difference between the price at which the security was purchased and the value the security would have had at the time of the purchase in the absence of the purchaser's conduct that may have caused liability and interest at 15% per amount from the date of the sale.

(D) if the basis for relief under this section may have been a violation of section 38 (d), and amendments thereto; and if the customer is a purchaser, an offer to pay as specified in subparagraph (B); or, if the customer is a seller, an offer to tender or to pay as specified in subparagraph (C):

(E) if the basis for relief under this section may have been a violation of section 38 (e), and amendments thereto, an offer to reimburse in cash the consideration paid for the advice and interest at 15% per amount from the date of payments or

(F) if the basis for relief under this section may have been a violation of section 38 (f), and amendments thereto, an offer to reimburse in cash the consideration paid for the advice, the amount of any actual damages that may have been caused by the conduct, and interest at 15% per amount from the date of the violation causing the loss.

(2) the offer under paragraph (1) states that it must be accepted by the purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice within 30 days at the rate provided for interest on judgments by K.S.A. 16-204, and amendments thereto

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- (b) Prohibited conduct. (1) It is unlawful for the administrator or an officer, employee, or designee of the administrator to use for personal benefit or the benefit of others records or other information obtained by or filed with the administrator that are not public under section 46 (b), and amendments thereto. This act does not authorize the administrator or an officer, employee, or designee of the administrator to disclose the record or information, except in accordance with section 41, 46 (c), or 47, and amendments thereto.
- (2) Neither the administrator nor any employee of the administrator shall be interested as an officer, director, or stockholder in securing any authorization to sell securities under the provisions of this act.
- (c) No privilege or exemption created or diminished. This act does not create or diminish a privilege or exemption that exists at common law, by statute or rule, or otherwise.
- (d) Investor education. (1) The administrator may develop and implement investor education initiatives to inform the public about investing in securities, with particular emphasis on the prevention and detection of securities fraud. In developing and implementing these initiatives, the administrator may collaborate with public and nonprofit organizations with an interest in investor education. The administrator may accept a grant or donation from a person that is not affiliated with the securities industry or from a nonprofit organization, regardless of whether the organization is affiliated with the securities industry, to develop and implement investor education initiatives. This subsection does not authorize the administrator to require participation or monetary contributions of a registrant in an investor education program.
- (2) There is hereby established in the state treasury the investor education fund. Such fund shall be administered by the administrator for the purposes described in subsection (d)(1) Moneys collected as civil penalties under this act shall be credited to the investor education fund. The administrator may also receive payments designated to be credited to the investor education fund as a condition in settlements of cases arising out of investigations or examinations. All expenditures from the investor education fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the administrator or by a person or persons designated by the administrator. Fire years after the effective date of this act, the administrator shall conduct a review and submit a report to the governor and the legislature concerning the expenditures from the investor education fund and the results achieved from the investor education program.
  - New Sec. 41. (a) Authority to investigate. The administrator may:
  - (1) Conduct public or private investigations within or outside of this

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- (6) impose a civil penalty of not greater than \$10,000 for each viola-\$25,000 tion; and
  - (7) grant any other necessary or appropriate relief.
- (d) Application for relief. This section does not preclude a person from applying to any court of competent jurisdiction or a court of another state for relief from a request to appear, testify, file a statement, produce records, or obey a subpoena.
- (e) Use immunity procedure. An individual is not excused from attending, testifying, filing a statement, producing a record or other evidence, or obeying a subpoena of the administrator under this act or in an action or proceeding instituted by the administrator under this act on the ground that the required testimony, statement, record, or other evidence, directly or indirectly, may tend to incriminate the individual or subject the individual to a criminal fine, penalty, or forfeiture. If the individual refuses to testify, file a statement, or produce a record or other evidence on the basis of the individual's privilege against self-incrimination, the administrator may compel the testimony, the filing of the statement, the production of the record, or the giving of other evidence. The testimony. record, or other evidence compelled under such an order may not be used, directly or indirectly, against the individual in a criminal case, except in a prosecution for perjury or contempt or otherwise failing to comply with the order.
- (f) Assistance to securities regulator of another jurisdiction. At the request of the securities regulator of another state or a foreign jurisdiction, the administrator may provide assistance if the requesting regulator states that it is conducting an investigation to determine whether a person has violated, is violating, or is about to violate a law or rule of the other state or foreign jurisdiction relating to securities matters that the requesting regulator administers or enforces. The administrator may provide the assistance by using the authority to investigate and the powers conferred by this section as the administrator determines is necessary or appropriate. The assistance may be provided without regard to whether the conduct described in the request would also constitute a violation of this act or other law of this state if occurring in this state. In deciding whether to provide the assistance, the administrator may consider whether the requesting regulator is permitted and has agreed to provide assistance reciprocally within its state or foreign jurisdiction to the administrator on securities matters when requested: whether compliance with the request would violate or prejudice the public policy of this state; and the availability of resources and employees of the administrator to carry out the request for assistance
- New Sec. 42. (a) Civil action instituted by administrator. If the administrator believes that a person has engaged, is engaging, or is about

to engage in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act or that a person has, is, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or course of business that materially aids a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, the administrator may maintain an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin the act, practice, or course of business and to enforce compliance with this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act.

- (b) *Relief available.* In an action under this section and on a proper showing, the court may:
- Issue a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or declaratory judgment;
  - (2) order other appropriate or ancillary relief, which may include:
- (A) An asset freeze, accounting, writ of attachment, writ of general or specific execution, and appointment of a receiver or conservator, that may be the administrator, for the defendant or the defendant's assets:
- (B) ordering the administrator to take charge and control of a defendant's property, including investment accounts and accounts in a depository institution, rents, and profits: to collect debts; and to acquire and dispose of property:
  - (C) imposing a civil penalty up to \$10,000 pen violation;
- (D) an order of rescission, restitution, or disgorgement directed to a person that has engaged in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this act or the predecessor act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act or the predecessor act; and
- (E) ordering the payment of prejudgment and post judgment interest; or
  - (3) order such other relief as the court considers appropriate.
- (c) No bond required. The administrator may not be required to post a bond in an action or proceeding under this act.

New Sec. 43. (a) Cease and desist order. If the administrator finds that a person has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act or that a person has materially aided, is materially aiding, or is about to materially aid an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, the administrator may:

- (1) Issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the act, practice, or course of business or to take other action necessary or appropriate to comply with this act;
- (2) issue an order denying, suspending, revoking, or conditioning the exemptions for a broker-dealer under section 18 (h)(1)(D) or (F), and amendments thereto, or an investment adviser under section 20 (h)(1)(C),

- \$25,000 for each

. If any person is found to have violated any provision of this act, and such violation is committed against elder or disabled persons, as defined in K.S.A. 50-676, and amendments thereto, in addition to any civil penalty otherwise provided by law, the court may impose an additional penalty not to exceed \$15,000 for each such violation. The total penalty against a person shall not exceed \$1,000,000

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- (3) issue an order under section 9, and amendments thereto.
- (b) Additional administrative sanctions and remedies. If the administrator finds, by written findings of fact and conclusions of law, that a person has violated this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, the administrator, in addition to any other power granted under this act, may enter an order against the registrand containing one or more of the following sanctions or remedies:
  - (1) A civil penalty up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each violation.
- (2) a bar or suspension from association with a broker-dealer or investment adviser registered in this state;
- (3) an order requiring the person to pay restitution for any loss or disgorge any profits arising from the violation, including, in the administrator's discretion, the assessment of interest not to exceed 15% per minimal from the date of the violation; or
- (4) order charging the person with the actual cost of the investigation or proceeding.
- (e) Procedures for orders. (1) An order under subsection (b) shall not be entered unless the administrator first provides notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedures act.
- (2) An order under subsection (a) is effective on the date of issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the administrator shall promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of the order. The order must include a statement of the reasons for the order and notice that upon receipt of a written request the matter will be set for a hearing which shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedures act. If a person subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the administrator within 30 days after the date of service of the order, the order becomes final as to that person by operation of law. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the administrator, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend it until final determination.
- (3) An order under subsection (a) may contain a notice of the administrator's intent to seek administrative sanctions or remedies under subsection (b). If the person subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the administrator within 30 days after service of the order, the administrator may modify the order to include sanctions or remedies under subsection (b). If a hearing is requested or ordered, the administrator, after notice and opportunity for hearing, shall by written findings of fact and conclusions of law vacate, modify, or make permanent the order, and the administrator may modify the order to include

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[Technical amendment, requested by the Office of the Securities Commissioner]

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New Sec. 48. A final order issued by the administrator under this act is subject to judicial review in accordance with the provisions of the act for judicial review and civil enforcement of agency actions.

New Sec. 49. (a) Sales and offers to sell. Sections 11, 12, 18 (a), 19 (a), 20 (a), 21 (a), 30, 35, 38, and 39, and amendments thereto, do not apply to a person that sells or offers to sell a security unless the offer to sell or the sale is made in this state or the offer to purchase or the purchase is made and accepted in this state.

- (b) Purchases and offers to purchase. Sections 18 (a), 19 (a), 20 (a), 21 (a), 30, 35, 38, and 39, and amendments thereto, do not apply to a person that purchases or offers to purchase a security unless the offer to purchase or the purchase is made in this state or the offer to sell or the sale is made and accepted in this state.
- (c) Offers in this State. For the purpose of this section, an offer to sell or to purchase a security is made in this state, whether or not either party is then present in this state, if the offer:
  - (1) Originates from within this state; or
- (2) is directed by the offeror to a place in this state and received at the place to which it is directed.
- (d) Acceptances in this State. For the purpose of this section, an offer to purchase or to sell is accepted in this state, whether or not either party is then present in this state, if the acceptance:
- (1) Is communicated to the offeror in this state and the offeree reasonably believes the offeror to be present in this state and the acceptance is received at the place in this state to which it is directed; and
- (2) has not previously been communicated to the offeror, orally or in a record, outside this state.
- (e) \*\*Incestment advice and misrepresentations. Sections 20 (a), 21 (a), 22 (a), 31, 34, and 35, and amendments thereto, apply to a person if the person engages in an act, practice, or course of business instrumental in effecting prohibited or actionable conduct in this state, whether or not either party is then present in this state.

New Sec. 50. (a) Signed consent to service of process. A consent to service of process required by this act must be signed and filed in the form required by a rule or order under this act. A consent appointing the administrator the person's agent for service of process in a noncriminal action or proceeding against the person, or the person's successor or personal representative under this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act after the consent is filed, has the same force and validity as if the service were made personally on the person filing the consent. A person that has filed a consent complying with this subsection in connection with a previous application for registration or notice filing need not file an additional consent.

Publications, radio, television, or electronic communications. An offer to sell or to purchase is not made in this state when a publisher circulates or there is circulated on the publisher's behalf in this state a bona fide newspaper or other publication of general, regular, and paid circulation that is not published in this state, or that is published in this state but has had more than two thirds of its circulation outside this state during the previous 12 months or when a radio or television program or other electronic communication originating outside this state is received in this state. A radio or television program, or other electronic communication is considered as having originated in this state if either the broadcast studio or the originating source of transmission is located in this state, unless:

- (1) the program or communication is syndicated and distributed from outside this state for redistribution to the general public in this state;
- (2) the program or communication is supplied by a radio, television, or other electronic network with the electronic signal originating from outside this state for redistribution to the general public in this state;
- (3) the program or communication is an electronic communication that originates outside this state and is captured for redistribution to the general public in this state by a community antenna or cable, radio, cable television, or other electronic system; or
- (4) the program or communication consists of an electronic communication that originates in this state, but which is not intended for distribution to the general public in this state.
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 statement that the request is being made in conjunction with a prosecution of an offense that requires a prior conviction as one of the elements of such offense:

- (7) the supreme court, the clerk or disciplinary administrator thereof, the state board for admission of attorneys or the state board for discipline of attorneys, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for admission, or for an order of reinstatement, to the practice of law in this state by the person whose record has been expunged;
- (8) the Kansas lottery, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for employment with the Kansas lottery or for work in sensitive areas within the Kansas lottery as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the Kansas lottery:
- (9) the governor or the Kansas racing commission, or a designce of the commission, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for executive director of the commission, for employment with the commission, for work in sensitive areas in parimutual racing as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the commission or for licensure, renewal of licensure or continued licensure by the commission:
  - (10) the Kansas sentencing commission;
- (11) the state gaining agency, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications: (A) To be an employee of the state gaining agency; or (B) to be an employee of a tribal gaining commission or to hold a license issued pursuant to a tribal-gaining compact:
- (12) the Kansas securities commissioner or a designee of the commissioner, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative by such agency and the application was submitted by the person whose record has been expunged; or
- (13) the department of wildlife and parks and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for a permit as a commercial guide or associate guide under K.S.A. 32-964, and amendments thereto.

[Sec. 60. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 21-4704 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-4704. (a) For purposes of sentencing, the following sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes shall be applied in felony cases for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993.

Also, strike all on pages 78 through 81, renumber remaining sections accordingly.

[Conforming amendments with '03 SB 110, requested by the Office of the Securities Commissioner]

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cies which receive appropriations from the state general fund to provide such services.

- (b) Nothing in this act or in the sections amended by this act or referred to in subsection (a), shall be deemed to authorize remittances to be made less frequently than is authorized under K.S.A. 75-4215 and amendments thereto.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision of any statute referred to in or amended by this act or referred to in subsection (a), whenever in any fiscal year such 20% credit to the state general fund in relation to any particular fee fund is \$200,000, in that fiscal year the 20% credit no longer shall apply to moneys received from sources applicable to such fee fund and for the remainder of such year the full 100% so received shall be credited to such fee fund, except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and except that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, with respect to the fire marshal fee fund, when the 20% credit to the state general fund prescribed by K.S.A. 31-133a, 31-134 and 75-1514 and amendments thereto, in the aggregate, is \$400,000, then in that fiscal year such 20% credit no longer shall apply to moneys received from sources applicable to the fire marshal fee fund and for the remainder of such fiscal year the full 100% so received shall be credited to the fire marshal fee fund.
- Sec. 66. K.S.A. 75-6302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6302. (a) On July 1, 1982, the office of the securities commissioner of Kansas provided for by K.S.A. 17-1270, prior to its amendment by this act in 1982, and prior to its repeal by this act, shall be and is hereby abolished and all of the powers, duties and functions of such securities commissioner shall be and are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the securities commissioner of Kansas provided for by this act.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the securities commissioner provided for by this act shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the securities commissioner, in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this act.
- (c) Whenever the securities commissioner of Kansas, or words of like effect, is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the securities commissioner provided for by this act.
- (d) All rules and regulations and all orders and directives of the securities commissioner of Kansas in existence immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the rules and regulations and orders or directives of the securities commissioner of Kansas provided for by this act, until revised, amended, repealed or nullified pursuant to law.
  - Sec. 67. K.S.A. 12-1675, 12-1677b, 12-4516, 16-214, 17-1260, 17-

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OFFICE OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR CHRIS BIGGS, COMMISSIONER

# TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL No. 2347 Adoption of the Kansas Uniform Securities Act House Judiciary Committee

Chris Biggs, Securities Commissioner January 21, 2004

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 2347 and several amendments that were recommended by the Special Committee on Judiciary.

After last year's session, staff from the Office of the Securities Commissioner met with representatives of the Securities Industry Association and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) to discuss HB 2347 and to negotiate compromises on numerous points in the language of the bill. As a result of those discussions, several proposed amendments were presented to the Special Committee on Judiciary with the support of all three parties. In addition, the Office of the Securities Commissioner presented a package of amendments to clean up technical errors and to make HB 2347 conform with the final version of SB 110 that passed last year and increased the penalties for securities violations. Those amendments were recommended for passage by the Special Committee on Judiciary, and they are contained within a balloon amendment prepared by Jill Wolters. My staff and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning those amendments.

A few important issues remain, however. Over our strong objections, the Special Committee on Judiciary recommended that HB 2347 be amended to remove variable annuities from the definition of a security. We urge you to reject that recommendation. Just this past week, the National Association of Securities Dealers filed a complaint charging Waddell & Reed with recommending 6,700 variable annuity exchanges to its customers without determining the suitability of the transactions. The transactions generated \$37 million in commissions for Waddell & Reed and cost the customers nearly \$10 million in surrender fees. Many of those dollars came from Kansas citizens, and the case involves a Kansas-based brokerage firm, but we have no jurisdiction because annuities are not currently defined as securities in Kansas. We urge you to include variable annuities within the definition of a security so that the Office of the Securities Commissioner can assist Kansans who are victimized by abusive sales practices related to this type of investment product.

### **FESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL No. 2347**Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner

Another issue I ask you to consider involves the statute of limitations for criminal offenses found in section 37(b) on page 46, line 1 of the bill. The language in section 37(b) was imported from the current Kansas Securities Act, K.S.A. 17-1267(b), but when I became Securities Commissioner last July I immediately became concerned with the lack of a tolling provision in K.S.A. 17-1267(b). With securities fraud cases, including a case I am preparing to file in the next few weeks, the investment may not mature for five years or more. As a result, the investor may not become aware that his or her money was stolen through a phony investment scam until the statute of limitations has already expired.

Our office corresponded with NCCUSL to determine whether they would be concerned about an amendment to section 37(b). In essence, we were told that NCCUSL would oppose an amendment to the *civil* statute of limitations in 38(j) because it was the subject of much dispute and negotiation in the drafting process, but the *criminal* statutes of limitations are left entirely up to the states. In light of NCCUSL's acquiescence, we would propose the following amendment to 37(b). The substantive part of the amendment is the addition of "except as provided by 21-3106(9)"—the KPERS provision is merely shifted to avoid two "except" clauses.

Except as provided by K.S.A. 21-3106(9), and amendments thereto, no prosecution for any crime under this act may be commenced more than 10 years after the alleged violation if the victim is the Kansas public employees retirement system and no prosecution for any other crime under this act may be commenced more than five years after the alleged violation, except that no prosecution for any crime under this act may be commenced more than 10 years after the alleged violation if the victim is the Kansas public employees retirement system. A prosecution is commenced when a complaint or information is filed, or an indictment returned, and a warrant thereon is delivered to the sheriff or other officer for execution, except that no prosecution shall be deemed to have been commenced if the warrant so issued is not executed without unreasonable delay.

In addition to the amendments sought by my office, we have recently been informed that the Kansas Bar Association may propose some amendments to the bill. Those proposals have not been formalized yet, and we will not necessarily agree with all of the proposals, but we have indicated our willingness to discuss the issues in an effort to reach a compromise wherever possible. Through that process, we may develop further amendments that we support in the future.

I thank the Committee for the opportunity to speak, wish you well in your endeavor, and hope that HB 2347 will move forward and become law in a form that fosters efficient capital formation while protecting Kansas investors.

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## NASD Charges Waddell & Reed Over Annuities

By THEO FRANCIS

N WHAT COULD herald a new front in regulatory inquiries into improper investment-product sales practices, the National Association of Securities Dealers accused a unit of Waddell & Reed Financial Inc. of improperly switching thousands of customers from older variable-annuity contracts into versions that were more profitable for the company and often costlier for investors.

The Overland Park, Kan., financial-services firm reaped \$37 million in commissions and \$700,000 in fees-and cost investors \$9.8 million in "surrender" charges for closing out as many as 6,700 investment contracts in favor of "very similar" new ones, many of which were likely to generate more money for Waddell & Reed at the expense of investors, the NASD said in a 22-page complaint lodged yesterday.

Variable annuities—a clunky name for what amounts to mutual funds wrapped in an insurance policy-became one of the hottest investment products of the late 1990s, thanks to favorable tax treatment and a booming stock market.

In a statement, Waddell & Reed said NASD's complaint was marred by "misrepresentations, factual omissions and half-truths," and questioned the organization's methodology in quantifying whether and how investors were harmed. It also maintained that it adequately considered whether the replacements were suitable for each investor and gave its sales force tools for evaluating the exchange.

The complaint against Waddell & Reed comes a day after the Securities and Exchange Commission said it had found questionable sales practices widespread in the mutual-fund industry, and amid months-long inquiries by state and federal regulators into the conduct of mutual-fund companies, many of which also sell variable annuities. In addition, New York state's attorney general, Eliot Spitzer, who has led widely publicized investiga-

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tions into stock-analyst conflicts of interest and mutual-fund trading improprieties, intends to look into annuity sales practices, but isn't yet actively investigating, a spokesman said.

Although annuity sales overall slumped after the stock bubble burst, they have rebounded heartily with the improving stock market. Their complexity and high cost long have led consumer advocates to caution that securities brokers were peddling them to people who didn't fully understand the intricacies or costs. Among the costs: the surrender charges, which are steep fees for cashing out an annuity within the first few years after purchase, and which typically vanish after five to eight years.

The NASD also charged Robert Hechler, president and chief executive of Waddell & Reed Inc. from 1993 to 2001, with encouraging the firm's sales force to embark on the torrent of annuity exchanges. And it charged Robert Williams, the unit's national sales director since 1996, with failing to supervise adequately the sales force to ensure that contracts were switched only when the move was suitable for a given investor.

An attorney for Mr. Williams said he "has had a long and distinguished career in the financial-services industry, and he looks forward to being vindicated." An attorney for Mr. Hechler couldn't be reached to comment. Waddell & Reed and the two executives have 25 days to respond to the complaint, and ultimately a hearing may be held before a three-person panel under NASD rules. Either side could appeal the resulting decision within the organization, and ultimately bring the case to court.

More than 1,400 of the Waddell exchanges probably led to investors losing money, the NASD complaint said. More than 700 investors had their existing annuities switched into new ones that were "more costly, had higher fees, less benefits—but a greater payout for the [sales] rep and the firm," said Barry R. Goldsmith, NASD's executive vice president for enforcement.

In 18 other cases cited in the complaint, investors swapping existing annuities for nearly identical ones paid a penalty of least 5% of the account value for surrendering their initial annuities soon

after buying them.

In its statement, Waddell & Reed said the NASD arrived at its figures showing harm to investors "based on the retroactive application of a hypothetical academic predictive model" that failed to reflect all the benefits of the new annuities, which it called "far superior to the policies being replaced." Waddell & Reed, which in June had disclosed the NASD's inquiry, also said it believed the NASD had initiated its inquiry "without a single investor complaint" and at the behest of United Investors.

"We believe our actions were consistent with NASD rules and guidance," Waddell & Reed Chairman Keith A. Tucker said in the company's statement, which also said Messrs. Hechler and Williams acted responsibly. "Waddell & Reed strenuously denies the NASD's allegations and plans to vigorously defend its sales practices and compliance procedures.'

-Tom Lauricella

#### Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association

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**Testimony to the Judiciary Committee** 

House Bill 2347 – Kansas Uniform Securities Act Edward P. Cross, Executive Vice President Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association January 21, 2004

Good afternoon Chairman O'Neal and members of the committee. I am Edward Cross, Executive Vice President of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA). KIOGA represents oil and gas producers in Kansas, a vast majority of which are small business entities. We appear this afternoon to express our concern that K.S.A. 17-1262a is being removed from HB 2347, but without an understanding of how these definitions that are contained therein, which were last amended into the Act in 1990, and have been relied upon by Kansas oil and gas operators throughout Kansas, will be addressed.

Since the vast majority of Kansas oil and gas operators are small business entities, preserving the oil and gas securities exemption is very important. After speaking with the Securities Commission, we understand that the Commission's intent is to preserve the oil and gas securities exemption. To our understanding, the definitions preserving the oil and gas securities exemption will be developed through regulatory language. The Securities Commission has assured us that the oil and gas industry will have a seat at the table when they develop the regulatory language replacing K.S.A 17-1262a definitions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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January 21, 200

TO: Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Kansas Bar Association

RE: HB 2347

The Kansas Bar Association appears in support of HB 2347, but would recommend the following changes:

Page 14, line 39, insert "(20) an offer or sale of a security to a person not a resident of this state and not present in this state if the offer or sale does not constitute a violation of the laws of the state or foreign jurisdiction in which the offeree or purchaser is presnet and is not part of an unlawful plan or scheme to evade this act; and renumber subsequent sections.

Page 18, lines 25 - 27, strike language after "thereto" on line 25 through "thereto" on line 27.

Page 37, lines 23 and 24, strike after "records" on line 23 through "and" in line 24.

Page 49, line 19, strike "one year" and insert "two years".

Page 51, lines 4 and 5, strike all of section 3 and renumber subsequent sections.

Page 87, line 8, strike "2004" and insert "2005".

act or an agent registered under this act for soliciting a prospective puraser in this state; and

- (D) the issuer reasonably believes that all the purchasers in this state, other than those designated in paragraph (13), are purchasing for investment;
- (15) a transaction under an offer to existing security holders of the issuer, including persons that at the date of the transaction are holders of convertible securities, options, or warrants, if a commission or other remuneration, other than a standby commission, is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, for soliciting a security holder in this state;

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(16) an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security not exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if:

- (A) A registration or offering statement or similar record as required under the securities act of 1933 has been filed, but is not effective, or the offer is made in compliance with rule 165 adopted under the securities act of 1933 (17 C.F.R. 230.165); and
- (B) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued against the offeror by the administrator or the securities and exchange commission, and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that is public and that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;
- (17) an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if:
- (A) A registration statement has been filed under this act, but is not effective;
- (B) a solicitation of interest is provided in a record to offerees in compliance with a rule adopted by the administrator under this act; and
- (C) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued by the administrator under this act and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;
- (18) a transaction involving the distribution of the securities of an issuer to the security holders of another person in connection with a merger, consolidation, exchange of securities, sale of assets, or other reorganization to which the issuer, or its parent or subsidiary and the other person, or its parent or subsidiary, are parties;

(19) a rescission offer, sale, or purchase under section 39, and amend-

(19) employees' stock purchase, savings, option, profit-sharing, pension, or similar employees' benefit plan, including any securities, plan interests, and guarantees issued under a compensatory benefit plan or compensation contract, contained in a record, established by the issuer, its parents, its majority-owned subsidiaries, or the majority-owned sub-

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(20) An offer or sale of a security to a person not a resident of this state and not present in this state if the offer or sale does not constitute a violation of the laws of the state or foreign jurisdiction in which the offeree or purchaser is present and is not part of an unlawful plan or scheme to evade this act;

investment advisers act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. section 80b-22), a broker-dealer registered or required to be registered under this act and an investment adviser registered or required to be registered under this act shall file such financial reports as are required by a rule adopted or order issued under this act. If the information contained in a record filed under this subsection is or becomes inaccurate or incomplete in a material respect, the registrant shall promptly file a correcting amendment.

(c) Recordkeeping. Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. section 78o(h)) or section 222 of the investment

advisers act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. section 80b-22):

A broker-dealer registered or required to be registered under this
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(2) broker-dealer records required to be maintained under paragraph (1) may be maintained in any form of data storage acceptable under section 17(a) of the securities exchange act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. section 78q(a)) if they are readily acceptable to the securities exchange act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. section 78q(a))

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(4) On the last day of each fiscal year, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the securities act fee fund to the state general fund any remaining unencumbered amount in the securities act fee fund exceeding \$50,000 so that the beginning unencumbered balance in the securities act fee fund on the first day of each fiscal year is \$50,000. All expenditures from the securities act fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the administrator or by

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(5) All amounts transferred from the securities act fee fund to the state general fund under paragraph (4) are to reimburse the state general fund for accounting, auditing, budgeting, legal, payroll, personnel and purchasing services and any other governmental services which are performed on behalf of the state agency involved by other state agencies which receive appropriations from the state general fund to provide such services. Such reimbursements are in addition to those authorized by K.S.A. 75-3170a and amendments thereto.

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(29) "Self-regulatory organization" means a national securitie exchange registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, a nation securities association of broker-dealers registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, a clearing agency registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, or the municipal securities rulemaking board established under the securities exchange act of 1934.

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(A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(B) to attach or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.

(31) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(32) "Rules" when used in the context of the rules adopted by the administrator, means rules and regulations adopted by the administrator pursuant to this act.

New Sec 3. "Securities act of 1933" (15 U.S.C. section 77a et seq.), "securities exchange act of 1934" (15 U.S.C. section 78a et seq.), "public utility holding company act of 1935" (15 U.S.C. section 79 et seq.), "investment company act of 1940" (15 U.S.C. section 80a-1 et seq.), "investment advisers act of 1940" (15 U.S.C. section 80b-1 et seq.), "employee retirement income security act of 1974" (29 U.S.C. section 1001 et seq.), "national housing act" (12 U.S.C. section 1701 et seq.), "commodity exchange act" (7 U.S.C. Section 1 et seq.), "internal revenue code" (26 U.S.C. section 1 et seq.), "securities investor protection act of 1970" (15 U.S.C. section 78aaa et seq.), "securities litigation uniform standards act of 1998" (112 Stat. 3227), "small business investment act of 1958" (15 U.S.C. section 661 et seq.), and "electronic signatures in global and national commerce act" (15 U.S.C. section 7001 et seq.) mean those statutes and the rules and regulations adopted under those statutes, as in effect on the date of the latest amendment to any provision of this act.

New Sec. 4. A reference in this act to an agency or department of the United States is also a reference to a successor agency or department.

New Sec. 5. This act modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, but does not modify, limit, or supersede section 101(c) of that act (15 U.S.C. section 7001(c)) or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in section 103(b) of that act (15 U.S.C. section 7003(b)). This act authorizes the filing of records and signatures, when specified by provisions of

(E) In this paragraph, an "investment contract" include among other contracts, may include an interest in a limited partnership and a limited liability company and an investment in a viatical settlement or similar agreement shall include a VIATICAL INVESTMENT as defined in the North American Securities Administrators Association ("NASAA") Guidelines Regarding Viatical Investments.

January 21, 2004

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Kathleen Taylor Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association

Re: HB 2347: Uniform Securities Act

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding HB 2347, enacting the Kansas Uniform Securities Act.

Of interest to our industry is the change in the definition of "broker-dealer" that is found on Page 2 of the bill, beginning on line 4. As you can see, there is a **qualified** exclusion from the definition (**and** the securities registration requirements) for banks and savings institutions.

Banks, savings institutions and trust companies (collectively referred to here as "banks") have traditionally been excluded from the definition of "broker-dealer" and therefore, securities regulation, because bank securities activities are already being regulated by the institution's primary federal or state bank regulator. Having banks' activities also overseen by the Securities Commissioner could lead to unnecessary and duplicate regulation.

Current state law provides a very broad exclusion, generally excluding banks, savings institutions and trust companies entirely from the term "broker-dealer". HB 2347 excludes a bank or savings institution from the definition of broker-dealer only if its activities are limited to those specified in subsections (i) and (ii).

This new limited exclusion is also more restrictive than the securities activities allowed by federal law under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA). While the Uniform Securities Act (USA) exempts many of the same activities from securities regulation as GLBA, the USA does not exempt two activities that are available under GLBA. Those two activities relate to certain private placement offerings and de minimus brokerage transactions.

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Thus, if the USA is enacted as drafted, there will be inconsistency between our state law and the federal law, with the state law being more restrictive. We believe this creates a potential unfair playing field for state-chartered banks versus their national-chartered brethren. The federal banking regulator for national-chartered banks (the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency or OCC) has been very aggressive and successful in asking courts to preempt state laws that are more restrictive than federal law. If such a challenge were to be successful here, it would (at least philosophically) put our state-chartered banks at a disadvantage with regard to this Act.

We have discussed this concern with the Securities Commissioner and have graciously received acknowledgment (see attached letter) not only of our concern, but also assurance that should a successful preemption of our state law occur in the future, the Commissioner would take action, either through a legislative initiative or by regulation, to ensure that state-chartered banks would not be put at a competitive disadvantage with national-chartered banks.

With his assurance and the knowledge that currently, none of our members would be disadvantaged by the enactment of this law, we will not be asking this committee for an amendment regarding this issue at this time.

It is our understanding that an amendment requested by the Kansas Bankers Association Trust Division has already been included in the package of suggested amendments that you have received from the Securities Commissioner. The amendment would include the words, "or trust company" on line 10 of Page Two.

This change would be consistent with the definition of broker-dealer that exists under current state law as described above. We believe trust companies are excluded from the definition under current law because many of their securities activities are already being regulated at either the federal level or the state level, just as bank securities activities are already being regulated at some level.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

## **KANSAS**

OFFICE OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER
August 19, 2003

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR CHRIS BIGGS, COMMISSIONER

Charles A. Stones Senior Vice-President Kansas Bankers Association PO Box 4407 Topeka, Kansas 66604-0407

Dear Mr. Stones,

During our meeting this morning, you raised an issue concerning the exclusion of banks from the definition of a broker-dealer in section 2(4) of the Kansas Uniform Securities Act, House Bill 2347. The exclusion in section 2(4), which is drawn from section 102(4) of the model act, is narrower in some respects than the exclusion in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. As a result, under some circumstances a bank may be excluded from the definition of a broker-dealer at the federal level but still be required to register as a broker-dealer at the state level. You are concerned that the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency may successfully argue that the states are preempted from giving federally chartered banks a more restrictive exclusion than federal law provides, which would result in a competitive disadvantage for state chartered banks.

I understand your concern, and it is not my intention to create a playing field that is uneven for state chartered banks. However, I do not wish to disturb this particular model provision to address preemption that has been threatened but has not yet occurred. Section 102(4) was the subject of much debate in the drafting process and it reflects a delicate balance, including the concerns of the securities firms that the federal bank exclusion places securities firms at a competitive disadvantage to banks.

Consequently, I would oppose a current effort to amend section 2(4) to conform with the federal bank exclusion. However, in the event that the OCC is successful in carrying out its preemption threat, I assure you that I will take action to ensure that state chartered banks are not put at a competitive disadvantage with federally chartered banks. This could be accomplished by legislation or by simply expanding the bank exclusion by regulation, as authorized by section 2(4)(E) of the bill.

It was a pleasure meeting you this morning, and I look forward to working with your organization in the days ahead. I hope my position on this issue sufficiently allays your concerns.

Sincerely.

Chris Biggs

Securities Commissioner

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September 11, 2003

Senator John Vratil Chairman, The Special Committee on Judiciary State Capitol Building Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Vratil,

Waddell & Reed is in favor of robust regulatory oversight to protect the integrity of the securities industry and capital markets. However, Waddell & Reed does not support duplicative regulation that does not result in increased investor protection and that may result in inconsistent, contradictory or confusing regulatory framework. For these reasons, we support the concept of House Bill 2347 (implementing the Uniform Security Act as proposed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws) to the extent it seeks to promote uniformity of securities regulation among the various states. Waddell & Reed also supports the inclusion of variable annuities in the definition of "security" to the extent it ensures that variable annuities sold in Kansas will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Kansas Securities Commission and not the duplicative and contradictory jurisdiction of multiple federal and state regulators.

By defining variable annuities as securities instead of insurance, the Act would be more consistent with federal regulation and the treatment afforded to variable annuities by federal regulators. Federal regulators treat variable annuities as securities and as such they are subject to stringent regulation by the National Association of Security Dealers ("NASD") and the SEC. It is more difficult for Waddell & Reed and others to be regulated one way by the states and another way by federal regulators and adds another unnecessary regulatory burden to the cost of doing business.

Waddell & Reed also thinks that the character of variable annuities is more similar to an investment product than an insurance product. Clearly variable annuities have insurance features, but most customers buy variable annuities as a method to purchase the underlying mutual funds – securities. Many customers are primarily seeking the returns of equity and fixed income securities within a vehicle that provides them income tax deferral. The life insurance protection is extremely important for most people purchasing variable annuities, but typically secondary to the investment features of such products. Therefore the financial planning process that Waddell & Reed uses with its customers focuses on variable annuities as if they were primary securities.

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In other words, we are in favor of the Act because it would ostensibly prevent disparate treatment of the same activity by federal and state regulators.

Please feel free to contact Mark Buyle at 913.236.1928 who is our Associate General Counsel or Kathy Damron at 785.235.2525 who is our registered lobbyist in Topeka.

Sincerely,

John E. Sundeen, Jr.

C: Mark Buyle Kathy Damron act or an agent registered under this act for soliciting a prospective puraser in this state; and

- (D) the issuer reasonably believes that all the purchasers in this state, other than those designated in paragraph (13), are purchasing for investment;
- (15) a transaction under an offer to existing security holders of the issuer, including persons that at the date of the transaction are holders of convertible securities, options, or warrants, if a commission or other remuneration, other than a standby commission, is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, for soliciting a security holder in this state;

(16) an offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security not exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if:

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- (A) A registration or offering statement or similar record as required under the securities act of 1933 has been filed, but is not effective, or the offer is made in compliance with rule 165 adopted under the securities act of 1933 (17 C.F.R. 230.165); and
- (B) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued against the offeror by the administrator or the securities and exchange commission, and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that is public and that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;
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- (A) A registration statement has been filed under this act, but is not effective;

(B) a solicitation of interest is provided in a record to offerees in compliance with a rule adopted by the administrator under this act; and

(C) a stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued by the administrator under this act and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;

(18) a transaction involving the distribution of the securities of an issuer to the security holders of another person in connection with a merger, consolidation, exchange of securities, sale of assets, or other reorganization to which the issuer, or its parent or subsidiary and the other person, or its parent or subsidiary, are parties;

(19) a rescission offer, sale, or purchase under section 39, and amendnents thereto:

(20) employees' stock purchase, savings, option, profit-sharing, pension, or similar employees' benefit plan, including any securities, plan interests, and guarantees issued under a compensatory benefit plan or compensation contract, contained in a record, established by the issuer, its parents, its majority-owned subsidiaries, or the majority-owned sub-

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cords under this section must contain or be accompanied by the following records in addition to the information specified in section 15, and amendments thereto, and a consent to service of process complying with section 50, and amendments thereto:

- (1) A copy of the latest form of prospectus filed under the securities act of 1933;
- (2) a copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws or their substantial equivalents currently in effect; a copy of any agreement with or among underwriters; a copy of any indenture or other instrument governing the issuance of the security to be registered; and a specimen, copy, or description of the security;
- (3) copies of any other information or any other records filed by the issuer under the securities act of 1933; and
- (4) an undertaking to forward each amendment to the federal prospectus, other than an amendment that delays the effective date of the registration statement, promptly after it is filed with the securities and exchange commission.
- (c) Conditions for effectiveness of registration statement. A registration statement under this section becomes effective simultaneously with or subsequent to the federal registration statement when all the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) A stop order under subsection (d) or section 16, and amendments thereto, or issued by the securities and exchange commission is not in effect, and a proceeding is not pending against the issuer under section 16, and amendments thereto, and the administrator has not given written notice of deficiencies that are unresolved and that would constitute grounds for a stop order under section 16, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) the registration statement has been on file for at least 20 days or a shorter period provided by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- (d) Notice of federal registration statement effectiveness. The registrant shall promptly notify the administrator in a record of the date when the federal registration statement becomes effective and the content of any price amendment and shall promptly file a record containing the price amendment. If the notice is not timely received, the administrator may issue a stop order, without prior notice or hearing, retroactively denying effectiveness to the registration statement or suspending its effectiveness until compliance with this section. The administrator shall promptly notify the registrant of an order by telephone or electronic means and promptly confirm this notice by a record. If the registrant subsequently complies with the notice requirements of this section, the stop order is void as of the date of its issuance.
- (e) Effectiveness of registration statement. If the federal registration statement becomes effective before each of the conditions in this section

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 Survival of cause of action. A cause of action under this section survives the death of an individual who might have been a plaintiff or defendant.

(j) Statute of limitations. A person may not obtain relief:

(1) Under subsection (b) for violation of section 11, and amendments thereto, or under subsection (d) or (e), unless the action is instituted within cut year after the violation occurred; or

(2) under subsection (b), other than for violation of section 11, and amendments thereto, or under subsection (c) or (f), unless the action is instituted within the earlier of two years after discovery of the facts con-

stituting the violation or five years after the violation.

- (k) No enforcement of violative contract. A person that has made, or has engaged in the performance of, a contract in violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, or that has acquired a purported right under the contract with knowledge of conduct by reason of which its making or performance was in violation of this act, may not base an action on the contract.
- (l) No contractual waiver. A condition, stipulation, or provision binding a person purchasing or selling a security or receiving investment advice to waive compliance with this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act is void.
- (m) Survival of other rights or remedies. The rights and remedies provided by this act are in addition to any other rights or remedies that may exist, but this act does not create a cause of action not specified in this section or section 28 (e), and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 39. A purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice may not maintain an action under section 38, and amendments thereto, if

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17-1265, 17-1266, 17-1267, 17-1269, 17-1273, 17-1274, 17-1275, 32, 50-1009, 50-1016, 66-1508, 74-8229 and 75-6302 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 17-1252, 17-1253, 17-1254, 17-1255, 17-1257, 17-1258, 17-1259, 17-1261, 17-1262, 17-1262a, 17-1263, 17-1266a, 17-1268, 17-1270, ŏ 17-1270a, 17-1270b, 17-1271, 17-1272, 17-49a01, 21-4619, 21-4704 and 75-3170a are hereby repealed. Sec. 68. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2004, and its publication in the statute book.

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(29) "Self-regulatory organization" means a national securitiexchange registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, a nation securities association of broker-dealers registered under the securitie exchange act of 1934, a clearing agency registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, or the municipal securities rulemaking board established under the securities exchange act of 1934.

- (30) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:
  - To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
- (B) to attach or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.
- (31) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(32) "Rules" when used in the context of the rules adopted by the administrator, means rules and regulations adopted by the administrator pursuant to this act.

New Sec 3. "Securities act of 1933" (15 U.S.C. section 77a et seq.), "securities exchange act of 1934" (15 U.S.C. section 78a et seq.), "public utility holding company act of 1935" (15 U.S.C. section 79 et seq.), "investment company act of 1940" (15 U.S.C. section 80a-1 et seq.), "investment advisers act of 1940" (15 U.S.C. section 80b-1 et seq.), "employee retirement income security act of 1974" (29 U.S.C. section 1001 et seq.), "national housing act" (12 U.S.C. section 1701 et seq.), "commodity exchange act" (7 U.S.C. Section 1 et seq.), "internal revenue code" (26 U.S.C. section 1 et seq.), "securities investor protection act of 1970" (15 U.S.C. section 78aaa et seq.), "securities litigation uniform standards act of 1998" (112 Stat. 3227), "small business investment act of 1958" (15 U.S.C. section 661 et seq.), and "electronic signatures in global and national commerce act" (15 U.S.C. section 7001 et seq.) mean those statutes and the rules and regulations adopted under those statutes, as in effect on the date of the latest amendment to any provision of this act.

New Sec. 4. A reference in this act to an agency or department of the United States is also a reference to a successor agency or department. New Sec. 5. This act modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, but does not modify, limit, or supersede section 101(c) of that act (15 U.S.C. section 7001(c)) or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in section 103(b) of that act (15 U.S.C. section 7003(b)). This act author-

izes the filing of records and signatures, when specified by provisions of

(E) In this paragraph, an "investment contract" includes among (E) includes as an "investment contract," among other contracts, to other contracts, may include an interest in a limited partnership and a limited liability company and an investment in a viatical settlement or similar agreement shall include a VIATICAL INVESTMENT as defined in the North American Securities Administrators Association ("NASAA") Guidelines Regarding Viatical Investments.

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- and amendments thereto; or
  - (3) issue an order under section 9, and amendments thereto.
  - (b) Additional administrative sanctions and remedies. If the administrator finds, by written findings of fact and conclusions of law, that a person has violated this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, the administrator, in addition to any other power granted under this act, may enter an order against the registrant containing one or more of the following sanctions or remedies:
    - (1) A civil penalty up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each violation;
  - (2) a bar or suspension from association with a broker-dealer or investment adviser registered in this state;
- (3) an order requiring the person to pay restitution for any loss or disgorge any profits arising from the violation, including, in the administrator's discretion, the assessment of interest not to exceed 15% per annum from the date of the violation, or

3 (4) an order charging the person with the actual cost of the investigation or proceeding.

(c) Procedures for orders. (1) An order under subsection (b) shall not be entered unless the administrator first provides notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedures act.

(2) An order under subsection (a) is effective on the date of issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the administrator shall promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of the order. The order must include a statement of the reasons for the order and notice that upon receipt of a written request the matter will be set for a hearing which shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedures act. If a person subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the administrator within 30 days after the date of service of the order, the order becomes final as to that person by operation of law. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the administrator, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend it until final determination.

(3) An order under subsection (a) may contain a notice of the administrator's intent to seek administrative sanctions or remedies under subsection (b). If the person subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the administrator within 30 days after service of the order, the administrator may modify the order to include sanctions or remedies under subsection (b). If a hearing is requested or ordered, the administrator, after notice and opportunity for hearing, shall by written findings of fact and conclusions of law vacate, modify, or make permanent the order, and the administrator may modify the order to include

January 21, 2004

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Kathleen Taylor Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association

Re: HB 2347: Uniform Securities Act

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding HB 2347, enacting the Kansas Uniform Securities Act.

Of interest to our industry is the change in the definition of "broker-dealer" that is found on Page 2 of the bill, beginning on line 4. As you can see, there is a **qualified** exclusion from the definition (**and** the securities registration requirements) for banks and savings institutions.

Banks, savings institutions and trust companies (collectively referred to here as "banks") have traditionally been excluded from the definition of "broker-dealer" and therefore, securities regulation, because bank securities activities are already being regulated by the institution's primary federal or state bank regulator. Having banks' activities also overseen by the Securities Commissioner could lead to unnecessary and duplicate regulation.

Current state law provides a very broad exclusion, generally excluding banks, savings institutions and trust companies entirely from the term "broker-dealer". HB 2347 excludes a bank or savings institution from the definition of broker-dealer only if its activities are limited to those specified in subsections (i) and (ii).

This new limited exclusion is also more restrictive than the securities activities allowed by federal law under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA). While the Uniform Securities Act (USA) exempts many of the same activities from securities regulation as GLBA, the USA does not exempt two activities that are available under GLBA. Those two activities relate to certain private placement offerings and de minimus brokerage transactions.

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Thus, if the USA is enacted as drafted, there will be inconsistency between our state law and the federal law, with the state law being more restrictive. We believe this creates a potential unfair playing field for state-chartered banks versus their national-chartered brethren. The federal banking regulator for national-chartered banks (the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency or OCC) has been very aggressive and successful in asking courts to preempt state laws that are more restrictive than federal law. If such a challenge were to be successful here, it would (at least philosophically) put our state-chartered banks at a disadvantage with regard to this Act.

We have discussed this concern with the Securities Commissioner and have graciously received acknowledgment (see attached letter) not only of our concern, but also assurance that should a successful preemption of our state law occur in the future, the Commissioner would take action, either through a legislative initiative or by regulation, to ensure that state-chartered banks would not be put at a competitive disadvantage with national-chartered banks.

With his assurance and the knowledge that currently, none of our members would be disadvantaged by the enactment of this law, we will not be asking this committee for an amendment regarding this issue at this time.

It is our understanding that an amendment requested by the Kansas Bankers Association Trust Division has already been included in the package of suggested amendments that you have received from the Securities Commissioner. The amendment would include the words, "or trust company" on line 10 of Page Two.

This change would be consistent with the definition of broker-dealer that exists under current state law as described above. We believe trust companies are excluded from the definition under current law because many of their securities activities are already being regulated at either the federal level or the state level, just as bank securities activities are already being regulated at some level.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

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OFFICE OF THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER
August 19, 2003

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR CHRIS BIGGS, COMMISSIONER

Charles A. Stones Senior Vice-President Kansas Bankers Association PO Box 4407 Topeka, Kansas 66604-0407

Dear Mr. Stones,

During our meeting this morning, you raised an issue concerning the exclusion of banks from the definition of a broker-dealer in section 2(4) of the Kansas Uniform Securities Act, House Bill 2347. The exclusion in section 2(4), which is drawn from section 102(4) of the model act, is narrower in some respects than the exclusion in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. As a result, under some circumstances a bank may be excluded from the definition of a broker-dealer at the federal level but still be required to register as a broker-dealer at the state level. You are concerned that the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency may successfully argue that the states are preempted from giving federally chartered banks a more restrictive exclusion than federal law provides, which would result in a competitive disadvantage for state chartered banks.

I understand your concern, and it is not my intention to create a playing field that is uneven for state chartered banks. However, I do not wish to disturb this particular model provision to address preemption that has been threatened but has not yet occurred. Section 102(4) was the subject of much debate in the drafting process and it reflects a delicate balance, including the concerns of the securities firms that the federal bank exclusion places securities firms at a competitive disadvantage to banks.

Consequently, I would oppose a current effort to amend section 2(4) to conform with the federal bank exclusion. However, in the event that the OCC is successful in carrying out its preemption threat, I assure you that I will take action to ensure that state chartered banks are not put at a competitive disadvantage with federally chartered banks. This could be accomplished by legislation or by simply expanding the bank exclusion by regulation, as authorized by section 2(4)(E) of the bill.

It was a pleasure meeting you this morning, and I look forward to working with your organization in the days ahead. I hope my position on this issue sufficiently allays your concerns.

Sincerely.

Chris Biggs

Securities Commissioner

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September 11, 2003

Senator John Vratil Chairman, The Special Committee on Judiciary State Capitol Building Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Vratil,

Waddell & Reed is in favor of robust regulatory oversight to protect the integrity of the securities industry and capital markets. However, Waddell & Reed does not support duplicative regulation that does not result in increased investor protection and that may result in inconsistent, contradictory or confusing regulatory framework. For these reasons, we support the concept of House Bill 2347 (implementing the Uniform Security Act as proposed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws) to the extent it seeks to promote uniformity of securities regulation among the various states. Waddell & Reed also supports the inclusion of variable annuities in the definition of "security" to the extent it ensures that variable annuities sold in Kansas will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Kansas Securities Commission and not the duplicative and contradictory jurisdiction of multiple federal and state regulators.

By defining variable annuities as securities instead of insurance, the Act would be more consistent with federal regulation and the treatment afforded to variable annuities by federal regulators. Federal regulators treat variable annuities as securities and as such they are subject to stringent regulation by the National Association of Security Dealers ("NASD") and the SEC. It is more difficult for Waddell & Reed and others to be regulated one way by the states and another way by federal regulators and adds another unnecessary regulatory burden to the cost of doing business.

Waddell & Reed also thinks that the character of variable annuities is more similar to an investment product than an insurance product. Clearly variable annuities have insurance features, but most customers buy variable annuities as a method to purchase the underlying mutual funds – securities. Many customers are primarily seeking the returns of equity and fixed income securities within a vehicle that provides them income tax deferral. The life insurance protection is extremely important for most people purchasing variable annuities, but typically secondary to the investment features of such products. Therefore the financial planning process that Waddell & Reed uses with its customers focuses on variable annuities as if they were primary securities.

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In other words, we are in favor of the Act because it would ostensibly prevent disparate treatment of the same activity by federal and state regulators.

Please feel free to contact Mark Buyle at 913.236.1928 who is our Associate General Counsel or Kathy Damron at 785.235.2525 who is our registered lobbyist in Topeka.

Sincerely,

John E. Sundeen, Jr.

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