Session of 2025

HOUSE BILL No. 2050

By Committee on Insurance

Requested by Eric Turek, Kansas Insurance Department

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1 AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to the powers, duties and 2 responsibilities of the commissioner of insurance; authorizing the 3 commissioner of insurance to set the amount of certain fees; requiring 4 the publication of certain fees in the Kansas register; amending K.S.A. 5 40-205a, 40-218, 40-252, 40-2,133, 40-504, 40-956, 40-22a04, 40-6 2604, 40-2702, 40-3213, 40-3304, 40-3812, 40-3813, 40-3814, 40-4103, 40-4116, 40-4323, 40-4334, 40-4503, 40-5003 and 40-5509 and 7 K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-3823, 40-3824, 40-4209, 40-4302 and 40-4903 8 9 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 40-3217.

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

12 Section 1. K.S.A. 40-205a is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-13 205a. (a) No person shall-do perform any act toward selling the stock of 14 any insurance company or health maintenance organization unless such 15 person first obtains from the commissioner of insurance written authority 16 to engage in the business of selling the stock of such company. Such 17 applicant shall first be appointed in writing by the president or secretary of the company for which such applicant intends to sell stock. The applicant 18 19 for such license shall file with the commissioner of insurance the 20 applicant's written application for a license authorizing the applicant to 21 engage in the business of selling such stock. The applicant shall make 22 sworn answers to such interrogatories as the commissioner of insurance 23 shall require. The fee charged for the issuance of such license shall be not 24 exceed \$100 and shall be paid to the commissioner of insurance by the 25 company requesting such license.

(b) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required
pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-218 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-218. (*a*) Every insurance company, or fraternal benefit society, on applying for authority to transact business in this state, and as a condition precedent to obtaining such authority, shall file in the insurance department its *irrevocable* written consent, *irrevocable*, that any action or garnishment proceeding may be commenced against such company or fraternal benefit society in the proper court of any county in this state in which the cause of

1 action shall arise or in which the plaintiff may reside by the service of 2 process on the commissioner of insurance of this state, and stipulating and 3 agreeing that such service shall be taken and held in all courts to be as 4 valid and binding as if due service had been made upon the president or 5 chief officer of such corporation. Such consent shall be executed by the 6 president and secretary of the company and shall be accompanied by a 7 duly certified copy of the order or resolution of the board of directors, 8 trustees or managers authorizing the president and secretary to execute the 9 same. The summons or order of garnishment, accompanied by a fee-of not 10 to exceed \$25, shall be directed to the commissioner of insurance, and shall require the defendant or garnishee to answer or otherwise respond by 11 12 a certain day, not less than 40 days from the date the summons or order of 13 garnishment is served on the commissioner. Not later than December 1 of 14 each year, the commissioner shall set and cause to be published in the 15 Kansas register the fee required pursuant to this subsection for the next 16 calendar vear.

17 (b) Service on the commissioner of insurance of any process, notice 18 or demand against an insurance company or fraternal benefit society shall 19 be made by delivering to and leaving with the commissioner or the 20 commissioner's designee, the original of the process and two copies of the 21 process and the petition, notice of demand, or the clerk of the court may 22 send the original process and two copies of both the process and petition, 23 notice or demand directly to the commissioner by certified mail, return 24 receipt requested. In the event that any process, notice or demand is served 25 on the commissioner, the commissioner shall immediately cause a copy 26 thereof to be forwarded by certified mail, return receipt requested to the 27 insurance company or fraternal benefit society address to its general agent 28 if such agent resides in this state or to the secretary of the insurance company or fraternal benefit society sued at its registered or principal 29 30 office in any state in which it is domesticated. The commissioner of insurance shall make return of the summons to the court from whence it 31 32 issued, showing the date of its receipt, the date of forwarding such copies, 33 and the name and address of each person to whom a copy was forwarded. 34 Such return shall be under the hand and seal of office, and shall have the 35 same force and effect as a due and sufficient return made on process 36 directed to a sheriff. The commissioner of insurance shall keep a suitable 37 record in which shall be docketed every action commenced against an 38 insurance company, the time when commenced, the date and manner of 39 service; also the date of the judgment, its amount and costs, and the date of 40 payment thereof, which shall be certified from time to time by the clerk of 41 the court

42 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 40-252 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-252. 43 Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and HB 2050—Am. by HC 3

1	cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required pursuant to
2	this section for the next calendar year.
3	Every insurance company or fraternal benefit society organized under
4	the laws of this state or doing business in this state shall pay to the
5	commissioner of insurance fees and taxes not to exceed the amounts
6	specified in the following schedule:
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8	Insurance companies organized under the laws of this state:
9	1. Capital stock insurance companies and mutual legal reserve life
10	insurance companies:
11	Filing application for sale of stock or certificates of indebtedness\$25
12	Admission fees:
13	Examination of charter and other documents
14	Filing annual statement
15	Certificate of authority10
16	Annual fees:
17	Filing annual statement100
18	Continuation of certificate of authority10
19	2. Mutual life, accident and health associations:
20	Admission fees:
21	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
22	Filing annual statement100
23	Certificate of authority10
24	Annual fees:
25	Filing annual statement
26	Continuation of certificate of authority
27	3. Mutual fire, hail, casualty and multiple line insurers and reciprocal or
28	interinsurance exchanges:
29	Admission fees:
30	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
31	Filing annual statement
32	Certificate of authority
33	Annual fees:
34	Filing annual statement
35	Continuation of certificate of authority
36	In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the
37	continuation of the certificate of authority provided in this code, all such
38	companies shall pay a fee of \$2 for each agent <i>newly</i> certified by the
39	company-and until such time that either the company or the agent
40	terminates such appointment. Companies shall also pay a tax annually
41	upon all premiums received on risk located in this state at the rate of $\frac{19}{100}$
42	for tax year 1997, and 2% for all tax years thereafter per annum less (1) for
43	tax years prior to 1984, any taxes paid on business in this state pursuant to

1 the provisions of K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707, inclusive, and 75-1508, and

2 amendments thereto, and (2) for tax years 1984 and thereafter, any taxes 3 paid on business in this state pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1508,

4 and amendments thereto, and the amount of the firefighters relief tax credit 5 determined by the commissioner of insurance. The amount of the 6 firefighters relief tax credit for a company for the current tax year shall be 7 determined by the commissioner of insurance by dividing: (A) The total 8 amount of credits against the tax imposed by this section for taxes paid by 9 all such companies on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1701-tothrough 40-1707, inclusive, and amendments thereto, for tax year 1983, by 10 11 (B) the total amount of taxes paid by all such companies on business in 12 this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments thereto, for the tax year immediately preceding the current tax year, and by multiplying the result 13 14 so obtained by (C) the amount of taxes paid by the company on business in 15 this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments thereto, for the current 16 tax year.

17 In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be 18 entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, 19 including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed 20 as annuity premiums-which that, on or after January 1, 1997, are 21 withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, all premiums 22 received for reinsurance from any other company authorized to do 23 business in this state, dividends returned to policyholders and premiums 24 received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred 25 compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan gualified or exempt under sections 401, 403, 404, 408, 457 or 501 of the United States internal 26 27 revenue code of 1986. Funds received by life insurers for the purchase of 28 annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of 29 annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under 30 this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.

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B Fraternal benefit societies organized under the laws of this state:

33	Admission fees:
34	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
35	Filing annual statement100
36	Certificate of authority10
37	Annual fees:
38	Filing annual statement100
39	Continuation of certificate of authority10
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41	Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service
42	corporations, nonprofit dental service corporations, nonprofit optometric
43	service corporations and nonprofit pharmacy service corporations

1	organized under the laws of this state.	
2	1. Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations:	
3	Admission fees:	Ф <i>5</i> 00
4	Examination of charter and other documents	
5 6	Filing annual statement	
6 7	Certificate of authority Annual fees:	10
8	Filing annual statement	100
8 9	Continuation of certificate of authority	
9 10	 Nonprofit medical service corporations: 	10
10	Admission fees:	
12	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
12	Filing annual statement.	
14	Certificate of authority	
15	Annual fees:	10
16	Filing annual statement	100
17	Continuation of certificate of authority	
18	3. Nonprofit dental service corporations:	10
19	Admission fees:	
20	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
21	Filing annual statement.	
22	Certificate of authority	
23	Annual fees:	
24	Filing annual statement	
25	Continuation of certificate of authority	
26	4. Nonprofit optometric service corporations:	
27	Admission fees:	
28	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
29	Filing annual statement	
30	Certificate of authority	
31	Annual fees:	
32	Filing annual statement	
33	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
34	5. Nonprofit pharmacy service corporations:	
35	Admission fees:	
36	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
37	Filing annual statement	
38	Certificate of authority	10
39	Annual fees:	
40	Filing annual statement	100
41	Continuation of certificate of authority	
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42 In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the 43 continuation of the certificate of authority, provided in this code, every

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corporation or association shall pay annually to the commissioner of 1 insurance a tax in an amount equal to 1% for tax year 1997, and 2% for all 2 tax years thereafter per annum of the total of all premiums, subscription 3 charges, or any other term-which *that* may be used to describe the charges 4 made by such corporation or association to subscribers for hospital, 5 6 medical or other health services or indemnity received during the 7 preceding year. In such computations all such corporations or associations 8 shall be entitled to deduct any premiums or subscription charges returned on account of cancellations and dividends returned to members or 9 10 subscribers.

11 D 12 Insurance companies organized under the laws of any other state, territory 13 or country: 1. Capital stock insurance companies and mutual legal reserve life 14 15 insurance companies: Filing application for sale of stock or certificates of indebtedness.....\$25 16 Admission fees: 17 18 19 20 21 Annual fees: 22 23 In addition to the above fees, all such companies shall pay \$5 for each 24 25 agent *newly* certified by the company, except as otherwise provided by

26 law.

As a condition precedent to the continuation of the certificate of authority, provided in this code, every company organized under the laws of any other state of the United States or of any foreign country shall pay a tax upon all premiums received during the preceding year at the rate of 2% per annum.

32 In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be 33 entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, 34 including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed as annuity premiums-which that, on or after January 1, 1997, are 35 withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, dividends 36 returned to policyholders and all premiums received for reinsurance from 37 any other company authorized to do business in this state and premiums 38 39 received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under 40 sections 401, 403, 404, 408, 457 or 501 of the United States internal 41 revenue code of 1986. Funds received by life insurers for the purchase of 42 annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of 43

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1	annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under		
2	this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.		
3	 Mutual life, accident and health associations: 		
4	Admission fees:		
5	Examination of charter and other documents\$500		
6	Filing annual statement		
7	Certificate of authority		
8	Annual fees:		
9	Filing annual statement		
10	Continuation of certificate of authority		
11	In addition to the above fees, every such company organized under the		
12	laws of any other state of the United States shall pay \$5 for each agent		
13	newly certified by the company; and shall pay a tax annually upon all		
14	premiums received at the rate of 2% per annum.		
15	In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be		
16	entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations,		
17	including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed		
18	as annuity premiums-which that, on or after January 1, 1997, are		
19	withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, dividends		
20	returned to policyholders and all premiums received for reinsurance from		
21	any other company authorized to do business in this state and premiums		
22	received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred		
23	compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under		
24 25	sections 401, 403, 404, 408, 457 or 501 of the United States internal revenue code of 1986. Funds received by life insurers for the purchase of		
23 26	annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of		
20 27	annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under		
28	this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.		
28 29	3. Mutual fire, casualty and multiple line insurers and reciprocal or		
30	interinsurance exchanges:		
31	Admission fees:		
32	Examination of charter and other documents and issuance of certificate		
33	of authority\$500		
34	Filing annual statement		
35	Certificate of authority		
36	Annual fees:		
37	Filing annual statement100		
38	Continuation of certificate of authority10		
39	In addition to the above fees, every such company or association		
40	organized under the laws of any other state of the United States shall pay a		
41	fee of \$5 for each agent <i>newly</i> certified by the company and shall also pay		
42	a tax annually upon all premiums received at the rate of 2% per annum.		
43	For tax years 1998 and thereafter, the annual tax shall be reduced by the		

"applicable percentage" of: (1) Any taxes paid on business in this state 1 pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1508, and amendments thereto;; 2 and (2) the amount of the firefighters relief tax credit determined by the 3 commissioner of insurance. The amount of the firefighters relief tax credit 4 5 for a company taxable under this subsection for the current tax year shall 6 be determined by the commissioner of insurance by dividing (A) the total 7 amount of taxes paid by all such companies on business in this state under 8 K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707, and amendments thereto, for tax year 1983 as then in effect, by (B) the total amount of taxes paid by all such companies 9 on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments thereto, 10 for the tax year immediately preceding the current tax year, and by 11 multiplying the result so obtained by (C) the amount of taxes paid by the 12 company on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments 13 thereto, for the current tax year. The "applicable percentage" shall be as 14 15 follows:

16	Tax Year	Applicable Percentage
17	1998	10%
18	1999	20%
19	2000	40%
20	2002	50%
21	2003	60%
22	2004	70%
23	2005	80%
24	2006	90%
25	2007 and thereafter	100%

In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be
 entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, all
 premiums received for reinsurance from any other company authorized to
 do business in this state, and dividends returned to policyholders.

- 30 F 31 Fraternal benefit societies organized under the laws of any other state, 32 territory or country: 33 Admission fees: Examination of charter and other documents......\$500 34 35 36 37 Annual fees: 38 39 40 F 41 *Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service* 42 corporations, nonprofit dental service corporations, nonprofit optometric
- 43 service corporations and nonprofit pharmacy service corporations

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1	organized under the laws of any other state, territory or country:	
2	1. Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations:	
3	Admission fees:	
4	Examination of charter and other documents\$500	
5	Filing annual statement	
6	Certificate of authority	
7	Annual fees:	
8	Filing annual statement	
9	Continuation of certificate of authority	
10	2. Nonprofit medical service corporations, nonprofit dental service	
11	corporations, nonprofit optometric service corporations and nonprofit	
12	pharmacy service corporations:	
13	Admission fees:	
14	Examination of charter and other documents\$500	
15	Filing annual statement	
16	Certificate of authority10	
17	Annual fees:	
18	Filing annual statement100	
19	Continuation of certificate of authority10	
20	In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the	
21	continuation of the certificate of authority, provided in this code, every	
22	corporation or association shall pay annually to the commissioner of	
23	insurance a tax in an amount equal to 2% per annum of the total of all	
24	premiums, subscription charges, or any other term-which that may be used	
25	to describe the charges made by such corporation or association to	
26	subscribers in this state for hospital, medical or other health services or	
27	indemnity received during the preceding year. In such computations all	
28	such corporations or associations shall be entitled to deduct any premiums	
29	or subscription charges returned on account of cancellations and dividends	
30	returned to members or subscribers.	
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32	Payment of Taxes.	

33 For the purpose of insuring the collection of the tax upon premiums, 34 assessments and charges as set out in subsection A, C, D or F, every 35 insurance company, corporation or association shall at the time it files its 36 annual statement, as required by the provisions of K.S.A. 40-225, and 37 amendments thereto, make a return, generated by or at the direction of its 38 president and secretary or other chief officers, under penalty of K.S.A. 21-39 5824, and amendments thereto, to the commissioner of insurance, stating 40 the amount of all premiums, assessments and charges received by the companies or corporations in this state, whether in cash or notes, during 41 42 the year ending on the December 31 next preceding.

43 Commencing in 1985 and annually thereafter the estimated taxes shall

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1 be paid as follows: On or before June 15 and December 15 of such year an amount equal to 50% of the full amount of the prior year's taxes as 2 3 reported by the company shall be remitted to the commissioner of insurance. As used in this paragraph, "prior year's taxes" includes: (1) 4 5 Taxes assessed pursuant to this section for the prior calendar year; (2) fees 6 and taxes assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-253, and amendments thereto, 7 for the prior calendar year; and (3) taxes paid for maintenance of the 8 department of the state fire marshal pursuant to K.S.A. 75-1508, and 9 amendments thereto, for the prior calendar year.

Upon the receipt of such returns the commissioner of insurance shall verify the same and assess the taxes upon such companies, corporations or associations on the basis and at the rate provided herein and the balance of such taxes shall thereupon become due and payable giving credit for amounts paid pursuant to the preceding paragraph, or the commissioner shall make a refund if the taxes paid in the prior June and December are in excess of the taxes assessed.

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18 The fee prescribed for the examination of charters and other documents 19 shall apply to each company's initial application for admission and shall 20 not be refundable for any reason.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 40-2,133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,133. (a) No insurer may utilize or continue to utilize the services of an
MGA on and after the effective date of this act unless such utilization is in
compliance with this act.

(b) The insurer shall have on file an independent financial
examination in a form acceptable to the commissioner of each MGA with
which it has done business.

(c) If an MGA establishes loss reserves, the insurer shall annually
 obtain the opinion of an actuary attesting to the adequacy of loss reserves
 established for losses incurred and outstanding on business produced by
 the MGA. Such requirement shall be in addition to any other required loss
 reserve certification.

(d) The insurer shall periodically, but not less frequently than semi annually, conduct an on-site review of the underwriting and claims
 processing operations of the MGA.

(e) Binding authority for all reinsurance contracts or participation in
insurance or reinsurance syndicates shall rest with an officer of the insurer
who shall not be affiliated with the MGA.

(f) (1) Within 30 days of entering into or termination of a contract
with an MGA, the insurer shall provide written notification of such
appointment or termination to the commissioner. Notices of appointment
of an MGA shall include:

43 (1)(A) A statement of duties-which that the applicant is expected to

1 perform on behalf of the insurer,;

2 (2)(B) the lines of insurance for which the applicant is to be 3 authorized to act₅;

4 (3)(C) a notification fee in-the *an* amount-of *not to exceed* \$100, (4); 5 and

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(D) any other information the commissioner may request.

7 (2) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
8 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required
9 pursuant to this subsection for the next calendar year.

10 (g) Each calendar quarter, an insurer shall-each quarter review its books and records to determine if any agent or broker has become, by 11 operation of subsection (d) of K.S.A. 40-2,130(d), and amendments 12 thereto, an MGA as defined in that subsection. If the insurer determines 13 14 that an agent or broker has become an MGA pursuant to the above, the 15 insurer shall promptly notify the agent or broker and the commissioner of such determination, and the insurer and agent or broker shall fully comply 16 17 with the provisions of this act within 30 days.

(h) An insurer shall not appoint to its board of directors an officer,
 director, employee or controlling shareholder of its MGAs. This subsection
 shall not apply to relationships governed by the applicable provisions of
 article 33 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*.

23 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 40-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-504. 24 Any corporation heretofore organized and existing pursuant to law for the 25 purpose of making insurance on the lives of individuals, may take advantage and have the benefit of this act by filing in the office of the 26 27 commissioner of insurance a declaration of the company, signed by the 28 president and secretary, giving the name of the corporation, a copy of the 29 bylaws, the form of application adopted by them, and a copy of the policy contract proposed to be issued to individuals, together with a fee-of-one 30 31 hundred dollars not to exceed \$100. The commissioner of insurance shall 32 submit all documents to the attorney general for-his examination, and if 33 found by him the attorney general to be in accordance with the law he, the 34 attorney general shall certify to and deliver-the same such documents to 35 the commissioner of insurance, who shall retain such documents on file-36 and. Upon compliance by-said such company with the provisions of this 37 code, the commissioner of insurance shall issue his a certificate 38 authorizing-said such company to do business in this state under the 39 provisions of this code. Not later than December 1 of each year, the 40 commissioner shall set and cause to be published in the Kansas register 41 the fee required pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

42 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 40-956 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-956.
43 (a) (1) Any corporation, association, partnership or individual whether

1 located in or out of the state, may apply for license as a rating organization

2 for such kinds of insurance or subdivisions thereof as are specified in its3 application and shall file-therewith:

4 (1)(A) A copy of its constitution, articles of agreement or association 5 or certificate of incorporation, and its bylaws and rules governing the 6 conduct of its business;

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(2)(B) a list of its members and subscribers;

8 (3)(C) the name and address of a resident of the state upon whom 9 service of process or orders of the commissioner may be served and an 10 irrevocable agreement to accept such service or notices; and

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(4)(D) a statement of its qualification as a rating organization.

(2) Every rating organization shall notify the commissioner promptly
 of every change in its organizational structure, members or subscribers and
 the person upon whom service or notices may be made.

(3) If the commissioner finds the applicant is qualified, the 15 16 commissioner shall issue a license specifying the kinds of insurance or 17 subdivisions thereof for which the applicant is authorized to act as a rating 18 organization. Every such application shall be granted or denied in whole or 19 in part by the commissioner within 60 days of the date of its filing. 20 Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall continue in force until May 1 21 next after their date unless suspended or revoked by the commissioner. The 22 fee for such license shall-be not exceed \$25 annually. Not later than 23 December 1 of each year, the commissioner of insurance shall set and 24 cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required pursuant to 25 this paragraph for the next calendar year. Licenses issued pursuant to this 26 section may be suspended or revoked by the commissioner, after hearing 27 upon notice, in the event the rating organization ceases to meet the 28 requirements of this section.

29 (b) Every rating organization shall furnish its rating services without 30 discrimination to its members and subscribers. Subject to rules-which that 31 have been approved by the commissioner as reasonable, each rating 32 organization shall permit any insurer or group pool, not a member, to be a 33 subscriber to its rating service for any kind of insurance or subdivision 34 thereof for which it is authorized to act as a rating organization. The 35 reasonableness of any rule in its application to subscribers, or the refusal 36 of any rating organization to admit an insurer or group pool as a 37 subscriber, at the request of any subscriber, pool or any insurer shall be 38 reviewed by the commissioner at a hearing.

(c) No rating organization shall adopt any rule, the effect of which
would be to prohibit or regulate the payment of dividends, savings or
unabsorbed premium deposits allowed or returned by insurers to their
policyholders, members or subscribers.

43 (d) The commissioner, at least once in five years, shall make or cause

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to be made an examination of each rating organization licensed in this state. The reasonable costs of such examination shall be paid by the rating organization examined, upon presentation to it of a detailed account of such cost. The officers, managers, agents and employees of such rating organization may be examined under oath and shall exhibit all books, records, accounts, documents or agreements governing its method of

records, accounts, documents or agreements governing its method of
operation. The commissioner may waive such examination upon proof
such rating organization has, within a reasonably recent period, been
examined by the insurance supervisory official of another state, and upon
filing with the commissioner a copy of the report of such examination.

(e) Cooperation among rating organizations or among rating 11 organizations and insurers in rate making or in other matters within the 12 scope of this act is hereby authorized, provided except that the filings 13 resulting from such cooperation are subject to all the provisions of this act 14 which that are applicable to filings generally. The commissioner may 15 16 review such cooperative activities and practices and if, after a hearing, the 17 commissioner finds any such activity or practice is unfair, unreasonable or 18 otherwise inconsistent with this act or other provision of the insurance 19 laws of this state, the commissioner may issue a written order requiring 20 discontinuance of such activities or practices.

21 (f) Any rating organization may provide for the examination of 22 policies, daily reports, binders and other transaction with its members or 23 subscribers, providing if it makes reasonable rules governing those 24 activities, which. Such rules shall be approved by the commissioner. Such 25 rules- and shall contain a provision that in the event any insurer does not within 60 days furnish satisfactory evidence to the rating organization of 26 27 the correction of any error or omissions previously called to its attention 28 by the rating organization, it shall be the duty of the rating organization to 29 notify the commissioner thereof. All information submitted for 30 examination shall be confidential.

(g) Any rating organization may subscribe for or purchase actuarial,
 technical or other services, and such services shall be available to all
 members and subscribers without discrimination. Any rating organization
 may collect, compile and distribute past and current premiums of
 individual insurers.

36 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 40-22a04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-37 22a04. (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations establishing 38 standards governing the conduct of utilization review activities performed 39 in this state or affecting residents or healthcare providers of this state by utilization review organizations. Unless granted an exemption under 40 41 K.S.A. 40-22a06, and amendments thereto, no utilization review 42 organization may conduct utilization review services in this state or 43 affecting residents of this state without first obtaining a certificate from the

1 commissioner.

2 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a certificate to a utilization 3 review organization until the applicant:

4 (1) Files a formal application for certification in such form and detail 5 as required by the commissioner and such application has been executed 6 under oath by the chief executive officer, president or other head official of 7 the applicant;

8 (2) files with the commissioner a certified copy of its charter or 9 articles of incorporation and bylaws, if any;

(3) states the location of the office or offices of the utilization review
 organization where utilization review affecting residents or health care
 providers of this state will be principally performed;

(4) provides a summary of the qualifications and experience of
 persons performing utilization review affecting the persons and at the
 locations identified pursuant to paragraph (3);

16 (5) makes payment of a certification fee-of *not to exceed* \$100 to the 17 commission; and

18 (6) provides such other information or documentation as the 19 commissioner requires.

(c) Certificates issued by the commissioner pursuant to this act shall
 remain effective until suspended, surrendered or revoked subject to
 payment of an annual continuation fee-of *not to exceed* \$50.

(d) The commissioner may suspend or revoke the certificate or any exemption from certification requirements upon determination that the interests of Kansas insureds are not being properly served under such certificate or exemption. Any such action shall be taken only after a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(e) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required
pursuant to this paragraph for the next calendar year.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 40-2604 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2604. (*a*) No person shall engage in the business of financing insurance premiums under this act in this state without first having obtained a license as a premium finance company from the commissioner of insurance. Every violation of any of the provisions of this act shall subject the person violating the same such provisions to a penalty not to exceed \$500 for each violation or by imprisonment not to exceed six months in jail or both.

(b) (1) (A) The license continuation fee shall-be not exceed \$100. The
fee for such continuation shall be paid to the commissioner to be deposited
in the state general fund.

42 *(B)* Licenses may be continued from year to year as of May 1 of each 43 year upon payment of the continuation fee. Every licensee shall, on or before the first day of April, pay to the commissioner the sum of an
 amount not to exceed \$100 as a continuation fee for the succeeding year.
 Failure to pay the continuation fee within the time prescribed shall
 automatically revoke the license.

5 (2) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall 6 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required 7 pursuant to this subsection for the next calendar year.

8 (c) The applicant for such license shall file with the commissioner 9 written application and shall make sworn answers to such interrogatories 10 as the commissioner may require on forms prepared by the commissioner. The commissioner shall have authority, at any time, to require the 11 12 applicant fully to disclose the identity of all stockholders, partners, officers 13 and employees, and the commissioner may, in the exercise of discretion, 14 refuse to issue or renew a license in the name of any firm, partnership, or 15 corporation if not satisfied that any officer, employee, stockholder, or 16 partner thereof who may materially influence the applicant's conduct meets 17 the standards of this act

18 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 40-2702 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2702. (a) As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the 19 20 term "insurer" means and includes all corporations, companies, 21 associations, societies, fraternal benefit societies, mutual nonprofit hospital 22 service and nonprofit medical service companies, partnerships and persons 23 engaged as principals in the business of insurance of the kinds enumerated 24 in articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 18, 19, 19a, 19b, 19c, 22, 32 and 38 of chapter 40 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and any amendments thereto, insofar as the business of insurance of the kinds enumerated in such articles relate to 26 27 life and accident or sickness. Whenever in this section there is reference to 28 an act effected or committed by mail, the venue of such act shall be at the 29 point where the matter transmitted by mail is delivered and takes effect.

It shall be unlawful for any insurer to transact insurance business in this state, as set forth in subsection (b)-of this section, without a certificate of authority from the commissioner of insurance. This section shall not apply to:

(1) The lawful transaction of insurance procured by agents under the
authority of K.S.A. 40-246b, 40-246c and 40-246d, and amendments
thereto, relating to accident and sickness insurance;

(2) contracts of reinsurance issued by an insurer not organized underthe laws of this state;

(3) transactions in this state involving a policy lawfully solicited,
written and delivered outside of this state, covering only subjects of
insurance not resident in this state at the time of issuance and which
transactions are subsequent to the issuance of such policy;

43 (4) attorneys acting in the ordinary relation of attorney and client in

1 the adjustment of claims or losses;

2 (5) transactions in this state involving group life and group sickness 3 and accident or blanket sickness and accident insurance or group annuities, 4 where the master policy of such groups was lawfully issued and delivered 5 in and pursuant to the laws of a state in which the insurer was authorized 6 to do an insurance business to a group organized for purposes other than 7 the procurement of insurance and where the policyholder is domiciled or 8 otherwise has a bona fide residence;

9 (6) transactions in this state involving any policy of life or accident 10 and health insurance or annuity contract issued prior to the effective date 11 of this act;

12 (7) contracts of insurance written by certain lodges, societies, persons 13 and associations specified in K.S.A. 40-202, and amendments thereto, and 14 organizations preempted from state jurisdiction as a result of compliance 15 with both the employees retirement income security act of 1974, as 16 amended, including all bonding provisions, and paragraph (9) of 17 subsection (c) of section 501 of the internal revenue code; and

(8) any life insurance company organized and operated, without profit 18 19 to any private shareholder or individual, exclusively for the purpose of 20 aiding and strengthening educational institutions, organized and operated 21 without profit to any private shareholder or individual, by issuing 22 insurance and annuity contracts directly from the home office of the 23 company, without insurance agents or insurance representatives in this 24 state, only to or for the benefit of such institutions and individuals engaged 25 in the services of such institutions, but this exemption shall be conditioned 26 upon any such company complying with the following requirements:

27 (i)(A) Payment of an annual registration fee-of not to exceed 500;28 Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and 29 cause to be published in the Kansas register such fee for the next calendar 30 year;

(ii)(B) filing a copy of the form of any policy or contract issued to
 Kansas residents with the commissioner of insurance;

(iii)(C) filing a copy of its annual statement prepared pursuant to the laws of its state of domicile, as well as such other financial material as may be requested, with the commissioner of insurance; and

36 (iv)(D) providing, in such form as may be prescribed by the 37 commissioner of insurance, for the appointment of the commissioner of 38 insurance as its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served all 39 lawful process in any action or proceeding against such company arising 40 out of any policy or contract it has issued to, or which is currently held by, 41 a Kansas citizen and process so served against such company shall have 42 the same force and validity as if served upon the company.

43 (b) Any of the following acts in this state effected by mail or

otherwise by or on behalf of an unauthorized insurer-is shall be deemed to
 constitute the transaction of an insurance business in this state:

3 (1) The making of or proposing to make, as an insurer, an insurance 4 contract;

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(2) the taking or receiving of any application for insurance;

6 (3) the receiving or collection of any premium, commission, 7 membership fees, assessments, dues or other consideration for any 8 insurance or any part thereof;

9 (4) the issuance or delivery of contracts of insurance to residents of 10 this state or to persons authorized to do business in this state;

11 (5) (A) directly or indirectly acting as an agent for or otherwise 12 representing or aiding on behalf of another any *other* person or insurer in 13 the:

(*i*) solicitation, negotiation, procurement or effectuation of insurance
 or renewals thereof or in the;

(ii) dissemination of *coverage or rate* information-as to coverage or
 rates, or;

(iii) forwarding of applications or delivery of policies or contracts-or
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20 *(iv)* investigation or adjustment of claims or losses or in the 21 transaction of matters subsequent to effectuation of the contract and rising 22 out of it; or

(v) in any other manner representing or assisting a person or insurer
 in the transaction of insurance with respect to subjects of insurance
 resident in this state.

(B) Nothing-herein in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit
full-time salaried employees of a corporate insured from acting in the
capacity of an insurance manager or buyer in placing insurance-in on
behalf of such employer;

(6) the transaction of any kind of insurance business specifically
 recognized as transacting an insurance business within the meaning of the
 statutes relating to insurance; or

(7) the transacting of or proposing to transact any insurance business,
in substance equivalent to any of the foregoing, in a manner designed to
evade the provisions of this act.

36 (c) (1) The failure of an insurer transacting insurance business in this 37 state to obtain a certificate of authority from the commissioner of 38 insurance shall not impair the validity of any act or contract of such insurer 39 and shall not prevent such insurer from defending any action at law or suit in equity in any court of this state, but no insurer transacting insurance 40 41 business in this state without a certificate of authority shall be permitted to 42 maintain an action in any court of this state to enforce any right, claim or 43 demand arising out of the transaction of such business until such insurer

1 shall have obtained a certificate of authority.

2 (2) In the event of failure of any such unauthorized insurer to pay any 3 claim or loss within the provisions of such insurance contract, any person 4 who assisted or in any manner aided, directly or indirectly, in the 5 procurement of such insurance contract shall be liable to the insured for 6 the full amount of the claim or loss in the manner provided by the 7 provisions of such insurance contract.

8 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 40-3213 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-9 3213. (a) *(1)* Every health maintenance organization and medicare 10 provider organization subject to this act shall pay to the commissioner the 11 following fees:

12 (+)(A) For filing an application for a certificate of authority, an 13 amount not to exceed \$150;

14 (2)(B) for filing each annual report, an amount not to exceed \$50; 15 and

16 (3)(C) for filing an amendment to the certificate of authority, an 17 *amount not to exceed* \$10.

(2) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required
 pursuant to this subsection for the next calendar year.

21 (b) Every health maintenance organization subject to this act shall 22 pay annually to the commissioner at the time such organization files its 23 annual report, a privilege fee in an amount equal to the following 24 percentages of the total of all premiums, subscription charges or any other 25 term that may be used to describe the charges made by such organization to enrollees: 3.31% during the reporting period beginning January 1, 2015, 26 and ending December 31, 2017; and 5.77% on and after January 1, 2018. 27 28 In such computations all such organizations shall be entitled to deduct 29 therefrom any premiums or subscription charges returned on account of cancellations and dividends returned to enrollees. If the commissioner 30 31 shall determine at any time that the application of the privilege fee, or a 32 change in the rate of the privilege fee, would cause a denial of, reduction 33 in or elimination of federal financial assistance to the state or to any health 34 maintenance organization subject to this act, the commissioner is hereby 35 authorized to terminate the operation of such privilege fee or the change in 36 such privilege fee.

(c) For the purpose of insuring the collection of the privilege fee
provided for by subsection (b), every health maintenance organization
subject to this act and required by subsection (b) to pay such privilege fee
shall at the time it files its annual report, as required by K.S.A. 40-3220,
and amendments thereto, make a return, generated by or at the direction of
its chief officer or principal managing director, under penalty of K.S.A.
21-5824, and amendments thereto, to the commissioner, stating the amount

1 of all premiums, assessments and charges received by the health 2 maintenance organization, whether in cash or notes, during the year ending 3 on the last day of the preceding calendar year. Upon the receipt of such 4 returns the commissioner of insurance shall verify such returns and 5 reconcile the fees pursuant to subsection (f) upon such organization on the 6 basis and at the rate provided in this section.

7 (d) Premiums or other charges received by an insurance company 8 from the operation of a health maintenance organization subject to this act 9 shall not be subject to any fee or tax imposed under the provisions of 10 K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto.

11 (e) Fees charged under this section shall be remitted to the state 12 treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and 13 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state 14 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit 15 of the medical assistance fee fund created by K.S.A. 40-3236, and 16 amendments thereto.

17 (f) (1) On and after January 1, 2018, In addition to any other filing or 18 return required by this section, each health maintenance organization shall 19 submit a report to the commissioner on or before March 31 and September 20 30 of each year containing an estimate of the total amount of all premiums, 21 subscription charges or any other term that may be used to describe the 22 charges made by such organization to enrollees that the organization 23 expects to collect during the current calendar year. Upon filing each March 24 31 report, the organization shall submit payment equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 25 privilege fee that would be assessed by the commissioner for the current 26 calendar year based upon the organization's reported estimate. Upon filing 27 each September 30 report, the organization shall submit payment equal to 28 the balance of the privilege fee that would be assessed by the 29 commissioner for the current calendar year based upon the organization's 30 reported estimates.

(2) Any amount of privilege fees actually owed by a health
 maintenance organization during any calendar year in excess of estimated
 privilege fees paid shall be assessed by the commissioner and shall be due
 and payable upon issuance of such assessment.

35 (3) Any amount of estimated privilege fees paid by a health 36 maintenance organization during any calendar year in excess of privilege 37 fees actually owed shall be reconciled when the commissioner assesses 38 privilege fees in the ensuing calendar year. The commissioner shall credit 39 such excess amount against future privilege fee assessments. Any such 40 excess amount paid by a health maintenance organization that is no longer 41 doing business in Kansas and that no longer has a duty to pay the privilege 42 fee shall be refunded by the commissioner from funds appropriated by the 43 legislature for such purpose.

1 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 40-3304 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2 3304. (a) (1) No person other than the issuer shall make a tender offer for 3 or a request or invitation for tenders of, or enter into any agreement to 4 exchange securities or, seek to acquire, or acquire, in the open market or 5 otherwise, any voting security of a domestic insurer if, after the 6 consummation thereof, such person would, directly or indirectly, or by 7 conversion or by exercise of any right to acquire, be in control of such 8 insurer, and no person shall enter into an agreement to merge with or 9 otherwise to acquire control of a domestic insurer or any person controlling a domestic insurer unless, at the time any such offer, request, or 10 invitation is made or any such agreement is entered into, or prior to the 11 12 acquisition of such securities if no offer or agreement is involved, such 13 person has filed with the commissioner of insurance and has sent to such 14 insurer, a statement containing the information required by this section and 15 such offer, request, invitation, agreement or acquisition has been approved 16 by the commissioner of insurance in the manner hereinafter prescribed. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the merger or 17 18 consolidation of those companies subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 40-19 507 and 40-1216 through 40-1225, and amendments thereto.

20 (2) For purposes of this section, any controlling person of a domestic 21 insurer seeking to divest its controlling interest in the domestic insurer, in 22 any manner, shall file with the commissioner, with a copy to the insurer, 23 confidential notice of its proposed divestiture at least 30 days prior to the 24 cessation of control. The commissioner shall determine those instances in 25 which each party seeking to divest or to acquire a controlling interest in an 26 insurer shall be required to file for and obtain approval of the transaction. 27 The information shall remain confidential until the conclusion of the 28 transaction unless the commissioner, in the commissioner's discretion, 29 determines that confidential treatment will interfere with enforcement of 30 this section. If the statement referred to in paragraph (1) is otherwise filed, 31 this paragraph shall not apply.

32 (3) With respect to a transaction subject to this section, the acquiring 33 person shall also be required to file a preacquisition notification with the 34 commissioner, and such preacquisition notification shall contain the 35 information in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner 36 through rules and regulations.

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(4) For the purposes of *As used in* this section:

(A) A—"Domestic" insurer—shall include includes any person
 controlling a domestic insurer unless such person, as determined by the
 commissioner of insurance, is either directly or through its affiliates
 primarily engaged in business other than the business of insurance.

42 (B) "Person"-shall *does* not include any securities broker holding, in 43 the usual and customary broker's function, less than 20% of the voting securities of the insurance company or of any person-which that controls
 the insurance company.

3 (b) (1) The statement to be filed with the commissioner of insurance 4 hereunder shall be made under oath or affirmation, shall be accompanied 5 by a nonrefundable filing fee-of *not to exceed* \$1,000 and shall contain the 6 following information:

7 (1)(A) The name and address of each person by whom or on whose
8 behalf the merger or other acquisition of control referred to in subsection
9 (a) is to be affected *effected*, hereinafter called "acquiring party," and:

10 (A)(i) If such person is an individual, such individual's principal 11 occupation, all offices and positions held by such individual during the 12 past five years and any conviction of crimes other than minor traffic 13 violations during the past 10 years; *and*

14 if such person is not an individual, a report of the nature of its (B)(ii) business operations during the past five years or for such-lesser shorter 15 16 period as such person and any predecessors thereof shall have been in 17 existence;, an informative description of the business intended to be done by such person and such person's subsidiaries; and a list of all individuals 18 19 who are or who have been selected to become directors or executive officers of such person, or who perform or will perform functions 20 21 appropriate to such positions. Such list shall include for each such 22 individual the information required by subparagraph (A) clause (i);

23 (2)(B) the source, nature and amount of the consideration used or to 24 be used in effecting the merger or other acquisition of control, a 25 description of any transaction wherein funds were or are to be obtained for any such purpose including any pledge of the insurer's stock, or the stock 26 of any of its subsidiaries or controlling affiliates, and the identity of 27 28 persons furnishing such consideration, except that where a source of such 29 consideration is a loan made in the lender's ordinary course of business, 30 the identity of the lender shall remain confidential, if the person filing such statement so requests; 31

32 (3)(C) fully audited financial information as to the earnings and 33 financial condition of each acquiring party for the preceding five fiscal 34 years of each such acquiring party or for such lesser period as such 35 acquiring party and any predecessors thereof shall have been in existence 36 and similar unaudited information as of a date not earlier than 90 days 37 prior to the filing of the statement;

42 (5)(E) the number of shares of any security referred to in subsection 43 (a) that each acquiring party proposes to acquire and the terms of the offer, 1 request, invitation, agreement or acquisition referred to in subsection (a)

and a statement regarding the method utilized to determine the fairness ofthe proposal;

4 (6)(F) the amount of each class of any security referred to in 5 subsection (a) that is beneficially owned or concerning which there is a 6 right to acquire beneficial ownership by each acquiring party;

7 (7)(G) a full description of any contracts, arrangements or 8 understandings with respect to any security referred to in subsection (a) in which any acquiring party is involved, including, but not limited to, 9 transfer of any of the securities, joint ventures, loan or option 10 arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of loans, guarantees against loss or 11 12 guarantees of profits, division of losses or profits, or the giving or withholding of proxies. Such description shall identify the persons with 13 14 whom such contracts, arrangements or understandings have been entered 15 into:

16 (8)(H) a description of the purchase of any security referred to in 17 subsection (a) during the 12 calendar months preceding the filing of the 18 statement, by any acquiring party, including the dates of purchase, names 19 of the purchasers and consideration paid or agreed to be paid therefor;

20 (9)(I) a description of any recommendations to purchase any security 21 referred to in subsection (a) made during the 12 calendar months preceding 22 the filing of the statement, by any acquiring party, or by anyone based 23 upon interviews or at the suggestion of such acquiring party;

(10)(J) copies of all tender offers for, requests or invitations for tenders of, exchange offers for and agreements to acquire or exchange any securities referred to in subsection (a) and, if distributed, of additional soliciting material relating thereto;

33 (12)(L) an agreement by the person required to file the statement 34 referred to in subsection (a) that such person-will *shall* provide the annual 35 report, *as* specified in K.S.A. 40-3305(1), and amendments thereto, for so 36 long as control exists;

(13)(M) an acknowledgment by the person required to file the statement referred to in subsection (a) that the person and all subsidiaries within its control in the insurance holding company system will provide to the commissioner of insurance upon request such information as the commissioner of insurance deems necessary to evaluate enterprise risk to the insurer; and

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(14)(N) such additional information as the commissioner of insurance

1 may by rule or regulation prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the 2 protection of policyholders of the insurer or in the public interest.

3 (2) If the person required to file the statement referred to in 4 subsection (a) is a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other 5 group, the commissioner of insurance may require that the information 6 called for by paragraphs required pursuant to subparagraphs (1) (A) 7 through (14) (N) shall be given provided with respect to each partner of 8 such partnership or limited partnership, each member of such syndicate or 9 group and each person who controls such partner or member. If any such 10 partner, member or person is a corporation or the person required to file the statement referred to in subsection (a) is a corporation, the 11 12 commissioner of insurance may require that the information-called for by 13 paragraphs required pursuant to subparagraphs-(1) (A) through-(14) (N) shall be given provided with respect to such corporation, each officer and 14 15 director of such corporation and each person who is directly or indirectly the beneficial owner of more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities 16 17 of such corporation.

(3) If any material change occurs in the facts set forth in the statement
 filed with the commissioner of insurance and sent to such insurer pursuant
 to this section, an amendment setting forth such change, together with
 copies of all documents and other material relevant to such change, shall
 be filed with the commissioner of insurance and sent to such insurer within
 two business days after the such person learns of such change.

(4) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required
pursuant to this subsection for the next calendar year.

27 (c) If any offer, request, invitation, agreement or acquisition referred 28 to in subsection (a) is proposed to be made by means of a registration 29 statement under the securities act of 1933 or in circumstances requiring the 30 disclosure of similar information under the securities exchange act of 31 1934, or under a state law requiring similar registration or disclosure, the 32 person required to file the statement referred to in subsection (a) may 33 utilize such documents in furnishing the information called for by that 34 statement.

(d) (1) The commissioner of insurance shall approve any merger or
other acquisition of control referred to in subsection (a) unless, after a
public hearing thereon conducted in accordance with the provisions of the
Kansas administrative procedure act, the commissioner of insurance finds
that:

40 (A) After the change of control the domestic insurer referred to in 41 subsection (a) would not be able to satisfy the requirements for the 42 issuance of a license to write the line or lines of insurance for which it is 43 presently licensed; 1 (B) the financial condition of any acquiring party is such as might 2 jeopardize the financial stability of the insurer or prejudice the interest of 3 its policyholders;

4 (C) the plans or proposals which the acquiring party has to liquidate 5 the insurer, sell its assets, consolidate or merge it with any person, or to 6 make any other material change in its business, corporate structure or 7 management, are unfair and unreasonable to policyholders of the insurer or 8 are not in the public interest;

9 (D) the competence, experience and integrity of those persons who 10 would control the operation of the insurer are such that it would not be in 11 the interest of policyholders of the insurer or of the public to permit the 12 merger or other acquisition of control; or

13 (E) the acquisition is likely to be hazardous or prejudicial to the 14 insurance-buying public.

(2) The public hearing referred to in subsection (d)(1) shall be held as 15 16 soon as practical practicable after the statement required by this subsection (a) is filed, and at least 20 days' notice thereof shall be given by 17 18 the commissioner of insurance to the person filing the statement. Not less than seven days' notice of such public hearing shall be given by the person 19 20 filing the statement to the insurer and to such other persons as may be 21 designated by the commissioner of insurance. At such hearing, the person 22 filing the statement, the insurer, any person to whom notice of hearing was 23 sent and any other person whose interests may be affected thereby shall 24 have the right to present evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses 25 and offer oral and written arguments in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act. In the absence of intervention, such insurer 26 27 or person shall have the right to present oral or written statements in 28 accordance with K.S.A. 77-523(c), and amendments thereto.

(3) If the proposed acquisition of control will require the approval of 29 30 more than one commissioner of insurance, the public hearing referred to in 31 paragraph (2) may be held on a consolidated basis upon request of the 32 person filing the statement referred to in subsection (a). Such person shall 33 file the statement referred to in subsection (a) with the national association 34 of insurance commissioners within five days of making the request for a 35 public hearing. A commissioner of insurance may opt out of a consolidated 36 hearing and shall provide notice to the applicant of the opt-out within 10 37 days of the receipt of the statement referred to in subsection (a). A hearing 38 conducted on a consolidated basis shall be public and shall be held within 39 the United States before the commissioners of insurance of the states in 40 which the insurers are domiciled. Such commissioners of insurance shall hear and receive evidence. A commissioner of insurance may attend such 41 42 hearing in person or by telecommunication.

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(4) As a condition of a change of control of a domestic insurer, any

1 determination by the commissioner of insurance that the person acquiring

control of the insurer shall be required to maintain or restore the capital of
the insurer to the level required by the laws and regulations of this state
shall be made not later than 60 days after the date of notification of the
change in control submitted pursuant to subsection (a).

6 (5) The commissioner of insurance may retain at the acquiring 7 person's expense any attorneys, actuaries, accountants and other experts 8 not otherwise a part of the staff of the commissioner of insurance as the 9 commissioner of insurance deems to be reasonably necessary to assist the 10 commissioner of insurance in reviewing the proposed acquisition of 11 control.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any offer, request,
 invitation, agreement or acquisition that the commissioner of insurance by
 order shall exempt therefrom as:

15 (1) Not having been made or entered into for the purpose and not 16 having the effect of changing or influencing the control of a domestic 17 insurer; or

18 (2) as otherwise not comprehended within the purposes of this19 section.

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(f) The following shall be violations of this section:

(1) The failure to file any statement, amendment or other material
required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) or (b); or

(2) the effectuation or any attempt to effectuate an acquisition of
 control of, or merger with, a domestic insurer unless the commissioner of
 insurance has given the requisite approval thereto.

(g) The courts of this state are hereby vested with jurisdiction over 26 every securityholder of a domestic insurer and every person not resident, 27 28 domiciled or authorized to do business in this state who files a statement 29 with the commissioner of insurance under this section and over all actions 30 involving such person arising out of violations of this section. Each such 31 person shall be deemed to have performed acts equivalent to and 32 constituting an appointment by such a person of the commissioner of 33 insurance to be such person's true and lawful attorney upon whom may be 34 served all lawful process in any action, suit or proceeding arising out of 35 violations of this section. Copies of all such lawful process shall be served 36 on the commissioner of insurance and transmitted by registered or certified 37 mail by the commissioner of insurance to such person at such person's last 38 known address.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 40-3812 is hereby amended to read as follows: 403812. (a) A person shall apply to be an administrator in its home state and
shall receive a license from the regulatory authority of its home state prior
to performing any function of an administrator in this state.

43 (b) A person applying to Kansas as its home state shall apply for

licensure by submitting to the commissioner an application in the form
 prescribed by the commissioner that shall include or be accompanied by
 the following information and documents:

4 (1) All basic organizational documents of the applicant, including any 5 articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership agreement, 6 trade name certificate, trust agreement, shareholder agreement, certificate 7 of existence from the Kansas secretary of state and other applicable 8 documents and all amendments to such documents;

9 (2) the bylaws, rules, regulations or similar documents regulating the 10 internal affairs of the applicant;

(3) NAIC biographical affidavits for the individuals who are directly 11 or indirectly responsible for the conduct of affairs of the applicant, 12 including all members of the board of directors, board of trustees, 13 executive committee or other governing board or committee, the principal 14 officers in the case of a corporation or the partners or members in the case 15 16 of a partnership, association or limited liability company, any shareholders 17 or members holding directly or indirectly 10% or more of the voting stock, 18 voting securities or voting interest of the applicant and any other person 19 who directly or indirectly exercises control or influence over the affairs of 20 the applicant:

21 (4) audited annual financial statements or reports for the two most 22 recent fiscal years that demonstrate that the applicant has a positive net 23 worth. If the applicant has been in existence for less than two fiscal years. 24 the uniform application shall include financial statements or reports, 25 certified by at least two officers, owners or directors of the applicant and prepared in accordance with GAAP, for any completed fiscal years and for 26 any month during the current fiscal year for which such financial 27 28 statements or reports have been completed. An audited annual financial 29 report prepared on a consolidated basis shall include a columnar 30 consolidating or combining worksheet that shall be filed with the report 31 and include the following:

32 (A) Amounts shown on the consolidated audited financial report33 shown on the worksheet;

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(B) amounts for each entity stated separately; and

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(C) explanations of consolidating and eliminating entries included.

The applicant shall also include such other information as the commissioner may require in order to review the current financial condition of the applicant;

(5) in lieu of submitting audited financial statements, and upon written application by an applicant and good cause shown, the commissioner may grant a hardship exemption from filing audited financial statements and allow the submission of unaudited financial statements. Acceptable formats for unaudited financial statements, that 1 shall include notes, are:

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(A) Reports compiled or reviewed by a certified public accountant; or(B) (i) internal financial reports prepared in accordance with GAAP, certified by at least two officers, owners or directors of the administrator.

(ii) If unaudited financial statements are submitted, the applicant-must 5 6 shall also secure and maintain a surety bond in a form prescribed by the 7 commissioner for the use and benefit of the commissioner to be held in 8 trust for the benefit and protection of covered persons and any payor or 9 self-funded plan against loss by reason of acts of fraud or dishonesty, for 10 the greater of 10% of funds handled for the benefit of Kansas residents or \$20,000. Administrators of self-funded plans in Kansas-are shall be subject 11 12 to the mandatory surety bond requirement-found described in subsection 13 (h), regardless of whether they file audited or unaudited financial reports;

(6) a statement describing the business plan, including information on
staffing levels and activities, proposed in this state and nationwide. The
plan shall provide details setting forth the applicant's capability for
providing a sufficient number of experienced and qualified personnel in
the areas of claims processing, record keeping and underwriting;

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(7) a license application fee-in the amount of not to exceed \$400; and

20 (8) such other pertinent information as may be required by the 21 commissioner.

(c) An administrator licensed or applying for licensure under the provisions of this section shall make available for inspection by the commissioner, copies of all contracts with payors or other persons utilizing the services of the administrator.

(d) An administrator licensed or applying for licensure under the provisions of this section shall produce its accounts, records and files for examination, and makes its officers available to give information with respect to its affairs, as often as reasonably required by the commissioner.

30 (e) The commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the 31 commissioner determines that the applicant or any individual responsible 32 for the conduct of affairs of the applicant is not competent, trustworthy, 33 financially responsible or of good personal and business reputation, or has 34 had an insurance or an administrator certificate of authority or license 35 denied or revoked for cause by any jurisdiction, or if the commissioner 36 determines that any of the grounds set forth in K.S.A. 40-3810, and 37 amendments thereto, exist with respect to the applicant.

(f) A license issued under this section shall remain valid, unless
surrendered, suspended or revoked by the commissioner, for so long as the
administrator continues in business in this state and remains in compliance
with the provisions of this act and any applicable rules and regulations.

42 (g) An administrator licensed or applying for licensure under the 43 provisions of this section shall immediately notify the commissioner of any material change in its ownership, control or other fact or circumstance
 affecting its qualification for a license in this state.

(h) An administrator licensed or applying for a home state license that administers or will administer governmental or church self-insured plans in this state or any other state shall maintain a surety bond for the use and benefit of the commissioner to be held in trust for the benefit and protection of covered persons and any payor or self-funded plan against loss by reason of acts of fraud or dishonesty. The bond shall be in the greater of the following amounts:

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(1) \$100,000; or

(2) an amount equal to 10% of the aggregate total amount of selffunded coverage under church plans or governmental plans handled in this
state and all additional states in which the administrator is authorized to do
business.

(i) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required
pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

18 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 40-3813 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-19 3813. (a) Unless an administrator has obtained a home state license in this 20 state, any administrator who performs duties as an administrator in this 21 state shall obtain a nonresident administrator license in accordance with 22 the provisions of this section by filing with the commissioner the uniform 23 application, accompanied by a letter of certification. In lieu of requiring an 24 administrator to file a letter of certification with the uniform application, 25 the commissioner may verify the nonresident administrator's home state certificate of authority or license status through an electronic database 26 27 maintained by the NAIC, its affiliates or subsidiaries.

(b) An administrator shall not be eligible for a nonresident
administrator license under the provisions of this section if—it such
administrator does not hold a license in a home state that has adopted a
substantially similar law governing administrators.

(c) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (h), the commissioner
shall issue to the administrator a nonresident administrator license
promptly upon receipt of a complete application.

(d) Each nonresident administrator shall file biennially, as a part of its application for renewal of its license, a statement that its home state administrator license remains in force and has not been revoked or suspended by its home state during the preceding years. Each nonresident administrator renewal application shall be accompanied by a renewal application fee in the amount of not to exceed \$200.

41 (e) At the time of filing the application for licensing required under
42 the provisions of this section, the nonresident administrator shall pay a
43 license application fee in the amount of *not to exceed* \$400.

1 (f) An administrator licensed or applying for licensure under the 2 provisions of this section shall produce its accounts, records and files for 3 examination, and make its officers available to give information with 4 respect to its affairs, as often as reasonably required by the commissioner.

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(g) A nonresident administrator is not required to hold a nonresident 6 administrator license in this state if the administrator is licensed in its 7 home state and the administrator's duties in this state are limited to:

8 (1) The administration of a group policy or plan and no not more than 9 a total of 20% of covered persons, for all plans the administrator services, 10 reside in this state: and

11 (2) the total number of covered persons residing in this state is less 12 fewer than 100.

13 (h) The commissioner may refuse to issue a nonresident administrator license, or delay the issuance of a nonresident administrator license, if the 14 commissioner determines that, due to events or information obtained 15 16 subsequent to the home state's licensure of the administrator, the 17 nonresident administrator cannot satisfy the requirements of this act or that 18 grounds exist for the home state's revocation or suspension of the 19 administrator's home state certificate of authority or license.

20 (i) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall 21 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required 22 pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

23 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 40-3814 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-24 3814. (a) Each administrator licensed under the provisions of this act shall 25 file an annual report for the preceding calendar year with the commissioner on or before July 1 of each year, or within such extension of 26 27 time as the commissioner may grant for good cause, accompanied by an 28 annual report fee-in the amount of not to exceed \$100. Not later than 29 December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and cause to be 30 published in the Kansas register such fee for the next calendar year.

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(b) The annual report shall include:

32 (1) The complete names and addresses of all payors, and for self-33 funded plans, all employers and trusts with which the administrator had 34 agreements during the preceding fiscal year.

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(2) the number of Kansas residents covered by each of the plans; and

36 an audited financial statement attested to by an independent (3) (A)37 certified public accountant. An audited annual financial report prepared on 38 a consolidated basis shall include a columnar consolidating or combining 39 worksheet-that shall be filed with the report-and. Such worksheet shall 40 include the following:

41 (A)(i) Amounts shown on the consolidated audited financial report 42 shown on the worksheet:

43 amounts for each entity stated separately; and (B)(ii)

1 (C)(*iii*) explanations of consolidating and eliminating entries 2 included.

3 (2)(B) In lieu of submitting an audited financial statement, and upon 4 written application by an administrator and good cause shown, the 5 commissioner may grant a hardship exemption from filing audited 6 financial statements and allow the submission of unaudited financial 7 statements. Acceptable formats for unaudited financial statements, that 8 which shall include notes, are:

9 (A)(i) Reports compiled or reviewed by a certified public accountant;
 10 or

(B)(*ii*) internal financial reports prepared in accordance with GAAP,
 certified by at least two officers, owners or directors of the administrator.

13 (C) If unaudited financial statements are submitted, the administrator 14 must shall secure and maintain a surety bond in a form prescribed by the 15 commissioner for the use and benefit of the commissioner to be held in 16 trust for the benefit and protection of covered persons and any payor or 17 self-funded plan against loss by reason of acts of fraud or dishonesty, for 18 the greater of 10% of funds handled for the benefit of Kansas residents or 19 \$20,000.

(c) The annual report shall include the complete names and addresses
of all payors and for self-funded plans, all employers and trusts, with
which the administrator had agreements during the preceding fiscal year.
The report shall also include the number of Kansas residents covered by
each of the plans.

28 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-3823 is hereby amended to read as 29 follows: 40-3823. (a) No person shall act or operate as a pharmacy benefits 30 manager without first obtaining a valid license issued by the 31 commissioner.

(b) Each person seeking a license to act as a pharmacy benefits
manager shall file with the commissioner an application for a license upon
a form to be furnished by the commissioner. At a minimum, the
application form shall include the following information:

36 (1) The name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy37 benefits manager.;

(2) the name, address, official position and professional qualifications of each individual who is responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the pharmacy benefits manager, including all members of the board of directors, board of trustees, executive committee, other governing board or committee, the principal officers in the case of a corporation, the partners or members in the case of a partnership or association,; 1 (3) the name and address of the applicant's agent for service of 2 process in the state.;

3 (4) the name, address, phone number, email address and official 4 position of the employee who will serve as the primary contact for the 5 department,;

6 (5) a copy of the pharmacy benefits manager's corporate charter, 7 articles of incorporation or other charter document.;

8 (6) a template contract, which shall include *including* a dispute 9 resolution process, that ultimately involves an independent fact finder 10 between:

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(A) The pharmacy benefits manager and the health insurer; or

(B) the pharmacy benefits manager and the pharmacy or a pharmacy'scontracting agent-; and

14 (7) a network adequacy report on a form prescribed by the 15 department through rules and regulations.

16 (c) A nonrefundable application fee-of not to exceed \$2,500. Not later 17 than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and cause to be 18 published in the Kansas register such fee for the next calendar year.

(d) The licensee shall inform the commissioner, by any means
acceptable to the commissioner, of any material change in the information
required by this subsection within 90 days of such change. Failure to
timely inform the commissioner of a material change may result in a
penalty against the licensee in the amount of \$500.

(e) Within 90 days after receipt of a completed application, the network adequacy report and the applicable license fee, the commissioner shall review the application and issue a license if the applicant is deemed qualified under this section. If the commissioner determines that the applicant is not qualified, the commissioner shall notify the applicant and shall specify the reason for the denial.

(f) (1) All documents, materials or other information and copies 30 31 thereof in the possession or control of the department or any other 32 governmental entity that are obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner 33 or any other person in the course of an application, examination or 34 investigation made pursuant to this act shall be confidential by law and 35 privileged, shall not be subject to any open records, freedom of 36 information, sunshine or other public record disclosure laws, and shall not 37 be subject to subpoena or discovery.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall only apply to the disclosure
of the confidential documents described in paragraph (1) by the
department or any other governmental entity and shall not be construed to
create any privilege in favor of any other party.

42 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2027,43 unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision pursuant to

1 K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2027.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-3824 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-3824. (a) Each pharmacy benefits manager license shall expire on March 31 *of* each year and may be renewed annually on the request of the licensee. The application for renewal shall be submitted on a form furnished by the commissioner and accompanied by a renewal fee-of- *not to exceed* \$2,500. The application for renewal shall be in such form and contain such matters as the commissioner prescribes.

9 (b) If a license renewal fee is not paid by the prescribed date, the amount of the fee, plus a penalty fee-of- *not to exceed* \$2,500 shall be paid. 11 The pharmacy benefits manager's license may be revoked or suspended by 12 the commissioner until the renewal fee and any penalty assessed has been 13 paid.

(c) Any person who performs or is performing any pharmacy benefits
management service shall be required to obtain a license as a pharmacy
benefits manager from the commissioner not later than January 1, 2023, in
order to continue to do business in Kansas.

(d) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required
 pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 40-4103 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-4103. Risk retention groups chartered in states other than this state seeking
to do business as a risk retention group in this state shall observe and abide
by the laws of this state as follows:

(a) Notice of operations and designation of commissioner as agent.
Before offering insurance in this state, a risk retention group shall submit to the commissioner:

28 (1) A statement identifying the state or states in which the risk 29 retention group is chartered and licensed as a liability insurance company, 30 date of chartering, its principal place of business and such other on its membership, 31 including information information. as the 32 commissioner of this state may require to verify that the risk retention 33 group is qualified under K.S.A. 40-4101(k), and amendments thereto;

(2) a copy of its plan of operations or a feasibility study and revisions
of such plan or study submitted to its state of domicile, except that the
provision relating to the submission of a plan of operation or a feasibility
study shall not apply with respect to any line or classification of liability
insurance that *was*:

39 (A) Was-Defined in the product liability risk retention act of 1981
40 before October 27, 1986; and

(B) was offered before such date by any risk retention group that had
been chartered and operating for not less than three years before such date;
(3) a statement of registration that designates the commissioner as its

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agent for the purpose of receiving service of legal documents or process;
 and

3 (4) a notification fee-in the amount of not to exceed \$250. Not later 4 than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and cause to be 5 published in the Kansas register such fee for the next calendar year.

6 (b) *Financial condition*. Any risk retention group doing business in 7 this state shall submit to the commissioner:

8 (1) A copy of the group's financial statement submitted to its state of 9 domicile that contains a statement of opinion on loss and loss adjustment 10 expense reserves made by a member of the American academy of actuaries 11 or a qualified loss reserve specialist under criteria established by the 12 national association of insurance commissioners;

(2) a copy of each examination of the risk retention group as certifiedby the commissioner or public official conducting the examination;

(3) upon request by the commissioner, a copy of any audit performedwith respect to the risk retention group; and

17 (4) such information as may be required to verify its continuing 18 qualification as a risk retention group under K.S.A. 40-4101(k), and 19 amendments thereto.

(c) *Taxation.* (1) All premiums paid for coverages within this state to
risk retention groups chartered outside this state shall be subject to taxation
at the same rate and subject to the same interest, fines and penalties for
nonpayment as that provided by K.S.A. 40-246c, and amendments thereto.
Risk retention groups chartered or licensed in this state shall be taxed in
accordance with K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto.

26 (2) To the extent agents or brokers are utilized, they shall report and
27 pay the taxes for the premiums for risks that they have placed with or on
28 behalf of a risk retention group not chartered in this state.

(3) To the extent agents or brokers are not utilized or fail to pay the
tax, each risk retention group shall pay the tax for risks insured within the
state. Each risk retention group shall report all premiums paid to it for
risks insured within the state.

(d) Compliance with unfair claims settlement practices law. Any risk
 retention group, its agents and representatives, shall comply with K.S.A.
 40-2404(9), and amendments thereto.

(e) Deceptive, false or fraudulent practices. Any risk retention group
shall comply with the laws of this state regarding deceptive, false or
fraudulent acts or practices, except that if the commissioner seeks an
injunction regarding such conduct, the injunction shall be obtained from a
court of competent jurisdiction.

41 (f) *Examination regarding financial condition*. Any risk retention 42 group shall submit to an examination in accordance with K.S.A. 40-222 43 and 40-223, and amendments thereto, by the commissioner to determine 1 its financial condition if the commissioner of the jurisdiction in which the

2 group is chartered has not initiated an examination or does not initiate an
3 examination within 60 days after a request by the commissioner of this
4 state.

5 (g) *Notice to purchasers.* Any policy issued by a risk retention group 6 shall contain in 10 point type on the front page and the declaration page, 7 the following notice:

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9 This policy is issued by your risk retention group. Your risk retention 10 group may not be subject to all of the insurance laws and regulations of 11 your state. State insurance insolvency guaranty funds are not available for 12 your risk retention group.

(h) *Prohibited acts regarding solicitation or sale.* The following actsby a risk retention group are hereby prohibited:

15 (1) The solicitation or sale of insurance by a risk retention group to 16 any person who is not eligible for membership in such group; and

(2) the solicitation or sale of insurance by, or operation of, a risk
 retention group that is in a hazardous financial condition or is financially
 impaired.

(i) Prohibition on ownership by an insurance company. No risk
 retention group shall be allowed to do business in this state if an insurance
 company is directly or indirectly a retention group all of whose members
 are insurance companies.

(j) *Prohibited coverage*. No risk retention group may offer insurance
 policy coverage prohibited by the laws of this state or declared unlawful
 by the supreme court of the state of Kansas.

(k) *Delinquency proceedings*. A risk retention group not chartered in
this state and doing business in this state must comply with a lawful order
issued in a voluntary dissolution proceeding or in a delinquency
proceeding commenced by a state insurance commissioner if there has
been a finding of financial impairment after an examination under
subsection (f).

Sec. 18. K.S.A. 40-4116 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-4116. (a) (1) A purchasing group-which *that* intends to do business in this state shall furnish notice to the commissioner which shall:

(1)(A) IdentifyIdentifying the state in which the group is domiciled;

37 (2)(B) specifyspecifying the lines and classifications of liability
 38 insurance which that the purchasing group intends to purchase;

41 (4)(D) identifyidentifying the principal place of business of the group; 42 and

43 (5)(E) provide providing such other information as may be required by

1 the commissioner to verify that the purchasing group is qualified under 2 subsection (j) of K.S.A. 40-4101(j), and amendments thereto.

3 (2) The notice submitted to the commissioner shall be accompanied 4 by a notification fee of *not to exceed* \$250.

5 (b) The purchasing group shall file with the insurance department its 6 written consent, irrevocable, that any action or garnishment proceeding 7 may be commenced against such group in the proper court of any county 8 in this state in which the cause of action shall arise or in which the plaintiff 9 may reside by the service of process on the commissioner of insurance of 10 this state and stipulating and agreeing that such service shall be taken and held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if due service had been 11 12 made upon the president or chief officer of such corporation. Such consent 13 shall be executed by the president of the company and shall be 14 accompanied by a certified copy of the order or resolution of the board of 15 directors, trustees or managers authorizing the president to execute the 16 same. The summons, accompanied by a fee-of not to exceed \$25, shall be 17 directed to the commissioner of insurance and shall require the defendant 18 to answer not less than 40 days from its date. Such summons, and a 19 certified copy of the petition shall be forthwith immediately forwarded by 20 the clerk of the court to the commissioner of insurance, who shall 21 immediately forward a copy of the summons and the certified copy of the 22 petition, to the president of the group sued, and thereupon the 23 commissioner of insurance shall make return of the summons to the court 24 from which it issued, showing the date of the receipt by the commissioner, 25 the date of forwarding of such copies and the name and address of the person to whom the commissioner forwarded the copy. Such return shall 26 27 be made under the commissioner's hand and seal of office, and shall have 28 the same force and effect as a due and sufficient return made by the sheriff 29 on process directed to the sheriff. The foregoing shall not apply in the case 30 of a purchasing group-which that:

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(1) (A) Was domiciled before April 2, 1986; and

32 (B) is domiciled on and after October 27, 1986, in any state of the33 United States;

34 (2) (A) before October 27, 1986, purchased insurance from an35 insurance carrier licensed in any state; and

(B) since October 27, 1986, purchased its insurance from an
insurance carrier licensed in any state;

(3) was a purchasing group under the requirements of the productliability retention act of 1981 before October 27, 1986; and

40 (4) does not purchase insurance that was not authorized for purposes 41 of an exemption under that act, as in effect before October 27, 1986.

42 (c) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall 43 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required 1 *pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.*

Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-4209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-4209. (a) (1) No person shall act as or hold such person out to be a prepaid service plan in this state unless such person holds a certificate of registration as a prepaid service plan issued by the commissioner of insurance. An application for such certificate may be made to the commissioner of insurance on forms prescribed by the commissioner and shall include:

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(A) The completed application form;

10 (B) a list of each individual who solicits memberships on behalf of 11 such prepaid service plan; and

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(C) a filing fee-of not to exceed \$100.

13 (2) The certificate of registration may be continued for successive 14 annual periods by notifying the commissioner of such intent, paying an 15 annual continuation fee<u>of</u> *not to exceed* \$50 and advising the 16 commissioner of insurance of any additions to or deletions from the list of 17 individuals who solicit memberships on behalf of such prepaid service 18 plan since the last reporting date.

19 (b) The certificate of registration shall be issued to or continued for a prepaid service plan by the commissioner of insurance unless the 20 21 commissioner of insurance, after due notice and hearing, determines that 22 the prepaid service plan is not competent, trustworthy, financially 23 responsible or of good personal and business reputation, or has had a 24 previous application for a certificate of registration denied for cause since 25 January 1, 1988, or within five years of the date of application, whichever 26 is later

(c) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required
pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-4302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-4302. (a) Any captive insurance company, when permitted by its organizational documents, may apply to the commissioner for a certificate of authority to do any and all insurance comprised in K.S.A. 40-901 et seq., 40-1102(1)(a); *and* (1)(c) through (1)(n), and amendments thereto, and to issue life, accident and health insurance policies provided that:

(1) No pure captive insurance company shall insure any risks other
than those of its parent and affiliated companies and, upon prior approval
of the commissioner, any controlled unaffiliated business up to 5% of total
direct written premium;

(2) no association captive insurance company shall insure any risks
other than those of its association and those of the member organizations
of its association. No association captive insurance company shall expose

itself to loss on any one risk or hazard in an amount exceeding 10% of its 1 2 paid-up capital and surplus;

(3) no captive insurance company shall provide personal lines of 3 insurance, workers' compensation, employers' liability insurance coverage, 4 long-term care coverage, critical care coverage, surety, title insurance, 5 6 credit insurance or any component thereof, except that a technology-7 enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance company shall be 8 permitted to provide contracts of suretyship and credit insurance in accordance with K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-4354, and amendments thereto; 9

(4) no captive insurance company shall accept or cede reinsurance 10 except as provided in K.S.A. 40-4311, and amendments thereto: 11

12 (5) no captive insurance company shall provide accident and health, life insurance or annuities on a direct basis; 13

14 (6) no captive insurance company authorized as a life insurance 15 company shall transact business other than life insurance; and

16 (7) no captive insurance company authorized to transact business 17 under article 9 or 11 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and 18 amendments thereto, shall engage in the business of life insurance.

19 (b) No captive insurance company organized under the laws of this 20 state shall do any insurance business in this state unless:

21 (1) It first obtains from the commissioner a certificate of authority 22 authorizing it to do insurance business in this state;

23 (2) its board of directors, members, partners, managers, committee of managers or other governing body holds at least one meeting each year in 24 25 this state:

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(3) it maintains its principal place of business in this state; and

(4) it authorizes the commissioner to accept service of process on its 27 28 behalf in accordance with K.S.A. 40-218, and amendments thereto.

(c) Before receiving a certificate of authority, an applicant captive 29 insurance company shall file with the commissioner: 30

31 (1) A copy of the applicant captive insurance company's 32 organizational documents; and

(2) a plan of operation or a feasibility study describing the anticipated 33 activities and results of the applicant captive insurance company that shall 34 35 include.

36 (A) The company's loss prevention program of its parent and 37 insureds, as applicable;

38 (B) historical and expected loss experience of the risks to be insured 39 or reinsured by the applicant captive insurance company;

(C) pro forma financial statements and projections of the proposed 40 41 business operations of the applicant captive insurance company;

(D) an analysis of the adequacy of the applicant captive insurance 42 43 company's proposed premiums, assets and capital and surplus levels

relative to the risks to be insured or reinsured by the captive insurance
 company;

3 (E) a statement of the applicant captive insurance company's net 4 retained limited liability on any contract of insurance or reinsurance it 5 intends to issue and the nature of any reinsurance it intends to cede;

6 (F) a statement certifying that the applicant captive insurance 7 company's investment policy is in compliance with this act and specifying 8 the type of investments to be made;

9 (G) a statement identifying the geographic areas in which the 10 applicant captive insurance company intends to operate;

11 (H) a statement identifying the persons or organizations that will 12 perform the applicant captive insurance company's major operational 13 functions, including management, underwriting, accounting, asset 14 investment, claims adjusting and loss control and the adequacy of the 15 expertise, experience and character of such persons or organizations; and

(I) whenever required by the commissioner, an appropriate opinion
 by a qualified independent actuary regarding the adequacy of the applicant
 captive insurance company's proposed capital, surplus and premium levels;

(3) a description of the coverages, deductibles, coverage limits, rates
 and forms, together with any additional information that the commissioner
 may require;

(4) such other items deemed relevant by the commissioner in
ascertaining whether the proposed captive insurance company will be able
to meet its obligations; and

(5) any modification or change in the items required under thissubsection that shall require the prior approval of the commissioner.

27 (d) Each captive insurance company not in existence on January 1, 28 2018, shall pay to the commissioner a nonrefundable fee-of not to exceed 29 \$10,000 for examining, investigating and processing its application for a certificate of authority. The commissioner is authorized to retain legal, 30 31 financial, actuarial, analysis and examination services from outside the 32 department, the reasonable costs of which shall be charged against the 33 applicant. In addition, it shall pay a renewal fee for each year thereafter-of 34 not to exceed \$10,000. Not later than December 1 of each year, the 35 commissioner shall set and cause to be published in the Kansas register 36 the fee required by this subsection for the next calendar year.

(e) Each captive insurance company already in existence on January
1, 2018, shall pay an annual renewal fee of \$110 until January 1, 2028,
after which date the provisions of subsection (d) shall apply.

40 (f) If the commissioner is satisfied that the documents and statements
41 that such captive insurance company has filed comply with the provisions
42 of this act, the commissioner may grant a certificate of authority
43 authorizing a:

(1) Captive insurance company other than a technology-enabled 1 2 fiduciary financial institution to do insurance business in this state until March 1 thereafter, which certificate of authority may be renewed; and 3

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(2) technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance company to do insurance business in this state until the later of March 1 6 thereafter or the maturity date of the last payment-in-kind asset held by 7 such technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance company 8 pursuant to this act.

9 Information submitted under this section shall be and remain $\left(\frac{g}{g}\right)(f)$ 10 confidential, and shall not be made public by the commissioner or any employee or agent of the commissioner without the written consent of the 11 12 company, except that:

13 (1) Such information may be discoverable by a party in a civil action or contested case to which the captive insurance company that submitted 14 such information is a party, upon a showing by the party seeking to 15 discover such information that: 16

17 (A) The information sought is relevant to and necessary for the 18 furtherance of such action or case;

(B) the information sought is unavailable from other non-confidential 19 20 sources:

(C) a subpoena issued by a judicial or administrative officer or 21 22 competent jurisdiction has been submitted to the commissioner; and

23 (D) the privacy of a qualified policyholder shall be protected in any court proceeding concerning such qualified policyholder if the technology-24 25 enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance company so petitions the court. Upon the filing of such petition, any information, including, but not 26 limited to, an instrument, inventory, statement or verified report produced 27 28 by the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance 29 company regarding a policy issued to a qualified policyholder or paymentin-kind assets held by the technology-enabled fiduciary financial 30 31 institution insurance company to satisfy claims of such qualified 32 policyholder, all payment-in-kind policies, all petitions relevant to such 33 information and all court orders thereon, shall be sealed upon filing and 34 shall not be made a part of the public record of the proceeding, except that 35 such petition shall be available to the court, the commissioner, the 36 technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance company, their 37 attorneys and to such other interested persons as the court may order upon 38 a showing of good cause;

39 (2) the commissioner may disclose such information to a public officer having jurisdiction over the regulation of insurance in another state, 40 41 provided that if:

42 (A) Such public official shall agree in writing to maintain the 43 confidentiality of such information; and

1 (B) the laws of the state in which such public official serves requires 2 such information to be and to remain confidential;

3 (3) access may also be granted to the national association of 4 insurance commissioners and its affiliates, and the international 5 association of supervisors and its affiliates. Such parties-must shall agree 6 in writing prior to receiving the information to provide to it the same 7 confidential treatment as required by this section, unless the company 8 gives prior written consent; and

9 (4) the privacy of those who have established an affiliated fidfin trust or alternative asset custody account shall be protected in any court 10 proceeding concerning such trust or custody account if the acting trustee, 11 custodian, trustor or any beneficiary so petition the court. Upon the filing 12 of such a petition, the instrument, inventory, statement filed by any trustee 13 or custodian, annual verified report of the trustee or custodian and all 14 petitions relevant to trust administration and all court orders thereon shall 15 be sealed upon filing and shall not be made a part of the public record of 16 17 the proceeding, except that such petition shall be available to the court, the 18 trustor, the trustee, the custodian, any beneficiary, their attorneys and to 19 such other interested persons as the court may order upon a showing of 20 good cause.

21 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 40-4323 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-22 4323. (a) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise, 23 "dormant captive insurance company" means a captive insurance company 24 that has:

25 (1) Ceased transacting the business of insurance, including the issuance of insurance policies; and 26

27 (2) no remaining liabilities associated with insurance business 28 transactions or insurance policies issued prior to the filing of its 29 application for a certificate of dormancy under this section.

(b) A captive insurance company domiciled in Kansas that meets the 30 31 criteria of subsection (a) may apply to the commissioner for a certificate of 32 dormancy. The certificate of dormancy shall be subject to renewal every 33 five years and shall be forfeited if not renewed within such time.

34 (c) A dormant captive insurance company that has been issued a 35 certificate of dormancy shall:

36 (1) Possess and thereafter maintain unimpaired, paid-in capital and 37 surplus of not less than \$25,000;

38 (2) prior to March 15 of each year, submit to the commissioner a 39 report of its financial condition, verified by oath by two of its executive officers, in a form as may be prescribed by the commissioner; and 40

41 (3) pay a license renewal fee-of not to exceed \$500. Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and cause to be 42 43 published in the Kansas register such fee required pursuant to this 1 paragraph.

(d) A dormant captive insurance company shall not be subject to or
liable for the payment of any tax under K.S.A. 40-4314, and amendments
thereto, or as provided in article 28 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes
Annotated, and amendments thereto.

6 (e) A dormant captive insurance company shall apply to the 7 commissioner for approval to surrender its certificate of dormancy and 8 resume conducting the business of insurance prior to issuing any insurance 9 policies.

10 (f) A certificate of dormancy shall be revoked if a dormant captive 11 insurance company no longer meets the criteria of subsection (a).

(g) The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations asnecessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

14 Sec. 22. K.S.A. 40-4334 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-15 4334. (a) To transact business in Kansas, a special purpose insurance 16 captive shall:

(1) Obtain from the commissioner a certificate of authorityauthorizing it to conduct reinsurance business in Kansas;

19 (2) hold at least one meeting of its board of directors each year within20 Kansas;

(3) maintain its principal place of business in Kansas;

(4) authorize the commissioner to accept service of process on its
behalf in accordance with K.S.A. 40-218, and amendments thereto;

(5) maintain unimpaired paid-in capital and surplus of not less than
\$5,000,000;

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(6) maintain a risk-based capital of at least 200%; and(7) pay all applicable fees as required by this act.

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(b) A special purpose insurance captive, when permitted by its organizational documents, may apply to the commissioner for a certificate

organizational documents, may apply to the commissioner for a certificate of authority to conduct reinsurance in Kansas as authorized by this section.

(1) An authorized special purpose insurance captive may only
 reinsure the risks of its ceding company. A special purpose insurance
 captive may reinsure risks of more than one ceding company, provided *if* all ceding companies from which a special purpose insurance captive
 assumes risks-shall be *are* affiliated with one another.

An authorized special purpose insurance captive may cede all or a
 portion of its assumed risks under ceded reinsurance agreements.

(3) An authorized special purpose insurance captive may take credit
or a reduction from liability for the reinsurance of risks or portions of risks
ceded to a reinsurer in accordance with K.S.A. 40-221a, and amendments
thereto, or as otherwise approved by the commissioner.

42 (c) To obtain a certificate of authority to transact business as a special
 43 purpose insurance captive in Kansas, the special purpose insurance captive

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(1) File an application, which *that* shall include the following:

(A) Certified copies of its organizational documents;

4 (B) a statement under oath from any of the applicant's officers as to 5 the financial condition of the applicant as of the time the application is 6 filed:

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(C) evidence of the applicant's assets as of the time of the application;

8 (D) complete biographical sketches for each officer and director on 9 forms created by the NAIC;

(E) a plan of operation as described in K.S.A. 40-4335, and 10 11 amendments thereto:

12 (F) an affidavit signed by the applicant that the special purpose insurance captive will operate only in accordance with the provisions of 13 14 this section and its plan of operation;

15 (G) a description of the investment strategy the special purpose 16 insurance captive will follow; and

17 (H) a description of the source and form of the initial minimum capital proposed in the plan of operation; and 18

19 (2) have deposited with the commissioner of insurance pursuant to 20 K.S.A. 40-229a, and amendments thereto, securities authorized by K.S.A. 21 40-2a01 et seq., and amendments thereto, in an amount equal to not less 22 than the minimum capital stock required of such company for the 23 protection of its policyholders or creditors, or both:

(3) demonstrate that the minimum surplus required is established and 24 25 held in Kansas; and

26 (4) provide copies of any filings made by the ceding company with the ceding company's domiciliary insurance regulator to obtain approval 27 28 for the ceding company to enter into the special purpose insurance captive 29 contract and copies of any filings made by any affiliate of the special 30 purpose insurance captive to obtain regulatory approval to contribute capital to the special purpose insurance captive or to acquire direct or 31 32 indirect ownership of the special purpose insurance captive. The special 33 purpose insurance captive shall provide copies of any letters of approval or 34 disapproval received from the insurance regulator responding to such 35 filing.

36 (d) The commissioner may require the special purpose insurance 37 captive to revise its plan of operation under K.S.A. 40-4335, and 38 amendments thereto, and meet all requirements imposed by a revised plan 39 of operation as approved by the commissioner thereunder.

(e) The department shall act upon a complete application within 30 40 41 days of its filing. Upon good cause shown, the commissioner may extend 42 the time to act on the application by 30 days.

43 (f) In the event *that* the ceding company is not required to make filings with its domiciliary insurance regulator as described in subsection
 (c)(4), no such filing shall be required under subsection (c)(4) in Kansas,
 provided if the applicant provides the commissioner with a certification

3 provided *if* the applicant provides the commissioner with a certification 4 signed by one of its officers attesting that no such filing is required with 5 the ceding company's domiciliary regulator.

6 (g) Once granted, a certificate of authority under this section shall 7 continue until March 1 of each year. At such time, the certificate of 8 authority may be renewed at the discretion of the commissioner.

9 (h) A special purpose insurance captive shall pay to the commissioner 10 a nonrefundable application fee-of not to exceed \$10,000 for examining, investigating and processing its application for certificate of authority, and 11 12 the commissioner is authorized to retain legal, financial, actuarial and 13 examination services from outside the department, the reasonable costs of which may be additionally charged against the applicant. In addition, each 14 15 special purpose insurance captive shall pay a renewal fee-for each year-16 thereafter of not to exceed \$10,000 for each subsequent year. Not later 17 than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required pursuant to this 18 19 subsection for the next calendar year.

Sec. 23. K.S.A. 40-4503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-4503. (a) No person, firm, association or corporation shall act as a reinsurance broker in this state if the reinsurance broker maintains an office either directly or as a member or employee of a firm or association, or as an officer, director or employee of a corporation:

(1) In this state, unless such reinsurance broker is a licensed producerin this state; or

(2) in another state, unless such reinsurance broker is a licensed
producer in this state or another state having a law substantially similar to
this act or such reinsurance broker is licensed in this state as a nonresident
reinsurance intermediary.

31 (b) No person, firm, association or corporation shall act as a 32 reinsurance manager:

33 (1) For a reinsurer domiciled in this state, unless such reinsurance34 manager is a licensed producer in this state;

(2) in this state, if the reinsurance manager maintains an office either
directly or as a member or employee of a firm or association, or an officer,
director or employee of a corporation in this state, unless such reinsurance
manager is a licensed producer in this state;

(3) in another state for a nondomestic insurer, unless such reinsurance
manager is a licensed producer in this state or another state having a law
substantially similar to this act or such person is licensed in this state as a
nonresident reinsurance intermediary.

43 (c) The commissioner may require a reinsurance manager subject to

1 subsection (b) to file a bond in an amount from an insurer acceptable to the 2 commissioner for the protection of each reinsurer represented.

3 (d) (1) The commissioner may issue a reinsurance intermediary 4 license to any person, firm, association or corporation who has complied 5 with the requirements of this act. Before any such license may be issued, 6 the applicant shall submit proper application therefor on a form prescribed 7 by the commissioner-which that shall be accompanied by an initial fee-of 8 not to exceed \$150. Any license so issued shall remain in effect until 9 suspended, revoked, voluntarily surrendered or otherwise terminated by 10 the commissioner or licensee subject to payment of an annual continuation fee-of not to exceed \$100 on or before May 1 of each year. Any such 11 license issued to a firm or association will authorize all the members of 12 13 such firm or association and any designated employees to act as reinsurance intermediaries under the license, and all such persons shall be 14 named in the application and any supplements thereto. Any such license 15 16 issued to a corporation shall authorize all of the officers; and any designated employees and directors thereof; to act as reinsurance 17 intermediaries on behalf of such corporation, and all such persons shall be 18 19 named in the application and any supplements thereto.

20 (2) If the applicant for a reinsurance intermediary license is a 21 nonresident, such applicant, as a condition precedent to receiving or 22 holding a license, shall designate the commissioner as agent for service of 23 process in the manner, and with the same legal effect, as is provided for by 24 this act for designation of service of process upon insurers holding a 25 Kansas certificate of authority. Such applicant shall furnish the commissioner with the name and address of a resident of this state upon 26 27 whom notices or orders of the commissioner or process affecting such 28 nonresident reinsurance intermediary may be served. Such licensee shall 29 promptly notify the commissioner in writing of every change in its 30 designated agent for service of process, and such change shall not become 31 effective until acknowledged by the commissioner.

32 (3) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall 33 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fee required 34 pursuant to this subsection for the next calendar year.

35 (e) The commissioner may, after a hearing conducted in accordance 36 with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, and held 37 on not less than 20 days' notice, refuse to issue a reinsurance intermediary 38 license if, in the judgment of the commissioner; (1) The applicant, any 39 one named on the application, or any member, principal, officer or director 40 of the applicant, is not trustworthy, or; (2) any controlling person of such 41 applicant is not trustworthy to act as a reinsurance intermediary; or (3)42 any of the foregoing has given cause for revocation or suspension of such 43 license, or has failed to comply with any prerequisite for the issuance of 1 such license.

2 (f) Licensed attorneys at law in this state when acting in their 3 professional capacity as such shall be exempt from this section.

4 Sec. 24. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-4903 is hereby amended to read as 5 follows: 40-4903. (a) Unless denied licensure pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909, 6 and amendments thereto, any person who meets the requirements of 7 K.S.A. 40-4905, and amendments thereto, shall be issued an insurance 8 agent license. An insurance agent may receive qualifications for a license 9 in one or more of the following lines of authority:

(1) Life: Insurance coverage on human lives including benefits of
 endowment and annuities, and may include benefits in the event of death
 or dismemberment by accident and benefits for disability income.

(2) Accident and health or sickness: Insurance coverage for sickness,
 bodily injury or accidental death, and may include benefits for disability
 income.

16 (3) Property: Insurance coverage for the direct or consequential loss17 or damage to property of every kind.

(4) Casualty: Insurance coverage against legal liability, including thatfor death, injury or disability or damage to real or personal property.

(5) Variable life and variable annuity products: Insurance coverage
 provided under variable life insurance contracts, variable annuities or any
 other life insurance or annuity product that reflects the investment
 experience of a separate account.

(6) Personal lines: Property and casualty insurance coverage soldprimarily to an individual or family for noncommercial purposes.

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(7) Credit: Limited line credit insurance.

(8) Crop insurance: Limited line insurance for damage to crops from
unfavorable weather conditions, fire, lightning, flood, hail, insect
infestation, disease or other yield-reducing conditions or any other peril
subsidized by the federal crop insurance corporation, including multi-peril
crop insurance.

32 (9) Title insurance: Limited line insurance that insures titles to33 property against loss by reason of defective titles or encumbrances.

(10) (A) Travel insurance: Limited line insurance for personal risks
 incidental to planned travel, including, but not limited to:

36 (i) Interruption or cancellation of trip or event;

(ii) loss of baggage or personal effects;

- 38 (iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles;
- 39 (iv) sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel.;

40 (v) emergency evacuation;

41 (vi) repatriation of remains; or

42 (vii) any other contractual obligations to indemnify or pay a specified

43 amount to the traveler upon determinable contingencies related to travel as

1 approved by the commissioner.

(B) Travel insurance does not include major medical plans that
 provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting
 six months or longer, for example, persons working overseas, including
 military personnel deployed overseas.

6 (11) Pre-need funeral insurance: Limited line insurance that allows 7 for the purchase of a life insurance or annuity contract by or on behalf of 8 the insured solely to fund a pre-need contract or arrangement with a 9 funeral home for specific services.

10 (12) Bail bond insurance: Limited line insurance that provides surety 11 for a monetary guarantee that an individual released from jail will be 12 present in court at an appointed time.

(13) Self-service storage unit insurance: Limited line insurance
 relating to the rental of self-service storage units, including:

(A) Personal effects insurance that provides coverage to renters of
storage units at the same facility for the loss of, or damage to, personal
effects that occurs at the same facility during the rental period; and

(B) any other coverage that the commissioner may approve as
meaningful and appropriate in connection with the rental of storage units.
Such insurance may only be issued in accordance with K.S.A. 40-241, and
amendments thereto.

(14) Any other line of insurance permitted under the provisions of
 chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and
 any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(b) Unless suspended, revoked or refused renewal pursuant to K.S.A.
40-4909, and amendments thereto, an insurance agent license shall remain
in effect as long as:

28 (1) Education requirements for resident individual agents are met by29 such insurance agent's biennial due date;

30 (2) such insurance agent submits an application for renewal on a form31 prescribed by the commissioner; and

32 (3) such insurance agent pays a biennial renewal application fee-of
 33 not to exceed \$4.

(c) Except as provided in paragraphs (1) through (4), each licensed
insurance agent shall biennially obtain a minimum of 18 C.E.C.s that
include at least three hours of instruction in insurance ethics that also may
include regulatory compliance.

(1) Each licensed insurance agent who is an individual and holds only
 a crop qualification shall biennially obtain a minimum of two C.E.C.s in
 courses certified as crop C.E.C.s under the property and casualty category.

41 (2) Each licensed insurance agent who is an individual and is licensed
42 only for title insurance shall biennially obtain a minimum of four C.E.C.s
43 in courses certified by the board of abstract examiners as title C.E.C.s

1 under the property and casualty category.

(3) Each licensed insurance agent who is an individual and holds a 2 life insurance license solely for the purpose of selling pre-need funeral 3 4 insurance or annuity products shall file a report on or before such agent's biennial due date affirming that such agent transacted no other insurance 5 6 business during the period covered by the report and shall provide 7 certification from an officer of each insurance company that has appointed 8 such agent that the agent transacted no other insurance business during the 9 period covered by the report. Agents who have offered to sell or sold only 10 pre-need funeral insurance are exempt from the requirement to obtain 11 CECs

(4) Each licensed insurance agent who is an individual and holds only
a bail bond, self-service storage unit or travel insurance qualification is
exempt from the requirement to obtain C.E.C.s.

(5) (A) A licensed insurance agent who is a member of the national
guard or any reserve component of the armed services of the United States
who serves on active duty for at least 90 consecutive days shall be exempt
from the requirement to obtain C.E.C.s during the time that such insurance
agent is on active duty.

20 (B) The commissioner shall grant an extension to any licensed 21 insurance agent described in subparagraph (A) until the biennial due date 22 that occurs in the year next succeeding the year in which such active duty 23 ceases.

(d) An instructor of an approved subject shall be entitled to the sameC.E.C. as a student completing the study.

26 (e) (1) An individual insurance agent who has been licensed for more than one year, on or before such insurance agent's biennial due date, shall 27 28 file a report with the commissioner certifying that such insurance agent has 29 met the continuing education requirements for the previous biennium 30 ending on such insurance agent's biennial due date. Each individual 31 insurance agent shall maintain a record of all courses attended together 32 with a certificate of attendance for the remainder of the biennium in which 33 the courses were attended and the entire next succeeding biennium.

34 (2) If the required report showing proof of continuing education 35 completion is not received by the commissioner by the individual 36 insurance agent's biennial due date, such individual insurance agent's 37 qualification and each and every corresponding license shall be suspended 38 automatically for a period of 90 calendar days or until such time as the 39 producer satisfactorily demonstrates completion of the continuing 40 education requirement, whichever is sooner. In addition, the commissioner shall assess a penalty of \$100 for each license suspended. If such insurance 41 agent fails to furnish to the commissioner the required proof of continuing 42 43 education completion and the monetary penalty within 90 calendar days of

1 such insurance agent's biennial due date, such individual insurance agent's 2 qualification and each and every corresponding license shall expire on 3 such insurance agent's biennial due date. If after more than three but less 4 than 12 months from the date the license expired, the insurance agent 5 wants to reinstate such insurance agent's license, such individual shall 6 provide the required proof of continuing education completion and pay a 7 reinstatement fee in the amount of \$100 for each license suspended. If 8 after more than 12 months from the date an insurance agent's license has 9 expired, such insurance agent wants to reinstate such insurance agent's 10 license, such individual shall apply for an insurance agent's license, provide the required proof of continuing education completion and pay a 11 reinstatement fee in the amount of \$100 for each license suspended. Upon 12 13 receipt of a written application from such insurance agent claiming 14 extreme hardship, the commissioner may waive any penalty imposed 15 under this subsection.

16 (3) On and after the effective date of this act, any applicant for an 17 individual insurance agent's license who previously held a license that 18 expires on or after June 30, 2001, because of failure to meet continuing 19 education requirements and who seeks to be relicensed shall provide 20 evidence that appropriate C.E.C.s have been completed for the prior 21 biennium.

(4) Upon receipt of a written application from an individual insurance agent, the commissioner, in cases involving medical hardship or military service, may extend the time within which to fulfill the minimum continuing educational requirements for a period of not to exceed 180 days.

(5) This section shall not apply to any inactive insurance agent during the period of such inactivity. For the purposes of this paragraph, "inactive period" or "period of inactivity" means a continuous period of time of not more than four years starting from the date inactive status is granted by the commissioner. Before returning to active status, such inactive insurance agent shall:

(A) File a report with the commissioner certifying that such agent hasmet the continuing education requirement; and

(B) pay the renewal fee. If the required proof of continuing education completion and the renewal fee is not furnished at the end of the inactive period, such individual insurance agent's qualification and each and every corresponding license shall expire at the end of the period of inactivity. For issuance of a new license, the individual shall apply for a license and pass the required examination.

41 (6) Any individual who allows such individual's insurance agent 42 license in this state and *in* all other states in which where such individual is 43 licensed as an insurance agent to expire for a period of four or more consecutive years; shall apply for a new insurance agent license and pass
 the required examination.

3 (f) (1) Each course, program of study, or subject shall be submitted to 4 and certified by the commissioner in order to qualify for purposes of 5 continuing education.

6 (2) Each request for certification of any course, program of study or 7 subject shall contain the following information:

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(A) The name of the provider or provider organization;

(B) the title of such course, program of study or subject;

(C) the date the course, program of study or subject will be offered;

(D) the location where the course, program of study or subject will be
 offered;

(E) an outline of each course, program of study or subject, including a
 schedule of times when such material will be presented;

(F) the names and qualifications of instructors;

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(G) the number of C.E.C.s requested;

(H) a nonrefundable C.E.C. qualification fee-in the amount of not to *exceed* \$50 per course, program of study or subject or not to exceed \$250
per year for all courses, programs of study or subjects submitted by a
specific provider or provider organization; and

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(I) a nonrefundable annual provider fee-of not to exceed \$100.

(3) Upon receipt of such information, the commissioner shall grant or deny certification of any submitted course, program of study or subject as an approved subject, program of study or course and indicate the number of C.E.C.s that will be recognized for each approved course, program of study or subject. Each approved course, program of study or subject shall be assigned by the commissioner to one or both of the following classes:

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(A) Property and casualty; or

(B) life insurance, including annuity and variable contracts, andaccident and health insurance.

31 (4) Each course, program of study or subject shall have a value of at32 least one C.E.C.

33 (5) (A) Each provider seeking approval of a course, program of study 34 or subject for continuing education credit shall issue or cause to be issued 35 to each person who attends a course, program of study or subject offered 36 by such provider a certificate of attendance. The certificate shall be signed 37 by either the instructor who presents the course, program of study or 38 course or such provider's authorized representative. Each provider shall 39 maintain a list of all individuals who attend courses offered by such 40 provider for continuing education credit for the remainder of the biennium 41 in which the courses are offered and the entire next succeeding biennium.

42 (B) The commissioner shall accept, without substantive review, any 43 course, program of study or subject submitted by a provider that has been approved by the insurance supervisory authority of any other state or
 territory accredited by the NAIC. The commissioner may disapprove any
 individual instructor or provider who has been the subject of disciplinary
 proceedings or who has otherwise failed to comply with any other state's
 or territory's laws or regulations.

6 (6) The commissioner may grant or approve any specific course, 7 program of study or course that has appropriate merit, such as any course, 8 programs of study or course with broad national or regional recognition, 9 without receiving any request for certification. The fee prescribed by 10 subsection (f)(2) shall not apply to any approval granted pursuant to this 11 provision.

12 (7) The C.E.C. value assigned to any course, program of study or subject, other than a correspondence course, computer based training, 13 interactive internet study training or other course pursued by independent 14 study, shall in no way be contingent upon passage or satisfactory 15 16 completion of any examination given in connection with such course, program of study or subject. The commissioner shall establish, by rules 17 18 and regulations, the criteria for determining acceptability of any method 19 used for verification of the completion of each stage of any computer 20 based or interactive internet study training. Completion of any computer 21 based training or interactive internet study training shall be verified in 22 accordance with a method approved by the commissioner.

(g) Upon request, the commissioner shall provide a list of allapproved continuing education courses currently available to the public.

(h) An individual insurance agent who independently studies an
insurance course, program of study or subject that is not an agent's
examination approved by the commissioner shall receive credit for the
C.E.C.s assigned by the commissioner as recognition for the approved
subject. No other credit shall be given for independent study.

(i) Any licensed individual insurance agent who is unable to comply
with license renewal procedures due to military service or some other
extenuating circumstances may request a waiver of those procedures from
the commissioner. Such agent may also request from the commissioner a
waiver of any examination requirement or any other fine or sanction
imposed for failure to comply with renewal procedures.

(j) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required
pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

Sec. 25. K.S.A. 40-5003 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-5003. (a) No person shall operate as a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker without first obtaining a license from the commissioner or the insurance regulatory official of the state of residence of the viator. If there is more than one viator on a single policy and the 1 viators are residents of different states, the viatical settlement shall be governed by the law of the state in which the viator having the largest 2 3 percentage ownership resides or, if the viators hold equal ownership, the 4 state of residence of one viator agreed upon in writing by all viators.

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(b) Application for a viatical settlement provider license shall be 6 made to the commissioner by the applicant on a form prescribed by the 7 commissioner, and these applications shall be accompanied by a 8 nonrefundable fee-of- not to exceed \$1,000.

9 (c) Licenses for viatical settlement providers may be renewed from 10 year to year on the anniversary date upon payment of the annual renewal fee-of not to exceed \$500. Failure to pay the fees by the renewal date 11 12 results in expiration of the license.

13 (d) Application for a viatical settlement broker license shall be made to the commissioner by the applicant on a form prescribed by the 14 commissioner. Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable 15 16 application fee-of not to exceed \$100.

17 (e) Licenses for a viatical settlement broker license may be renewed from year to year on the anniversary date upon payment of the annual 18 renewal fee-of not to exceed \$50. Failure to pay the fees by the renewal 19 20 date results in expiration of such license.

21 (f) The applicant shall provide information on forms required by the 22 commissioner. The commissioner shall have authority, at any time, to 23 require the applicant to fully disclose the identity of all stockholders, 24 partners, officers, members and employees, and the commissioner, in the 25 exercise of the commissioner's discretion, may refuse to issue a license in 26 the name of a legal entity if not satisfied that any officer, employee, 27 stockholder, partner or member thereof who may materially influence the 28 applicant's conduct meets the standards of this act.

29 (g) A license issued to a legal entity authorizes all partners, officers, 30 members and designated employees to act as viatical settlement providers 31 or viatical settlement brokers, as applicable, under the license, and all 32 those persons shall be named in the application and any supplements to the 33 application.

34 (h) Upon the filing of an application and the payment of the license 35 fee, the commissioner shall make an investigation of each applicant and 36 issue a license if the commissioner finds that the applicant:

37 (1) If a viatical settlement provider, has provided a detailed plan of 38 operation;

39 (2) is competent and trustworthy and intends to act in good faith in 40 the capacity involved by the license applied for;

41 (3) has a good business reputation and has had experience, training or 42 education so as to be qualified in the business for which the license is 43 applied for;

1 (4) if a legal entity, provides a certificate of good standing from the 2 state of its domicile; and

3 (5) if a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker, has 4 provided an anti-fraud plan that meets the requirements of paragraph (g) of 5 K.S.A. 40-5012(g), and amendments thereto.

6 (i) The commissioner shall not issue a license to a nonresident 7 applicant, unless a written designation of an agent for service of process is 8 filed and maintained with the commissioner or the applicant has filed with 9 the commissioner, the applicant's written irrevocable consent that any 10 action against the applicant may be commenced against the applicant by 11 service of process on the commissioner.

(j) A viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker shall
 provide to the commissioner new or revised information about officers,
 10% or more stockholders, partners, directors, members or designated
 employees within 30 days of the change.

(k) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required
pursuant to this section for the next calendar year.

19 Sec. 26. K.S.A. 40-5509 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-20 5509. (a) (1) An individual who has met the requirements for licensure 21 under this act shall be issued a public adjuster license. A public adjuster 22 license shall remain in effect, unless revoked, terminated or suspended, as 23 long as the request for renewal is timely submitted and a license renewal 24 fee-of not to exceed \$100 is paid and any other requirements for license 25 renewal are met by the due date. The licensee shall inform the commissioner by any means acceptable to the commissioner of a change 26 27 of address, change of legal name or change of information submitted on 28 the application within 30 days of the change.

29 (2) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall
30 set and cause to be published in the Kansas register the fees required
31 pursuant to this subsection for the next calendar year.

(b) A public adjuster shall be subject to the provisions-of subsection
 (9) of K.S.A. 40-2404(9), and amendments thereto.

(c) A public adjuster who allows such person's license to lapse may,
within 12 months from the due date of the renewal, be issued a new public
adjuster license upon the commissioner's receipt of proof that the licensee
has satisfactorily completed the renewal process and the licensee's
payment of a reinstatement fee of \$100. The new public adjuster license
shall be effective *on* the date *that* the commissioner receives such proof
and the reinstatement fee.

(d) A licensed public adjuster that is unable to comply with license
renewal procedures due to military service, a long-term medical disability
or some other extenuating circumstance, may request an extension of time

1 to comply with those procedures.

2 (e) The public adjuster license shall contain the licensee's name, city 3 and state of business address, personal identification number, the date of 4 issuance, the expiration date and any other information the commissioner 5 deems necessary.

6 (f) In order to assist in the performance of the commissioner's duties, 7 the commissioner may contract with non-governmental entities, including 8 the NAIC, to perform any ministerial functions, including the collection of 9 fees and data related to licensing that the commissioner may deem 10 appropriate.

11Sec. 27.K.S.A. 40-205a, 40-218, 40-252, 40-2,133, 40-504, 40-956,1240-22a04, 40-2604, 40-2702, 40-3213, 40-3217, 40-3304, 40-3812, 40-133813, 40-3814, 40-4103, 40-4116, 40-4323, 40-4334, 40-4503, 40-500314and 40-5509 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-3823, 40-3824, 40-4209, 40-430215and 40-4903 are hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 28. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 17 publication in the statute book.