SENATE BILL No. 32

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to taxation; reducing insurance company premium tax rates; discontinuing remittance and crediting of a portion of the premium tax to the insurance department service regulation fund; amending K.S.A. 40-112 and 40-252 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 40-112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-112. (a) For the purpose of maintaining the insurance department and the payment of expenses incident thereto, there is hereby established the insurance department service regulation fund in the state treasury, which shall be administered by the commissioner of insurance. All expenditures from the insurance department service regulation fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the commissioner of insurance or by a person or persons designated by the commissioner.

- (b) On and after the effective date of this act January 1, 2026, all fees received by the commissioner of insurance pursuant to any statute and 1% of taxes received pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the insurance department service regulation fund.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the commissioner of insurance shall make an annual assessment on each group of affiliated insurers whose certificates of authority to do business in this state are in good standing at the time of the assessment. The total amount of all such assessments for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount sufficient whichthat, when combined with the total amount to be credited to the insurance department service regulation fund pursuant to subsection (b) is equal to the amount approved by the legislature to fund the insurance company regulation program. With respect to each group of affiliated insurers, such assessment shall be in proportion to the amount of total assets of the group of affiliated insurers as reported to the commissioner of insurance pursuant to K.S.A. 40-225, and amendments thereto, for the

immediately preceding calendar year, shall not be less than \$500 and shall not be more than the amount equal to .0000015 of the amount of total assets of the group of affiliated insurers or \$25,000, whichever is less. The total assessment for any fiscal year shall not increase by any amount greater than 15% of the total budget approved by the legislature to fund the insurance company regulation program for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the assessment is made. In the event the total amount of the assessment would be less than the aggregate amount resulting by assessing the \$500 minimum on each insurer, the commissioner may establish a lower minimum to be assessed equally on each insurer

- (d) If, by the laws of any state other than Kansas or by the retaliatory laws of any state other than Kansas, any insurer domiciled in Kansas shall be required to pay any fee or tax in such other state of licensure, and the fee or tax is due and payable either because the insurance department service regulation fee imposed by this section on insurers licensed in Kansas and organized or domiciled in such other state is greater than the comparable fee or tax assessed in such other state, or such other state has no comparable fee or tax but requires payment on a retaliatory basis, then to the extent such fee or tax amounts are legally due and are paid in such other state, any insurer domiciled in Kansas may claim a dollar-for-dollar credit for such fees paid against insurer's annual premium taxes due the state of Kansas under K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, or privilege fee due the state of Kansas under K.S.A. 40-3213, and amendments thereto, but such credit shall only be calculated on the amount-which that would not have been required to be paid in such other state of licensure in the absence of the existence of the insurance department service regulation fee imposed by this section, and in no event shall the credit permitted by this section exceed 90% of the insurer's annual premium tax or privilege fee due the state of Kansas. The insurance commissioner shall prescribe the forms for reporting such credits.
- (e) Assessments payable under this section shall be past due if not paid to the insurance department within 45 days of the billing date of such assessment. A penalty equal to 10% of the amount assessed shall be imposed upon any past due payment and the total amount of the assessment and penalty shall bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month or any portion thereof.
- (f) When there exists in the insurance department service regulation fund a deficiency—which that would render such fund temporarily insufficient during any fiscal year to meet the insurance department's funding requirements, the commissioner of insurance shall certify the amount of the insufficiency. Upon receipt of any such certification, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer an amount of moneys equal

 to the amount so certified from the state general fund to the insurance department service regulation fund. On June 30 of any fiscal year during which an amount or amounts are certified and transferred under this subsection, the director of accounts and reports shall provide for the repayment of the amounts so transferred and shall transfer the amount equal to the total of all such amounts transferred during the fiscal year from the insurance department service regulation fund to the state general fund

- (g) Any unexpended balance in the insurance department service regulation fund at the close of a fiscal year shall remain credited to the insurance department service regulation fund for use in the succeeding fiscal year and shall be used to reduce future assessments or to accommodate cash flow demands on the fund.
- (h) The commissioner of insurance shall exempt the assessment of any insurer-which that, as of December 31 of the calendar year preceding the assessment, has a surplus of less than two times the minimum amount of surplus required for a certificate of authority on and after May 1, 1994, and-which is subject to the premium tax or privilege fee liability imposed on insurers organized under the laws of this state. The commissioner of insurance may also exempt or defer, in whole or in part, the assessment of any other insurer if, in the opinion of the commissioner of insurance, immediate payment of the total assessment would be detrimental to the solvency of the insurer.
 - (i) As used in this section:
- (1) "Affiliates" or "affiliated" has the meaning ascribed by K.S.A. 40-3302, and amendments thereto;
- (2) "group" or "group of affiliated insurers" means the affiliated insurers of a group and also includes an individual, unaffiliated insurer; and
- (3) "insurer" means any insurance company, as defined by K.S.A. 40-201, and amendments thereto, any fraternal benefit society, as defined by K.S.A. 40-738, and amendments thereto, any reciprocal or interinsurance exchange under K.S.A. 40-1601 through 40-1614, and amendments thereto, any mutual insurance company organized to provide health care provider liability insurance under K.S.A. 40-12a01 through 40-12a09, and amendments thereto, any nonprofit dental service corporation under K.S.A. 40-19a01 through 40-19a14, and amendments thereto, any nonprofit medical and hospital service corporation under K.S.A. 40-19c01 through 40-19c11, and amendments thereto, any health maintenance organization, as defined by K.S.A. 40-3202, and amendments thereto, or any captive insurance company, as defined by K.S.A. 40-4301, and amendments thereto, which that is authorized to do business in Kansas.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-252 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-252.

1	Every insurance company or fraternal benefit society organized under the
2	laws of this state or doing business in this state shall pay to the
3	commissioner of insurance fees and taxes specified in the following
4	schedule:
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6	Insurance companies organized under the laws of this state:
7	1. Capital stock insurance companies and mutual legal reserve life
8	insurance companies:
9	Filing application for sale of stock or certificates of indebtedness\$25
10	Admission fees:
11	Examination of charter and other documents
12	Filing annual statement
13	Certificate of authority
14	Annual fees:
15	Filing annual statement
16	Continuation of certificate of authority
17	2. Mutual life, accident and health associations:
18	Admission fees:
19	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
20	Filing annual statement
21	Certificate of authority
22	Annual fees:
23	Filing annual statement
24	Continuation of certificate of authority
25	3. Mutual fire, hail, casualty and multiple line insurers and reciprocal or
26	interinsurance exchanges:
27	Admission fees:
28	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
29	Filing annual statement
30	Certificate of authority10
31	Annual fees:
32	Filing annual statement
33	Continuation of certificate of authority10
34	In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the
35	continuation of the certificate of authority provided in this code, all such
36	companies shall pay a fee of \$2 for each agent certified by the company
37	and shall also pay a tax annually upon all premiums received on risk
38	located in this state at the rate of 1% for tax year 1997, and 2% for tax
39	year 2025 and 1.98% for tax year 2026, and all tax years thereafter, per
40	annum less-(1) for tax years prior to 1984, any taxes paid on business in
41	this state pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707,
42	inclusive, and 75-1508, and amendments thereto, and (2) for tax years
43	1984 and thereafter, any taxes paid on business in this state pursuant to the

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provisions of K.S.A. 75-1508, and amendments thereto, and the amount of 2 the firefighters relief tax credit determined by the commissioner of insurance. The amount of the firefighters relief tax credit for a company 3 4 for the current tax year shall be determined by the commissioner of 5 insurance by dividing (A) the total amount of credits against the tax 6 imposed by this section for taxes paid by all such companies on business 7 in this state under K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707, inclusive, and amendments 8 thereto, for tax year 1983, by (B) the total amount of taxes paid by all such 9 companies on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments thereto, for the tax year immediately preceding the current 10 11 tax year, and by multiplying the result so obtained by (C) the amount of 12 taxes paid by the company on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments thereto, for the current tax year. 13

In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed as annuity premiums—which that, on or after January 1, 1997, are withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, all premiums received for reinsurance from any other company authorized to do business in this state, dividends returned to policyholders and premiums received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under 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 annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.

Fraternal benefit societies organized under the laws of this state:

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30	Admission fees:
31	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
32	Filing annual statement
33	Certificate of authority
34	Annual fees:
35	Filing annual statement
36	Continuation of certificate of authority
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38	Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service
39	corporations, nonprofit dental service corporations, nonprofit optometric
40	service corporations and nonprofit pharmacy service corporations

organized under the laws of this state:

1. Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations:

Admission fees:

1	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
2	Filing annual statement
3	Certificate of authority
4	Annual fees:
5	Filing annual statement
6	Continuation of certificate of authority10
7	2. Nonprofit medical service corporations:
8	Admission fees:
9	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
10	Filing annual statement
11	Certificate of authority10
12	Annual fees:
13	Filing annual statement
14	Continuation of certificate of authority10
15	3. Nonprofit dental service corporations:
16	Admission fees:
17	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
18	Filing annual statement
19	Certificate of authority10
20	Annual fees:
21	Filing annual statement
22	Continuation of certificate of authority
23	4. Nonprofit optometric service corporations:
24	Admission fees:
25	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
26	Filing annual statement
27	Certificate of authority10
28	Annual fees:
29	Filing annual statement
30	Continuation of certificate of authority10
31	5. Nonprofit pharmacy service corporations:
32	Admission fees:
33	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
34	Filing annual statement
35	Certificate of authority10
36	Annual fees:
37	Filing annual statement
38	Continuation of certificate of authority10
39	In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the
40	continuation of the certificate of authority, provided in this code, every
41	corporation or association shall pay annually to the commissioner of
42	insurance a tax in an amount equal to 1% for tax year 1997, and 2% for
43	tax year 2025 and 1.98% for tax year 2026, and all tax years thereafter,

per annum of the total of all premiums, subscription charges, or any other term—which that may be used to describe the charges made by such corporation or association to subscribers for hospital, medical or other health services or indemnity received during the preceding year. In such computations all such corporations or associations shall be entitled to deduct any premiums or subscription charges returned on account of cancellations and dividends returned to members or subscribers.

Insurance companies organized under the laws of any other state, territory or country:

1. Capital stock insurance companies and mutual legal reserve life insurance companies:

Filing application for sale of stock or certificates of indebtedness.....\$25 Admission fees:

Filing annual statement 100
Continuation of certificate of authority 10

In addition to the above fees all such companies shall pay \$5 for each agent certified by the company, except as otherwise provided by 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% for tax year 2025 and 1.98% for tax year 2026, and all tax years thereafter, per annum.

In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed as annuity premiums—which that, on or after January 1, 1997, are withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, dividends returned to policyholders and all premiums received for reinsurance from any other company authorized to do business in this state and premiums received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under 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 annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.

2. Mutual life, accident and health associations:

1	Admission fees:
2	Examination of charter and other documents\$500
3	Filing annual statement
4	Certificate of authority
5	Annual fees:
6	Filing annual statement
7	Continuation of certificate of authority
8	In addition to the above fees, every such company organized under the
9	laws of any other state of the United States shall pay \$5 for each agent
10	certified by the company, and shall pay a tax annually upon all premiums
11	received at the rate of 2% for tax year 2025 and 1.98% for tax year 2026,
12	and all tax years thereafter, per annum.
13	In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be
14	entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations,
15	including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed
16	as annuity premiums-which that, on or after January 1, 1997, are
17	withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, dividends
18	returned to policyholders and all premiums received for reinsurance from
19	any other company authorized to do business in this state and premiums
20	received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred
21	compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under
22	sections 401, 403, 404, 408, 457 or 501 of the United States internal
23	revenue code of 1986. Funds received by life insurers for the purchase of
24	annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of
25	annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under
26	this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.
27	3. Mutual fire, casualty and multiple line insurers and reciprocal or
28	interinsurance exchanges:
29	Admission fees:
30	Examination of charter and other documents and issuance of certificate
31	of authority\$500
32	Filing annual statement
33	Certificate of authority
34	Annual fees:
35	Filing annual statement
36	Continuation of certificate of authority
37	In addition to the above fees, every such company or association
38	organized under the laws of any other state of the United States shall pay a
39	fee of \$5 for each agent certified by the company and shall also pay a tax
40	annually upon all premiums received at the rate of 2% for tax year 2025
41	and 1.98% for tax year 2026, and all tax years thereafter, per annum.
42	For tax years 1998 and thereafter, the annual tax shall be reduced by the
43	"applicable percentage" of: (1) Any taxes paid on business in this state

pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1508, and amendments thereto; 1 and (2) the amount of the firefighters relief tax credit determined by the commissioner of insurance. The amount of the firefighters relief tax credit 3 4 for a company taxable under this subsection for the current tax year shall 5 be determined by the commissioner of insurance by dividing (A) the total 6 amount of taxes paid by all such companies on business in this state under 7 K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707, and amendments thereto, for tax year 1983 as 8 then in effect, by (B) the total amount of taxes paid by all such companies on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments thereto, 9 for the tax year immediately preceding the current tax year, and by 10 multiplying the result so obtained by (C) the amount of taxes paid by the 11 company on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703, and amendments 12 thereto, for the current tax year. The "applicable percentage" shall be-as 13 14 follows: 100%

15	Tax Year	Applicable Percentage
16	1998	10%
17	1999	20%
18	2000	40%
19		50%
20	2003	60%
21	2004	70%
22	2005	80%
23	2006	90%
24	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.

Fraternal benefit societies organized under the laws of any other state, territory or country:

Admission fees:

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Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
Filing annual statement	100
Certificate of authority	10
Annual fees:	
Filing annual statement	100
Continuation of certificate of authority	10

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Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service

41 corporations, nonprofit dental service corporations, nonprofit optometric

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1	service corporations and nonprofit pharmacy service corporations
2	organized under the laws of any other state, territory or country:
3	1. Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations:
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
0	Continuation of certificate of authority
1	2. Nonprofit medical service corporations, nonprofit dental service
2	corporations, nonprofit optometric service corporations and nonprofit
3	pharmacy service corporations:
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
20	Continuation of certificate of authority
21	In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the
22	continuation of the certificate of authority, provided in this code, every
23	corporation or association shall pay annually to the commissioner of
24	insurance a tax in an amount equal to 2% for tax year 2025 and 1.98% for
25	tax year 2026, and all tax years thereafter, per annum of the total of all
26	premiums, subscription charges, or any other term -which that may be used
27	to describe the charges made by such corporation or association to
28	subscribers in this state for hospital, medical or other health services or
29	indemnity received during the preceding year. In such computations all
30	such corporations or associations shall be entitled to deduct any premiums
31	or subscription charges returned on account of cancellations and dividends
32	returned to members or subscribers.
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34	Payment of Taxes.
35	For the purpose of insuring the collection of the tax upon premiums,
36	assessments and charges as set out in subsection A, C, D or F, every
37	insurance company, corporation or association shall at the time it files its
88	annual statement, as required by the provisions of K.S.A. 40-225, and
39	amendments thereto, make a return, generated by or at the direction of its
10	president and secretary or other chief officers, under penalty of K.S.A. 21-
11	5824, and amendments thereto, to the commissioner of insurance, stating
12	the amount of all premiums, assessments and charges received by the
13	companies or corporations in this state, whether in cash or notes, during

the year ending on the December 31 next preceding.

Commencing in 1985 and annually thereafter the estimated taxes shall 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 reported by the company shall be remitted to the commissioner of insurance. As used in this paragraph, "prior year's taxes" includes: (1) Taxes assessed pursuant to this section for the prior calendar year;; (2) fees and taxes assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-253, and amendments thereto, for the prior calendar year; and (3) taxes paid for maintenance of the department of the state fire marshal pursuant to K.S.A. 75-1508, and 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.

All reports and returns required by this act and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto shall be preserved for three years and thereafter until the commissioner orders them to be destroyed.

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

- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 40-112 and 40-252 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2026, and its publication in the statute book.