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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2043

As Amended by House Committee on Insurance

Brief*

HB 2043, as amended, would allow the insurer or producer to extend a pilot or testing program for a value-added product or service beyond a one-year period for any additional time needed to determine if the value-added product or service meets the criteria in the case the insurer or producer is unable to determine sufficient evidence within the first year.

The bill would clarify the time period for an agent or insurer to respond to an inquiry from the Insurance Department (Department) to be within 14 calendar days.

The bill would add the failure of an insurer to respond to an inquiry from the Department to the list of actions that could lead the Commissioner to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse a new license or application for license.

The bill would also add defining headers and would make other technical amendments.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Insurance at the request of a representative of the Kansas Insurance Department. [Note: A companion bill, SB 23, has been introduced in the Senate.]

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

House Committee on Insurance

In the House Committee hearing on the bill, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Insurance Department. The proponent indicated the bill would allow the Department to better respond to consumer complaints received and would allow an extension beyond the one-year period at the discretion of the Department to obtain evidence pertaining to value-added products or services mitigation.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Property and Casualty Insurance Companies, Inc.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to clarify the time period for a response to the Department to be within 14 calendar days.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Insurance Department indicates enactment of the bill, as introduced, would not have a fiscal effect.

Kansas insurance department; commissioner; inquiry response; rebate pilot programs; value-added product; value-added service