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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 27

As Amended by House Committee on Insurance

Brief*

SB 27, as amended, would amend certain reporting requirements for the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) and amend the definition of “person” in statute regarding enforcement of insurance law.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Reporting Requirements

The bill would remove the requirement that the Commissioner provide an annual report to the Governor regarding the general conduct and condition of insurance companies, including fraternal benefit societies doing business in the state. The Commissioner would be required to publish the report on the Kansas Insurance Department (Department) website.

The bill would also remove outdated language requiring the Commissioner to report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the development of uniform electronic data interchange formats and standards.

Definition of “Person”

The bill would amend the definition of “person” for purposes of enforcement of insurance law by removing

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references to specific entities already included under “any legal entity under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner.”

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance at the request of a representative of the Department. [Note: A companion bill, HB 2048, has been introduced in the House.]

Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Department, who stated the bill would increase efficiency for the agency by eliminating a reporting requirement and simplify the definition of “person” to prevent the need to amend the statute each time a change is made to the Commissioner’s jurisdiction.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to clarify that the annual report would continue to be published on the Department’s website.

House Committee on Insurance

In the House Committee hearing, no testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to change the effective date to be upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Insurance; Kansas Insurance Department; Commissioner of Insurance; reporting requirements; definitions