

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2617** submits the following report:

The Senate recedes from all of its amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 4, in line 10, after "(c)" by inserting "After implementation of rules and regulations by the director,";

On page 5, following line 18, by inserting:

"Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 44-550b is hereby amended to read as follows: 44-550b. (a) All records provided to be maintained under K.S.A. 44-550, and amendments thereto, and notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be open to public inspection, except:

(1) Records relating to financial information submitted by an employer to qualify as a self-insurer pursuant to K.S.A. 44-532, and amendments thereto;

(2) records which relate to utilization review or peer review conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 44-510j, and amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed except to the health care provider and as otherwise specifically provided by the workers compensation act;

(3) records relating to private premises safety inspections;

(4) medical records, forms collected pursuant to ~~subsection (b)~~ of K.S.A. 44-567(b), and amendments thereto, accident reports maintained under K.S.A. 44-550, and amendments thereto, and social security numbers pertaining to an individual which shall not be disclosed

except:

(A) Upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction;

(B) to the employer, its insurance carrier or its representative, from whom a worker seeks workers compensation benefits;

(C) to the division of workers compensation for its own purposes;

(D) to federal or state governmental agencies for purposes of fraud and abuse investigations and child support enforcement, except that such disclosure shall not then be open to public inspection;

(E) to an employer in connection with any application for employment to an employer, its insurance carrier or representatives providing: (i) A conditional offer of employment has been made; and (ii) the request for records includes a signed release by the individual, identifies the job conditionally offered by the employer and is submitted in writing, either by mail or electronic means. Requests relating to an individual under this subsection shall be considered a record to be maintained and open to public inspection under K.S.A. 44-550, and amendments thereto, except social security numbers;

(F) to the workers compensation fund for its own purposes; and

(G) to the worker upon written release by the worker.

(b) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the workers compensation act.";

Also on page 5, in line 19, after "44-510i" by inserting "and 44-550b";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after the second semicolon by inserting "records

disclosure;"; in line 3, after "44-510i" by inserting "and 44-550b";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

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Conferees on part of Senate

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