

HOUSE BILL No. 2469

By Committee on Insurance

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1 AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to property and casualty
2 insurance; exempting certain claims handling operations from certain
3 local ordinances and restrictions during a catastrophic loss event.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, at the time
7 of any emergency, catastrophe or other life- or property-threatening event,
8 no political subdivision shall impose restrictions or enforce local licensing
9 or registration ordinances with respect to an insurer's claims handling
10 operations.

11 (b) Any insurer establishing claims handling operations pursuant to
12 this section shall provide notice to a city or county prior to establishing
13 such operations.

14 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a political subdivision from
15 exercising its police power when necessary to preserve public health and
16 welfare, including, but not limited to, enforcing building, zoning and fire
17 safety codes.

18 (d) As used in this section:

19 (1) "Claims handling operations" includes, but is not limited to, the
20 establishment of a base of operations on a temporary basis, not to exceed
21 six months, by an insurer within the disaster area and the investigation and
22 handling of claims by personnel authorized by any such insurer; and

23 (2) "insurer" means an insurance company as defined in K.S.A. 40-
24 201, and amendments thereto.

25 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the statute book.