



# Kansas Department of Insurance

Commissioner Vicki Schmidt

## Proponent Testimony for SB 27

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Chairwoman Dietrich and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 27.

Senate Bill 27 amends K.S.A. 40-2,125, which governs the Department of Insurance's enforcement over regulated entities. The bill simplifies this definition and strikes the list of specific entities from the definition of "person," including automobile clubs, which have not been regulated by the Department since 2021. The Department believes the language "any other legal entity under the jurisdiction of the commissioner" best defines person for the purposes of this statute and prevents the Legislature from having to revisit this each time a change is made to the jurisdiction.

Senate Bill 27 also amends K.S.A. 40-108 and 40-2253. These statutes contain requirements for the Commissioner of Insurance to make an annual report to the governor on the status of insurance companies in Kansas, and for the Commissioner to provide a report in 1993 concerning interstate electronic communication standards. The Kansas Department of Insurance publishes its annual report on the Department's website where all Kansans, including the Governor can access it. These statutes requiring the reports are outdated and unnecessary.

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