Session of 2025

SENATE BILL No. 27

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the commissioner; eliminating the requirement that the commissioner submit certain reports to the governor; removing certain specific entities from the definition of person for the purpose of enforcing insurance law; amending K.S.A. 40-108 and 40-2253 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-2,125 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 40-108 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-108. The commissioner of insurance shall make an annual report to the governor of the general conduct and condition of the insurance companies, including fraternal benefit societies, doing business in this state. The commissioner of insurance shall keep and preserve in a permanent form a full record of the commissioner's proceedings, including a concise statement of the condition of each company reported, visited or examined by the commissioner.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-2,125 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,125. (a) If the commissioner determines after notice and opportunity for a hearing that any person has engaged or is engaging in any act or practice constituting a violation of any provision of Kansas insurance statutes or any rule and regulation or order thereunder, the commissioner may, in the exercise of discretion, order any one or more of the following:
- (1) Payment of a monetary penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each and every act or violation, unless the person knew or reasonably should have known *that* such person was in violation of the Kansas insurance statutes or any rule and regulation or order thereunder, in which case the penalty shall be not more than \$2,000 for each and every act or violation;
- (2) suspension or revocation of the person's license or certificate if such person knew or reasonably should have known that such person was in violation of the Kansas insurance statutes or any rule and regulation or order thereunder; or
- (3) that such person cease and desist from the unlawful act or practice and take such affirmative action—as that, in the judgment of the commissioner, will carry out the purposes of the violated or potentially violated provision.

Proposed Amendment to SB 27
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The commissioner of insurance shall make an annual report of the general conduct and condition of the insurance companies, including fraternal benefit societies doing business in this state and shall publish such report on the department's website.