

**As Amended by House Committee**

*Session of 2025*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2214**

By Committee on Veterans and Military

Requested by Larrie Ann Brown on behalf of Veteran Benefits Guide

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AN ACT concerning veterans and military; relating to veterans benefits; enacting the safeguarding American veteran empowerment (SAVE) act to limit compensation for assisting in veterans benefits matters.

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

Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Compensation" means a payment of any moneys, a thing of value or financial benefit conferred on or received by any person in return for services rendered or to be rendered.

(2) "Veterans benefits matter" means the preparation, presentation or prosecution of any claim affecting any person who has filed or expressed an intent to file a claim for any benefit, program, service, commodity, function, status or entitlement that veterans, their dependents, their survivors or any other person who is eligible under the laws and regulations administered by the United States department of veterans affairs or the Kansas office of veterans services.

(3) "Person" means any natural person, corporation, trust, partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association, or any other legal entity.

(b) (1) No person may receive compensation for:

(A) Referring any veteran to another person for advice or assistance in such veteran's benefits matter; or

(B) any services rendered in connection with any claim filed within the one-year presumptive period of active-duty release, unless the veteran acknowledges by signing a waiver that such veteran's active-duty release is within the one-year period but is choosing to deny the free services available to such veteran.

(2) A person seeking to receive compensation for advising, assisting or consulting with any veterans benefits matter shall, before rendering any services, memorialize the specific terms that specify the amount to be paid will be determined in a written agreement signed by both parties. Compensation shall be contingent upon an increase in the awarded benefits and, if successful, such compensation **is capped at a one-time fee that** shall not exceed five times the amount of the monthly increase in benefits awarded based on the claim. No initial or nonrefundable fee may be charged by a person advising, assisting or consulting an individual on a

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12 (4) No person shall guarantee, either directly or by implication, a  
13 successful outcome or that any person is certain to receive specific  
14 veterans benefits or a specific level, percentage or amount of veterans  
15 benefits.

16 (5)(4) (A) Any person advising, assisting or consulting on veterans  
17 benefits matters for compensation shall provide the following disclosure at  
18 the outset of the business relationship: "This business is not sponsored by  
19 or affiliated with the United States department of veterans affairs or the  
20 Kansas office of veterans services, or any other federally chartered  
21 veterans service organization. Other organizations, including, but not  
22 limited to, the Kansas office of veterans services, a local veterans service  
23 organization and other federally chartered veterans service organizations  
24 may be able to provide you with this service free of charge. Products or  
25 services offered by this business are not necessarily endorsed by any of  
26 these organizations. You may qualify for other veterans benefits beyond  
27 the benefits for which you are receiving services here."

28 (B) The written disclosure shall appear in at least 12-point font in an  
29 easily identifiable place in the person's agreement with the individual  
30 seeking services. The person shall sign the document in which the written  
31 disclosure appears to represent understanding of these provisions. The  
32 person offering services shall retain a copy of the written disclosure while  
33 providing veterans benefits services for compensation and for at least one  
34 year after the date on which the service relations terminate.

35 (6)(5) Businesses advising, assisting or consulting on veterans'  
36 benefits matters for a fee shall:

37 (A) Not utilize international call centers or data centers for processing  
38 veterans' personal information;

39 (B) not use a veteran's personal login, username or password  
40 information to access such veteran's medical, financial or government  
41 benefits information; and

42 (C) ensure that any person who has access to veterans' medical or  
43 financial information undergoes a criminal history record check prior to

1 having access to that information. The criminal history record check shall  
2 be conducted by a reputable source and include identity verification and a  
3 criminal records check.

4 (c) (1) A violation of this section constitutes an unfair, false,  
5 misleading or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or  
6 commerce under K.S.A. 50-623 et seq., and amendments thereto.

7 (2) Civil penalties shall be in an amount ordered by the district court  
8 in an action brought by the attorney general.

9 (3) Each day that a violation continues is a separate violation.

10 (4) Nothing in this section is to be construed as applying to or  
11 limiting or expanding the requirements imposed on agents, attorneys or  
12 other representatives accredited by the United States department of  
13 veterans affairs and regulated by such agency.

14 **(d) Nothing in this section shall preclude claims or causes of**  
15 **action available to individuals under Kansas law.**

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