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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2048

As Amended by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

Brief*

HB 2048, as amended, would remove the requirements for certain reporting by the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) and amend the definition of "person" in law regarding violations of insurance law to remove references to specific entities under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner for the purpose of determining violations of Kansas insurance law.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Insurance at the request of a representative of the Kansas Insurance Department (Department).

[*Note:* A companion bill, SB 27, was passed by the Senate.]

House Committee on Insurance

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Department. The proponent indicated the bill would eliminate required reporting by the Commissioner to the Governor of its annual report and

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eliminate a reference to a 1993 report. The Department representative noted its annual report is available on the Department's website. The proponent also stated the bill would simplify the definition of "person" and would remove specific entities from the definition.

No other testimony was provided.

Following discussion on the bill on January 29, 2025, the House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Department, who stated that the bill would update unnecessary requirements and outdated language in the statute.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Kansas Insurance Department; Commissioner of Insurance; insurance; person; automobile club