SENATE BILL No. 335

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to accident and health insurance; exempting certain qualified trade, merchant, retail and professional associations and business leagues that provide health insurance in the state but are not subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner of insurance from payment of the annual premium tax; amending K.S.A. 40-2222b and repealing the existing section.

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

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 40-2222b is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-10 2222b. (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b), as a condition 11 precedent to continuation of the exemption provided by K.S.A. 40-2222, 12 and amendments thereto, each person or entity described in K.S.A. 40-13 2222, and amendments thereto, shall, no later than May 1 of each year, pay 14 a tax at the rate of 1% per annum upon the annual Kansas gross premium 15 collected during the preceding calendar year. For persons or entities that have a principal office within a metropolitan area that has boundaries in 16 Kansas and associations that have their principal office located within the 17 18 borders of this state and offer policies to non-residents of Kansas, the tax 19 owed under this section shall be based upon the gross premium collected 20 during the preceding year relating to health benefit plans issued to 21 members that have a principal place of business in Kansas. In the 22 computation of the tax, such persons or entities shall be entitled to deduct 23 any annual Kansas gross premiums returned on account of cancellation or 24 dividends returned to members or expenditures used for the purchase of 25 reinsurance or stop-loss coverage.

- (b)(2) Every person or entity subject to taxation under the provisions of this—section subsection shall pay the tax imposed and make a return under oath to the commissioner of insurance under such rules and regulations and in such form and manner as the commissioner may prescribe.
- (b) A person or entity described in K.S.A. 40-2222, and amendments thereto, shall be exempt from subsection (a) if it provides health benefits through a self-funded health plan and is therefore exempt from the jurisdiction of the commissioner pursuant to the employee retirement income security act of 1974, as in effect on July 1, 2022.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-2222b is hereby repealed.

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Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.