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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2537

As Recommended by House Committee on
Insurance

Brief*

HB 2537 would amend existing law to remove the ten-point boldface type printing requirement for the disclosure statement required to be included in any contract of insurance or indemnity or explanatory materials written in a language other than English, which are provided by insurance companies in the state.

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of a representative of the State Farm Insurance Companies. The representative testified at the House Committee hearing that with the onset of electronic transmission of information, the size of font is determined by the computer of the recipient, and requiring insurance companies to send material in a predetermined font is unnecessary, time-consuming, and outside the norm within the industry. The representative stated the Kansas Insurance Department must approve all filings and the standard test of reasonableness would assure the font used would appropriately allow the insured to read his or her policy. There was no other testimony on the bill.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Insurance Department.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>