

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 29** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 6 through 34;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 31; following line 31, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,193 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,193. (a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Specially designed policy" means an insurance policy that by design may not meet all or part of the definitions of a group or individual sickness and accident insurance policy and includes temporary sickness and accident insurance on a short-term, limited-duration basis.

(2) "Short-term, limited-duration" means an insurance policy period of ~~six months or less than~~ 12 months, ~~based upon policy design, which that~~ offers ~~not more than one~~ renewal ~~period~~ or extension periods up to a maximum policy period of 36 months total duration, with or without a requirement of medical re-underwriting or medical requalification.

(A) Because a short-term, limited-duration policy addresses the special needs for temporary coverage, a short-term, limited-duration policy is not subject to continuation provisions of the health insurance portability and accountability act of 1996 (public law 104-191).

(B) Because a short-term, limited-duration policy addresses the special needs for temporary coverage, a short-term, limited-duration policy shall be exempt from medical loss ratio calculations associated with individual sickness and accident insurance issued within the state unless such calculation excludes any monthly administration fee associated with the sale of

such policy.

~~(b) Specially designed policies shall include policies designed to provide sickness and accident insurance for specific coverage of benefits or services that may be excluded as benefits or services cited under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,192, and amendments thereto. Specially designed policies may include the following stand-alone policies and coverages:~~

~~(1) Chiropractic plans;~~

~~(2) acupuncture coverage plans;~~

~~(3) holistic medical treatment plans;~~

~~(4) podiatrist plans;~~

~~(5) pharmacy plans;~~

~~(6) psychiatric plans;~~

~~(7) allergy plans; and~~

~~(8) such other stand-alone plans or combinations of plans of accepted traditional and nontraditional medical practice as shall be allowable for exclusion from group or individual plans under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,192, and amendments thereto.~~

~~(e) No specially designed policy shall be deemed to be included under the definition of group sickness and accident insurance, including short-term, limited-duration health insurance, issued or renewed inside or outside of this state and covering persons residing in this state.~~

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,193 is hereby repealed.";

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "to"; in line 2, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "health insurance; providing for short-term, limited-duration health plans"; in line 3, by striking "40-2c01" and inserting "40-2,193";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

Conferees on part of House

Conferees on part of Senate