SB 14, as amended, would amend the effective date specified in the Insurance Code for the risk-based capital (RBC) instructions promulgated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) for property and casualty companies and for life insurance companies. The instructions currently specified became effective on December 31, 2021. The bill would update the effective date of the RBC instructions to December 31, 2022.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance at the request of the Kansas Insurance Department (Department). [Note: A companion bill, HB 2100, has been introduced in the House.]

Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of the Department provided proponent testimony, stating the goal of the RBC law is to ensure each Kansas domestic insurance company has the required amount of capital needed to support its overall business operations in
consideration of its size and risk profile. The representative also noted amendments to the effective date of the instructions have been made each year since 2009.

[Note: In 2009, a legislative oversight process for updating the annual RBC instructions was established. This process allows the Department to update the requirements by rules and regulations, unless one of the two statutory triggers has been met.]

No other testimony was provided.

**House Committee on Insurance**

In the House Committee hearing, an overview of the bill was provided and proponent testimony submitted by the Department was made available.

The House Committee amended the bill to change its effective date to 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 indicated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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