

2023 Kansas Statutes

40-2701. Purpose of act; legislative declaration. The purpose of this act is to subject certain insurers to the jurisdiction of the commissioner of insurance and the courts of this state in suits by or on behalf of the state. The legislature hereby declares that it is concerned with the protection of residents of this state against acts by insurers not authorized to do an insurance business in this state, by the maintenance of fair and honest insurance markets, by protecting authorized insurers which are subject to regulation from unfair competition by unauthorized insurers and by protecting against the evasion of the insurance regulatory laws of this state. In furtherance of such state interests, the legislature herein provides methods for substituted service of process upon such insurers in any proceeding, suit or action in any court and substituted service of any notice, order, pleading or process upon such insurers in any proceeding by the commissioner of insurance to enforce or effect full compliance with the insurance laws of this state. In so doing, the state exercises its powers to protect residents of this state and to define what constitutes transacting an insurance business in this state, and also exercises powers and privileges available to this state by virtue of public law 79-15, 79th Congress of the United States, chapter 20, 1st Sess., S. 340, 59 Stat. 33; 15 U.S.C. §§ 1011 to 1015, inclusive, as amended, which declares that the business of insurance and every person engaged therein shall be subject to the laws of the several states.

It is not the purpose of this act to alter, modify or abrogate the provisions of K.S.A. 40-214 as they apply to insurers authorized to transact the business of insurance in this state by the commissioner of insurance; nor to alter, modify or abrogate the provisions of article 20 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and any amendments thereto, relating to the service of process upon unauthorized insurers in actions by or on behalf of insureds or beneficiaries under insurance contracts; nor to alter, modify or abrogate the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2415 to K.S.A. 40-2421, inclusive, relative to the unauthorized insurer's false advertising process act.

History: L. 1969, ch. 240, § 1; April 19.