

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2018

HOUSE BILL No. 2469

By Committee on Insurance

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1 AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to property and casualty
2 insurance; exempting certain claims handling operations from certain
3 local ordinances and restrictions during a catastrophic~~loss~~ event
4 **threatening life or property.**

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

7 Section 1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, at the time
8 of any ~~emergency, catastrophe or other life or property-threatening~~
9 **catastrophic** event **threatening life or property**, no political subdivision
10 shall impose restrictions or enforce local licensing or registration
11 ordinances with respect to an insurer's claims handling operations.

12 (b) Any insurer establishing claims handling operations pursuant to
13 this section shall provide notice to a city or county prior to establishing
14 such operations.

15 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a political subdivision from
16 exercising its police power when necessary to preserve public health and
17 welfare, including, but not limited to, enforcing building, zoning and fire
18 safety codes.

19 (d) As used in this section:

20 (1) "Claims handling operations" includes, but is not limited to, the
21 establishment of a base of operations on a temporary basis, not to exceed
22 six months, by an insurer within the disaster area and the investigation and
23 handling of claims by personnel authorized by any such insurer; and

24 (2) "insurer" means an insurance company as defined in K.S.A. 40-
25 201, and amendments thereto.

26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
27 publication in the statute book.