

SENATE BILL No. 201

AN ACT concerning the Kansas consumer protection act; relating to the definition of protected consumer; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-676 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-676 is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-676. As used in K.S.A. 50-676 through 50-679, and amendments thereto:

(a) “Elder person” means a person who is 60 years of age or older.

(b) “Disabled person” means a person who has physical or mental impairment, or both, which substantially limits one or more of such person’s major life activities.

(c) “Immediate family member” means parent, child, stepchild or spouse.

(d) “Major life activities” includes functions such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.

(e) “Member of the military” means a member of the armed forces or national guard on active duty or a member of an active reserve unit in the armed forces or national guard.

(f) “Physical or mental impairment” means the following:

(1) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement or anatomical loss substantially affecting one or more of the following body systems: Neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; or endocrine; or

(2) any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness and specific learning disabilities.

The term “physical or mental impairment” includes, but is not limited to, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disability and emotional illness.

(g) “Protected consumer” means:

(1) An elder person;

(2) a disabled person;

(3) a veteran;

(4) the surviving spouse of a veteran; ~~and~~

(5) *a member of the military; and*

(6) an immediate family member of a member of the military.

(h) “Substantially limits” means:

(1) Unable to perform a major life activity that the average person in the general population can perform; or

(2) significantly restricted as to the condition, manner or duration under which an individual can perform a particular major life activity as compared to the condition, manner or duration under which the average person in the general population can perform that same major life activity. Minor temporary ailments or injuries shall not be considered physical or mental impairments which substantially limit a person’s major life activities. Minor temporary ailments include, but are not limited to, colds, influenza or sprains or minor injuries.

(i) “Veteran” means a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States of America and separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-676 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.