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## **HOUSE BILL No. 2916**

By Representative Garner

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AN ACT concerning election campaign finance; prohibiting contributions in elections for the office of insurance commissioner from certain entities; and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

- Section 1. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the definitions set forth in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto, shall be applicable to the provisions in this section.
- (2) As used in this section "regulated entity" means any person who is required by law to be licensed by the insurance commissioner, or any person who engages in a business or profession which is regulated by the insurance commissioner, or any person employed by a company regulated by the insurance commissioner.
- (b) No regulated entity and no person or political committee acting on behalf of a regulated entity shall make a contribution to or on behalf of a person holding the office of insurance commissioner, to or on behalf of a candidate for the office of insurance commissioner or, to or on behalf of a candidate committee of any such candidate.
- (c) No person holding the office of insurance commissioner shall knowingly accept any contribution from any regulated entity or any person or political committee acting on behalf of such regulated entity.
- (d) No candidate for the office of insurance commissioner shall knowingly accept any contribution from any regulated entity or any person or political committee acting on behalf of such regulated entity.
- (e) No candidate committee of a candidate for the office of insurance commissioner shall knowingly accept any contribution from any regulated entity or any person or political committee acting on behalf of such regulated entity.
- (f) Any person or entity violating the provisions of this act shall be punished in the manner and be subject to the penalties prescribed by K.S.A. 25-4181, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.