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SENATE BILL No. 564

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

9 AN ACT concerning health insurance; pertaining to employer provided 10 cafeteria plans; pertaining to health savings accounts; pertaining to high deductible health insurance plans; pertaining to tax treatment of 11 12health insurance premiums; amending K.S.A. 40-2119, 40-2209d, 40-13 2209h, 40-2209m and 75-6512 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 40-2240, 75-146501 and 79-32,117 and repealing the existing sections. 1516 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: 17New Section 1. The provisions of K.S.A. 40-2209b, 40-2209c, 40-2209d, 40-2209e, 40-2209f, 40-2209g, 40-2209h, 40-2209i, 40-2209j, 40-18192209m, 40-2209n and 40-2209o, and amendments thereto, shall be known 20and may be cited as the small employer health care act. 21New Sec. 2. (a) A health benefit plan subject to the provisions of the 22 small employer health care plan act shall be renewable with respect to 23 all eligible employees and dependents, at the option of the small em-24 ployer, except in any of the following cases: 25(1) The plan sponsor fails to pay a premium or contribution in ac-26cordance with the terms of a health benefit plan or the health carrier has 27 not received a timely premium payment; 28(2)the plan sponsor performs an act or practice that constitutes fraud, 29 or makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact under the 30 terms of the coverage; 31(3)the plan sponsor fails to comply with the carrier's minimum par-32 ticipation requirements; 33 (4) the plan sponsor fails to comply with the carrier's employer con-34 tribution requirements; 35 the small employer carrier elects to discontinue offering a partic-(5)36 ular type of health benefit plan in the state's small group market. A type 37 of health benefit plan may be discontinued by a small employer carrier 38 in such market only if such carrier: Issues a notice of the proposed discontinuation of coverage to 39 (A) 40 each plan sponsor and to each covered participant and dependent in the 41small group market. Such notice shall be provided at least 90 days prior 42to the date of discontinuation of the coverage; 43 (B) offers to each plan sponsor provided coverage of the type pro1 posed to be discontinued the option to purchase all other health benefit

2 plans currently being offered by the small employer carrier in the state's3 small group market; and

4 (C) acts uniformly without regard to the claims experience of those 5 plan sponsors or any health status-related factor relating to any partici-6 pants or beneficiaries covered or new participants or beneficiaries who 7 may become eligible for such coverage;

8 (6) a small employer carrier elects to discontinue offering all health 9 insurance coverage in the small group market in this state. A small em-10 ployer carrier shall not discontinue offering all health insurance coverage 11 in the small employer market unless:

(A) The carrier provides notice of discontinuation to the commissioner and to each plan sponsor, participant and beneficiary covered under such coverage. The notice of discontinuation shall be provided at least
180 days prior to the date of the discontinuation of coverage; and

(B) all health insurance issued or delivered for issuance in Kansas in
the small employer market is discontinued and coverage under such
health insurance is not renewed;

19 (7) the commissioner finds that the continuation of the coverage 20 would:

21 (A) Not be in the best interest of the policyholders or certificate hold-22 ers; or

23 (B) impair the carrier's ability to meet its contractual obligations.

In such instance the director shall assist affected small employers infinding replacement coverage.

(b) A small employer carrier that elects not to renew a health benefit
plan under paragraph (6) of subsection (a) shall be prohibited from writing new business in the small employer market in this state for a period
of five years from the date of notice to the commissioner.

(c) In the case of a small employer carrier doing business in one
established geographic service area of the state, the provisions of this
section shall apply only to the carrier's operations in such service area.

33 (d) At the time of coverage renewal, a health insurance issuer may 34 modify the health insurance coverage for a product offered to a group 35 health plan in the small group market if such modification is consistent with state law and effective on a uniform basis among group health plans 36 37 with that product. For purposes of this subsection, renewal shall be 38 deemed to occur not more often than annually on the anniversary of the 39 effective date of the group health plan's health insurance coverage unless 40 a longer term is specified in the policy or contract.

41 (e) This section shall be part of an supplemental to the small em-42 ployers health care act.

43 New Sec. 3. (a) (1) Beginning with the open enrollment period for

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the 2009 plan year, the administering carrier shall offer to all eligible
 individuals the option of receiving health care coverage through a high
 deductible health plan and the establishment of a health savings account.
 Such option may be offered through a cafeteria plan authorized by 26
 U.S.C. Section 125.
 (2) The administering carrier shall issue a request for proposals from

6 (2) The administering carrier shall issue a request for proposals from 7 companies interested in offering a high deductible health plan in con-8 nection with a health savings account.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term:

10 (1) "Administering carrier"shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 11 K.S.A. 40-2122 and amendments thereto.

12 (2) "Health savings account" shall have the meaning ascribed to it as 13 in subsection (d) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223.

(3) "High deductible health plan" shall mean a policy or contract of
health insurance or health care plan that meets the criteria established in
subsection (c) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223 and any regulations promulgated
thereunder.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas un-insurable health insurance plan act.

20Sec. 4. K.S.A. 40-2119 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-212119. (a) There is hereby created a nonprofit legal entity to be known as 22 the Kansas health insurance association. All insurers and insurance ar-23 rangements providing health care benefits in this state shall be members of the association. The association shall operate under a plan of operation 24 25established and approved under subsection (b) of this section and shall 26exercise its powers through a board of directors established under this 27 section.

(b) (1) The board of directors of the association shall be selected by 2829 members of the association subject to the approval of the commissioner. To select the initial board of directors, and to initially organize the asso-30 ciation, the commissioner shall give notice to all members in this state of 3132 the time and place of the organizational meeting. In determining voting rights at the organizational meeting, each member shall be entitled to 33 34 one vote in person or by proxy. If the board of directors is not selected 35 within 60 days after the organizational meeting, the commissioner shall appoint the initial board. In approving or selecting members of the board, 36 the commissioner shall consider, among other things, whether all mem-37 38 bers are fairly represented. Members of the board may be reimbursed 39 from the moneys of the plan for expenses incurred by them as members 40 of the board of directors but shall not otherwise be compensated by the plan for their services. 41

42 (2) The board shall submit to the commissioner a plan of operation43 for the association and any amendments thereto necessary or suitable to

1 assure the fair, reasonable and equitable administration of the plan. The 2 plan of operation shall become effective upon approval in writing by the 3 commissioner consistent with the date on which the coverage under this act must be made available. The commissioner shall, after notice and 4 hearing, approve the plan of operation if it is determined to be suitable 5to assure the fair, reasonable and equitable administration of the plan and 6 7 provides for the sharing of association losses on an equitable proportion-8 ate basis among the members of the association. If the board fails to 9 submit a suitable plan of operation within 180 days after its appointment, or at any time thereafter fails to submit suitable amendments to the plan 10 of operation, the commissioner shall, after notice and hearing, adopt and 11 12promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary or 13 advisable to effectuate the provisions of this section. Such rules and regulations shall continue in force until modified by the commissioner or 1415superseded by a plan of operation submitted by the board and approved 16by the commissioner. The plan of operation shall, in addition to requirements enumerated elsewhere in this act: 17

(A) Establish procedures for the handling and accounting of assetsand moneys of the plan;

20 (B) select an administering carrier in accordance with K.S.A. 40-21 2120, and amendments thereto;

(C) establish procedures for the collection of assessments from all members to provide for claims paid under the plan and for administrative expenses incurred or estimated to be incurred during the period for which the assessment is made. The level of payments shall be established by the board pursuant to K.S.A. 40-2121, and amendments thereto. Assessments shall be due and payable within 30 days of receipt of the assessment notice;

(D) establish appropriate cost control measures, including but not
limited to, preadmission review, case management, utilization review and
exclusions and limitations with respect to treatment and services under
the plan; and

(E) develop and implement a program to publicize the existence of
the plan, the eligibility requirements and procedures for enrollment and
to maintain public awareness of the plan.

(F) Establish benefit levels, lifetime maximum benefits, and other
coverage and eligibility parameters, and establish such other requirements and procedures as are necessary to assure the availability of a benefit program or programs conforming with the requirements of a qualified
high risk pool as set forth in section 111 of Public Law 104-191 and
amendments thereto.

42 (G) Establish separate accounts to separate federally defined eligible 43 individuals and federally defined eligible individuals for FTAA who qualify for plan coverage from the other eligible individuals entitled to pool
 coverage and apportion the costs of administration among such separate
 accounts.

4 (c) The association shall have the general powers and authority enumerated by this subsection in accordance with the plan of operation approved by the commissioner under subsection (b). The association shall have the general powers and authority granted under the laws of this state to insurers licensed to transact the kind of health service or insurance included under K.S.A. 40-2123, and amendments thereto, and in addition thereto, the specific authority and duty to:

(1) Enter into contracts as are necessary or proper to carry out the
provisions and purposes of this act, including the authority, with the approval of the commissioner, to enter into contracts with similar plans of
other states for the joint performance of common administrative functions, or with persons or other organizations for the performance of administrative functions;

17 (2) sue or be sued, including taking any legal actions necessary or
18 proper for recovery of any assessments for, on behalf of, or against par19 ticipating members;

(3) take such legal action as necessary to avoid the payment of improper claims against the association or the coverage provided by or
through the plan;

23 (4) establish appropriate rates, rate schedules, rate adjustments, expense allowances, agents' referral fees, claim reserve formulas and any 24 other actuarial function appropriate to the operation of the plan. During 2526the first two years of operation of the plan, rates shall be established in 27 an amount that is estimated by the board to cover all claims that may be 28made against the plan and the expenses of operating the plan. In following 29 years, rates for coverage shall be reasonable in terms of the benefits pro-30 vided, the risk experience and expenses of providing the coverage, except that such rates shall not exceed 150% of the average premium rate 3132 charged for similar coverage in the private market. Rates and rate schedules may be adjusted for appropriate risk factors such as age, sex and 33 34 geographic location in claims costs and shall take into consideration ap-35 propriate risk factors in accordance with established actuarial and underwriting practices, however particular health conditions or illnesses shall 36 37 not constitute appropriate risk factors;

(5) assess members of the association in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2121, and amendments thereto;

40 (6) design the policies of insurance to be offered by the plan which 41 shall cover at least the expenses enumerated in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 40-2123, and amendments thereto, but with such limitations and optional 42 hought as the plan proceedings.

43 benefit levels as the plan prescribes;

1 (7) issue policies of insurance in accordance with the requirements 2 of this act; and

3 (8) appoint from among members appropriate legal, actuarial and 4 other committees as necessary to provide technical assistance in the op-5 eration of the plan, policy and other contract design, and any other func-6 tion within the authority of the association.

7 (d) The association shall administer a reinsurance program for med-8 icare supplement policies issued to Kansas residents who are eligible for 9 medicare by reason of disability. All medicare supplement insurers issuing or renewing medicare supplement policies in this state shall be partici-10pants in such reinsurance program. (1) On or before May 1, 2000, and 11 12each year thereafter, each issuer of a medicare supplement policy in the 13 state shall provide to the association a calendar year accounting of the medicare supplement policies delivered or issued for delivery in the state 1415 and covering persons eligible for medicare by reason of disability who are 16under age 65. (2) The accounting for medicare supplement policies covering persons eligible by reason of disability and under age 65 shall in-1718clude the total number of such persons covered, the total premium earned on such persons, and the total claims expense incurred with re-1920spect to such persons during such year as paid through March 31, without estimates for incurred but not reported claims. (3) The association shall 2122 use such reports to develop the assessment required under subsection (d) 23 of K.S.A. 40-2121, and amendments thereto.

24 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 40-2209d is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-25 2209d. As used in this act:

26(a) "Actuarial certification" means a written statement by a member 27 of the American academy of actuaries or other individual acceptable to 28the commissioner that a small employer carrier is in compliance with the 29 provisions of K.S.A. 40-2209h and amendments thereto, based upon the 30 person's examination, including a review of the appropriate records and of the actuarial assumptions and methods used by the small employer 3132 carrier in establishing premium rates for applicable health benefit plans. "Approved service area" means a geographical area, as approved 33 (b) 34 by the commissioner to transact insurance in this state, within which the 35 carrier is authorized to provide coverage.

(c) "Base premium rate" means, for each class of business as to a
rating period, the lowest premium rate charged or that could have been
charged under the rating system for that class of business, by the small
employer carrier to small employers with similar case characteristics for
health benefit plans with the same or similar coverage.

(d) "Carrier" or "small employer carrier" means any insurance company, nonprofit medical and hospital service corporation, nonprofit optometric, dental, and pharmacy service corporations, municipal group-

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1 funded pool, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization,

as these terms are defined by the Kansas Statutes Annotated, that offers
health benefit plans covering eligible employees of one or more small
employers in this state.

(e) "Case characteristics" means, with respect to a small employer, $\mathbf{5}$ the geographic area in which the employees reside; the age and sex of 6 the individual employees and their dependents; the appropriate industry 7 8 classification as determined by the carrier, and the number of employees 9 and dependents and such other objective criteria as may be approved family composition by the commissioner. "Case characteristics" shall not 10 include claim experience, health status and duration of coverage since 11 12issue.

(f) "Class of business" means all or a separate grouping of small employers established pursuant to K.S.A. 40-2209g and amendments
thereto.

16 (g) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of insurance.

(h) "Department" means the insurance department.

(i) "Dependent" means the spouse or child of an eligible employee,
subject to applicable terms of the health benefits plan covering such employee and the dependent eligibility standards established by the board.

(j) "Eligible employee" means an employee who works on a full-time basis, with a normal work week of 30 or more hours, and includes a sole proprietor, a partner of a partnership or an independent contractor, provided such sole proprietor, partner or independent contractor is included as an employee under a health benefit plan of a small employer but does not include an employee who works on a part-time, temporary or substitute basis.

(k) "Financially impaired" means a member which, after the effectivedate of this act, is not insolvent but is:

(1) Deemed by the commissioner to be in a hazardous financial condition pursuant to K.S.A. 40-222d and amendments thereto; or

(2) placed under an order of rehabilitation or conservation by a courtof competent jurisdiction.

34 "Health benefit plan" means any hospital or medical expense pol- (\mathbf{l}) 35 icy, health, hospital or medical service corporation contract, and a plan 36 provided by a municipal group-funded pool, or a health maintenance organization contract offered by an employer or any certificate issued 37 38 under any such policies, contracts or plans. Health benefit plan also in-39 cludes a cafeteria plan authorized by 26 U.S.C. Section 125 which offers 40 the option of receiving health insurance coverage through a high deductible health plan and the establishment of a health savings account. In 4142order for an eligible individual to obtain a high deductible health plan through the cafeteria plan, such individual shall present evidence to the 43

1 employer that such individual has established a health savings account in compliance with 26 U.S.C. Section 223, and any amendments and regu-2 3 lations. "Health benefit plan" does not include policies or certificates covering only accident, credit, dental, disability income, long-term care, 4 hospital indemnity, medicare supplement, specified disease, vision care, $\mathbf{5}$ coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, insurance arising 6 7 out of a workers compensation or similar law, automobile medical-pay-8 ment insurance, or insurance under which benefits are payable with or 9 without regard to fault and which is statutorily required to be contained in any liability insurance policy or equivalent self-insurance. 10"Health savings account" shall have the same meaning ascribed 11 (m)12to it as in subsection (d) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223. 13 "High deductible health plan" shall mean a policy or contract of (n)health insurance or health care plan that meets the criteria established in 1415 subsection (c) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223 and any regulations promulgated 16thereunder. (m) (o) "Index rate" means, for each class of business as to a rating 1718period for small employers with similar case characteristics, the arithmetic 19average of the applicable base premium rate and the corresponding high-20est premium rate. 21 $(\mathbf{n})(p)$ "Initial enrollment period" means the period of time specified 22 in the health benefit plan during which an individual is first eligible to 23 enroll in a small employer health benefit plan. Such period shall be no less favorable than a period beginning on the employee's or member's 24 date of initial eligibility and ending 31 days thereafter. 25

26 (o)(q) "Late enrollee" means an eligible employee or dependent who 27 requests enrollment in a small employer's health benefit plan following 28 the initial enrollment period provided under the terms of the first plan 29 for which such employee or dependent was eligible through such small 30 employer, however an eligible employee or dependent shall not be con-31 sidered a late enrollee if:

(1) The individual:

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(A) Was covered under another employer-provided health benefit
plan or was covered under section 607(1) of the employee retirement
income security act of 1974 (ERISA) at the time the individual was eligible to enroll;

(B) states in writing, at the time of the initial eligibility, that coverage
under another employer health benefit plan was the reason for declining
enrollment but only if the group policyholder or the accident and sickness
issuer required such a written statement and provided the individual with
notice of the requirement for a written statement and the consequences
of such written statement;

43 (C) has lost coverage under another employer health benefit plan or

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1 under section 607(1) of the employee retirement income security act of

2 1974 (ERISA) as a result of the termination of employment, reduction in
 3 the number of hours of employment, termination of employer contribu-

4 tions toward such coverage, the termination of the other plan's coverage,

5 death of a spouse, or divorce or legal separation; and

6 (D) requests enrollment within 63 days after the termination of cov-7 erage under another employer health benefit plan; or

8 (2) the individual is employed by an employer who offers multiple 9 health benefit plans and the individual elects a different health benefit 10 plan during an open enrollment period; or

11 (3) a court has ordered coverage to be provided for a spouse or minor 12 child under a covered employee's plan.

13 (p)(r) "New business premium rate" means, for each class of business as to a rating period, the lowest premium rate charged or offered, 15 or which could have been charged or offered, by the small employer 16 carrier to small employers with similar case characteristics for newly is-17 sued health benefit plans with the same or similar coverage.

18 $\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle$ (s) "Preexisting conditions exclusion" means a policy provision 19 which excludes or limits coverage for charges or expenses incurred during 20 a specified period not to exceed 90 days following the insured's effective 21 date of enrollment as to a condition, whether physical or mental, regard-22 less of the cause of the condition for which medical advice, diagnosis, care 23 or treatment was recommended or received in the six months immedi-24 ately preceding the effective date of enrollment.

 $\begin{array}{ll} 25 & (\mathbf{r})(t) & "Premium" means moneys paid by a small employer or eligible \\ 26 & employees or both as a condition of receiving coverage from a small em- \\ 27 & ployer carrier, including any fees or other contributions associated with \\ 28 & the health benefit plan. \end{array}$

29 (s)(u) "Rating period" means the calendar period for which premium 30 rates established by a small employer carrier are assumed to be in effect 31 but any period of less than one year shall be considered as a full year.

35 (\mathbf{u}) (w) "Small employer" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association eligible for group sickness and accident insurance 36 pursuant to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 40-2209 and amendments thereto 37 38 actively engaged in business whose total employed work force consisted 39 of, on at least 50% of its working days during the preceding year, of at 40 least two and no more than 50 eligible employees, the majority of whom were employed within the state. In determining the number of eligible 41employees, companies which are affiliated companies or which are eli-4243 gible to file a combined tax return for purposes of state taxation, shall be 1 considered one employer. Except as otherwise specifically provided, pro-

visions of this act which apply to a small employer which has a health
benefit plan shall continue to apply until the plan anniversary following
the date the employer no longer meets the requirements of this
definition.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 40-2209h is hereby amended to read as follows: 402209h. From and after January 1, 1993 2009: (a) Premium rates applicable
to Kansas residents for health benefit plans subject to this act shall be
subject to the following provisions:

14 (1) The index rate for a rating period for any class of business shall
15 not exceed the index rate for any other class of business by more than
16 20% 35%.

(2) For a class of business, the premium rates charged during a rating
period to small employers with similar case characteristics for the same
or similar coverage, or the rates that could be charged to such employers
under the rating system for that class of business, shall not vary from the
index rate by more than 25% of the index rate.

(3) The percentage increase in the premium rate charged to a smallemployer for a new rating period may not exceed the sum of the following:

(A) The percentage change in the new business premium rate meas-24 25ured from the first day of the prior rating period to the first day of the 26new rating period. In the case of a health benefit plan into which the 27 small employer carrier is no longer enrolling new small employers, the 28small employer carrier shall use the percentage change in the base pre-29 mium rate, if such change does not exceed, on a percentage basis, the 30 change in the new business premium rate for the most similar health 31 benefit plan into which the small employer carrier is actively enrolling 32 new small employers;

(B) any adjustment, not to exceed 15% annually and adjusted pro rata
for rating periods of less than one year, due to the claim experience,
health status or duration of coverage of the employees or dependents of
the small employer as determined from the small employer carrier's rate
manual for the class of business; and

(C) any adjustment due to change in coverage or change in the case
characteristics of the small employer, as determined from the small employer carrier's rate manual for the class of business.

41 (4) Adjustments in rates for claim experience, health status and du-42 ration of coverage shall not be charged to individual employees or de-43 pendents. Any such adjustment shall be applied uniformly to the rates

1 charged for all employees and dependents of the small employer.

A small employer carrier may utilize industry as a case character-2 (5)istic in establishing premium rates, if the highest rate factor associated 3 with any industry classification does not exceed the lowest rate factor 4 associated with any industry classification by more than 30% for each year 5until the earlier of the first acquisition of coverage from a small employer 6 7 carrier which did not previously provide coverage to that small employer 8 or the first renewal date on or after December 31, 1996, and 15% each 9 year thereafter.

A premium rate for a rating period may exceed the ranges set 10(6)forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) until the earlier of the first acquisition of 11 12coverage from a small employer carrier which did not previously provide coverage to that small employer or the first renewal date on or after 13 December 31, 1996. If premium rates for a small employer covered by a 1415small employer carrier prior to January 1, 1993, are below the lowest 16range as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2), such small employer carrier must at least increase that small employer's rates commencing with re-1718newals on or after December 31, 1995, to equally distribute the needed 19increase to get that small employer's rates within the range over the re-20newal opportunities remaining so that the small employer's renewal rates on or after December 31, 1999, would be within the ranges. In such case, 2122 the percentage increase in the premium rate charged to a small employer 23 for a new rating period shall not exceed the sum of the following:

(A) The percentage change in the new business premium rate meas-24 25ured from the first day of the prior rating period to the first day of the 26new rating period. In the case of a health benefit plan into which the 27small employer carrier is no longer enrolling new small employers, the small employer carrier shall use the percentage change in the base pre-2829 mium rate, if such change does not exceed, on a percentage basis, the 30 change in the new business premium rate for the most similar health benefit plan into which the small employer carrier is actively enrolling 31 32 new small employers.

(B) Any adjustment due to change in coverage or change in the case
characteristics of the small employer, as determined from the carrier's
rate manual for the class of business.

36 (7) (A) Small employer carriers shall apply rating factors, including 37 case characteristics, consistently with respect to all small employers in a 38 class of business. Rating factors shall produce premiums for identical 39 groups which differ only by amounts attributable to plan design and do 40 not reflect differences due to the nature of the groups assumed to select 41 particular health benefit plans.

42 (B) A small employer carrier shall treat all health benefit plans issued 43 or renewed in a class of business in the same calendar month as having 1 the same rating period.

2 (8) For the purposes of this subsection, a health benefit plan that 3 utilizes a restricted provider network shall not be considered similar cov-4 erage to a health benefit plan that does not utilize such a network, if 5 utilization of the restricted provider network results in substantial differ-6 ences in claims costs.

7 (9) A small employer carrier shall not use case characteristics, other 8 than age, gender, industry, geographic area, family composition, and 9 group size without prior approval of the commissioner.

10 (10) The commissioner may establish regulations to implement the 11 provisions of this section and to assure that rating practices used by small 12 employer carriers are consistent with the purposes of this act, including:

(A) Assuring that differences in rates charged for health benefit plans
by small employer carriers are reasonable and reflect objective differences in plan design, not including differences due to the nature of the
groups assumed to select particular health benefit plans; and

(B) prescribing the manner in which case characteristics may be usedby small employer carriers.

(b) A small employer carrier shall not transfer a small employer involuntarily into or out of a class of business. A small employer carrier shall
not offer to transfer a small employer into or out of a class of business
unless such offer is made to transfer all small employers in the class of
business without regard to case characteristics, claim experience, health
status or duration of coverage.

25The commissioner may suspend for a specified period the appli-(c) 26cation of subsection (a)(1) as to the premium rates applicable to one or 27 more small employers included within a class of business of a small em-28ployer carrier for one or more rating periods upon a filing by the small 29 employer carrier and a finding by the commissioner either that the sus-30 pension is reasonable in light of the financial condition of the small employer carrier or that the suspension would enhance the efficiency and 3132 fairness of the marketplace for small employer health insurance.

(d) Upon written application of the group policyholders, the commissioner may suspend the application of K.S.A. 40-2209g and 40-2209h
and amendments thereto to any group whose fundamental structure or
composition would otherwise be adversely affected.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 40-2209m is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2209m. (a) Each small employer carrier shall actively market *all* health
benefit plan plans coverage sold by the carrier in the small group market
to eligible small employers in the state.

41 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no small employer car-42 rier, agent or broker shall, directly or indirectly, engage in the following 43 activities:

1 (A) Encouraging or directing small employers to refrain from filing 2 an application for coverage with the small employer carrier because of 3 the health status, claims experience, industry, occupation or geographic 4 location of the small employer;

(B) encouraging or directing small employers to seek coverage from
another carrier because of the health status, claims experience, industry,
occupation or geographic location of the small employer.

8 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to 9 information provided by a small employer carrier or producer to a small 10 employer regarding the established geographic service area or a restricted 11 network provision of a small employer carrier.

12 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no small employer car-13 rier shall, directly or indirectly, enter into any contract, agreement or 14 arrangement with an agent or broker that provides for or results in the 15 compensation paid to such person for the sale of a health benefit plan to 16 be varied because of the health status, claims experience, industry, oc-17 cupation or geographic location of the small employer.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to a compensation arrangement that provides compensation to an agent or broker on the basis
of percentage of premium, provided that the percentage shall not vary
because of the health status, claims experience, industry, occupation or
geographic area of the small employer.

(d) No small employer carrier shall terminate, fail to renew or limit
its contract or agreement of representation with an agent or broker for
any reason related to the health status, claims experience, occupation, or
geographic location of the small employers placed by the agent or broker
with the small employer carrier.

(e) No small employer carrier, agent or broker shall induce or otherwise encourage a small employer to separate or otherwise exclude an
employee from health coverage or benefits provided in connection with
the employee's employment.

(f) Denial by a small employer carrier of an application for coverage
from a small employer shall be in writing and shall state the reason or
reasons for the denial.

(g) The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations setting forth
additional standards to provide for the fair marketing and broad availability of health benefit plans to small employers in this state.

(h) If a small employer carrier enters into a contract, agreement or
other arrangement with a third-party administrator to provide administrative, marketing or other services related to the offering of health benefit plans to small employers in this state, the third-party administrator
shall be subject to this section as if it were a small employer carrier.

43 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (1) subsection (j), for the purposes

1 of this act, carriers that are affiliated companies or that are eligible to file

a consolidated tax return shall be treated as one carrier and any restrictions or limitations imposed by this act shall apply as if all health benefit
plans issued to small employers in this state by such affiliated carriers
were issued by one carrier.

(j) An affiliated carrier that is a health maintenance organization having a certificate of authority under K.S.A. 40-3201 et seq. and amendments thereto, may be considered to be a separate carrier for the purpose
of this act.

K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 40-2240 is hereby amended to read as 10Sec. 8. follows: 40-2240. (a) Any small employer as defined in subsection (4) of 11 12K.S.A. 40-2209d, and amendments thereto, may establish a small employer health benefit plan for the purpose of providing a health benefit 13 plan as described in subsection (u) of K.S.A. 40-2209d, and amendments 1415thereto, covering such employers' eligible employees and such employ-16ees' family members. If an association or trust is used for such purposes, the association or trust may not condition eligibility or membership on 1718the health status of members or employees.

(b) The commissioner shall provide assistance to employers desiring
to organize and maintain any such benefit plan and may aid in the acquisition of the health care insurance by the small employer health benefit
plan.

23 (c) Any health benefit plan may:

24 (1) Be offered through a cafeteria plan authorized by 26 U.S.C. Sec-25 tion 125.

26 (2) Offer to all eligible individuals the option of receiving health care
27 coverage through a high deductible plan and the establishment of a health
28 savings account.

29 (d) For the purposes of this section, the term:

30 (1)"Health savings account" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 31 subsection (d) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223.

(2) "High deductible health plan" shall mean a policy or contract of
health insurance or health care plan that meets the criteria established in
subsection (c) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223 and any regulations promulgated
thereunder.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 75-6501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6501. (a) Within the limits of appropriations made or available therefor and subject to the provisions of appropriation acts relating thereto, the Kansas state employees health care commission shall develop and provide for the implementation and administration of a state health care benefits program.

42 (b) The state health care benefits program may provide benefits for 43 persons qualified to participate in the program for hospitalization, medical

1 services, surgical services, nonmedical remedial care and treatment rendered in accordance with a religious method of healing and other health 2 3 services. The program may include such provisions as are established by the Kansas state employees health care commission, including but not 4 limited to qualifications for benefits, services covered, schedules and $\mathbf{5}$ graduation of benefits, conversion privileges, deductible amounts, limi-6 7 tations on eligibility for benefits by reason of termination of employment or other change of status, leaves of absence, military service or other 8 9 interruptions in service and other reasonable provisions as may be established by the commission. 10

(c) The Kansas state employees health care commission shall desig-11 12 nate by rules and regulations those persons who are qualified to partici-13 pate in the state health care benefits program, including active and retired public officers and employees and their dependents as defined by rules 1415 and regulations of the commission. Such rules and regulations shall not apply to students attending a state educational institution as defined in 16K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, who are covered by insurance 1718contracts entered into by the board of regents pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4101, and amendments thereto. In designating persons qualified to par-1920ticipate in the state health care benefits program, the commission may establish such conditions, restrictions, limitations and exclusions as the 2122 commission deems reasonable. Such conditions, restrictions, limitations 23 and exclusions shall include the conditions contained in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 75-6506, and amendments thereto. Each person who was formerly 24 25elected or appointed and qualified to an elective state office and who was 26covered immediately preceding the date such person ceased to hold such 27 office by the provisions of group health insurance or a health maintenance organization plan under the law in effect prior to August 1, 1984, or the 2829 state health care benefits program in effect after that date, shall continue to be qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program 30 31 and shall pay the cost of participation in the program as established and in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the commission if such 32 person chooses to participate therein. 33 34 (d) The commission shall have no authority to assess charges for em-

ployer contributions under the student health care benefits component of the state health care benefits program for persons who are covered by insurance contracts entered into by the board of regents pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4101, and amendments thereto.

(e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the Kansas state
employees health care commission to discontinue the student health care
benefits component of the state health care benefits program until the
state board of regents has contracts in effect that provide student coverage
pursuant to the authority granted therefor in K.S.A. 75-4101, and amend-

1 ments thereto.

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2 (f) (1) Beginning with the open enrollment period for the 2009 plan 3 year, the state health care benefits program shall offer to all qualified state 4 employees and retirees, in addition to the plans currently offered the op-5 tion of receiving health care coverage through a high deductible health 6 plan and the establishment of a health savings account.

7 (2) The state health care benefits program shall issue a request for 8 proposals from companies interested in offering a high deductible health 9 plan in connection with a health savings account.

(g) For the purposes of this section, the term:

11 (1) "Health savings account" shall have the same meaning ascribed 12 to it as in subsection (d) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223.

(2) "High deductible health plan" shall mean a policy or contract of
health insurance or health care plan that meets the criteria established in
subsection (c) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223 and any regulations promulgated
thereunder.

17Sec. 10. K.S.A. 75-6512 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6512. (a) (1) Subject to the provisions of appropriations acts, the secretary 18 19of administration is hereby authorized to establish and administer a caf-20eteria plan pursuant to the provisions of section 125 of the federal internal 21revenue code of 1986 which shall be available to persons who are officers 22 or employees of the state and who are qualified to participate in the state 23 health care benefits program and which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions under which such officers and employees may agree to 24 25receive reduced compensation and $\frac{(1)}{(A)}$ (A) have the state's contribution under K.S.A. 75-6508 and amendments thereto cover costs of dependent 26 27 benefit coverage or other benefits under the state health care benefits 28program which would otherwise be payable by such officers and employ-29 ees, and (2) (B) receive benefits under the state employee dependent care assistance program under K.S.A. 75-6520 and amendments thereto. 30 The cafeteria plan shall offer the option of receiving health insur-31(2)32 ance coverage through a high deductible health plan and the establishment of a health savings account. In order for an eligible individual to 33 34 obtain a high deductible health plan through the cafeteria plan, such in-35 dividual shall present evidence, in a manner prescribed by rules and regulations, to the secretary of administration, or the secretary's designee, 36 37 that such individual has established a health savings account in compli-38 ance with 26 U.S.C. Section 223, and any amendments and regulations 39 promulgated thereunder. 40

(b) Any reduction in compensation for any person pursuant to any
such cafeteria plan shall not reduce the compensation of such person for
purposes of the employment security law, workers compensation act or
the purposes of determining contributions and benefits under the Kansas

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1 public employees retirement system or any retirement system adminis-

tered by the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement 2 3 system.

(c) Implementation of any such cafeteria plan and any additions or 4 deletions thereto shall be subject to approval of the secretary of admin-5istration to assure adequate data processing resources therefor within the 6 7 division of information systems and communications of the department 8 of administration.

(d)For the purposes of this section, the term:

"Health savings account" shall have the same meaning ascribed 10(1)to it as in subsection (d) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223. 11

12(2)"High deductible health plan" shall mean a policy or contract of 13 health insurance or health care plan that meets the criteria established in subsection (c) of 26 U.S.C. Section 223 and any regulations promulgated 1415thereunder.

16Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-32,117 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-32,117. (a) The Kansas adjusted gross income of an individual 17means such individual's federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, 1819with the modifications specified in this section.

(b) There shall be added to federal adjusted gross income:

21Interest income less any related expenses directly incurred in the (i) 22 purchase of state or political subdivision obligations, to the extent that 23 the same is not included in federal adjusted gross income, on obligations of any state or political subdivision thereof, but to the extent that interest 24 income on obligations of this state or a political subdivision thereof issued 2526prior to January 1, 1988, is specifically exempt from income tax under the 27 laws of this state authorizing the issuance of such obligations, it shall be 28 excluded from computation of Kansas adjusted gross income whether or 29 not included in federal adjusted gross income. Interest income on obli-30 gations of this state or a political subdivision thereof issued after Decem-31 ber 31, 1987, shall be excluded from computation of Kansas adjusted 32 gross income whether or not included in federal adjusted gross income. 33 (ii)Taxes on or measured by income or fees or payments in lieu of

34 income taxes imposed by this state or any other taxing jurisdiction to the 35 extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and not credited against federal income tax. This paragraph shall not apply to taxes 36 imposed under the provisions of K.S.A. 79-1107 or 79-1108, and amend-37 38 ments thereto, for privilege tax year 1995, and all such years thereafter. 39

(iii) The federal net operating loss deduction.

40 Federal income tax refunds received by the taxpayer if the de-(iv)duction of the taxes being refunded resulted in a tax benefit for Kansas 4142income tax purposes during a prior taxable year. Such refunds shall be 43 included in income in the year actually received regardless of the method

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1 of accounting used by the taxpayer. For purposes hereof, a tax benefit shall be deemed to have resulted if the amount of the tax had been de-2 3 ducted in determining income subject to a Kansas income tax for a prior year regardless of the rate of taxation applied in such prior year to the 4 Kansas taxable income, but only that portion of the refund shall be in- $\mathbf{5}$ cluded as bears the same proportion to the total refund received as the 6 7 federal taxes deducted in the year to which such refund is attributable 8 bears to the total federal income taxes paid for such year. For purposes 9 of the foregoing sentence, federal taxes shall be considered to have been deducted only to the extent such deduction does not reduce Kansas tax-10able income below zero. 11 12(v) The amount of any depreciation deduction or business expense 13 deduction claimed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for any capital expenditure in making any building or facility accessible to the 1415handicapped, for which expenditure the taxpayer claimed the credit allowed by K.S.A. 79-32,177, and amendments thereto. 16(vi) Any amount of designated employee contributions picked up by 17an employer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5005, 20-2603, 74-4919 and 74-4965. 1819and amendments to such sections. 20(vii) The amount of any charitable contribution made to the extent the same is claimed as the basis for the credit allowed pursuant to K.S.A. 2122 79-32,196, and amendments thereto.

(viii) The amount of any costs incurred for improvements to a swine
facility, claimed for deduction in determining federal adjusted gross income, to the extent the same is claimed as the basis for any credit allowed
pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-32,204 and amendments thereto.

(ix) The amount of any ad valorem taxes and assessments paid and
the amount of any costs incurred for habitat management or construction
and maintenance of improvements on real property, claimed for deduction in determining federal adjusted gross income, to the extent the same
is claimed as the basis for any credit allowed pursuant to K.S.A. 79-32,203
and amendments thereto.

(x) Amounts received as nonqualified withdrawals, as defined by
K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 75-643, and amendments thereto, if, at the time of
contribution to a family postsecondary education savings account, such
amounts were subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income pursuant to paragraph (xv) of subsection (c) of K.S.A. 79-32,117, and amendments thereto, or if such amounts are not already included in the federal
adjusted gross income.

(xi) The amount of any contribution made to the same extent the
same is claimed as the basis for the credit allowed pursuant to K.S.A.
2007 Supp. 74-50,154, and amendments thereto.

43 (xii) For taxable years commencing after December 31, 2004,

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amounts received as withdrawals not in accordance with the provisions
 of K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-50,204, and amendments thereto, if, at the time
 of contribution to an individual development account, such amounts were
 subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income pursuant to paragraph
 (xiii) of subsection (c), or if such amounts are not already included in the
 federal adjusted gross income.

(xiii) The amount of any expenditures claimed for deduction in determining federal adjusted gross income, to the extent the same is claimed
as the basis for any credit allowed pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 7932,217 through 79-32,220 or 79-32,222, and amendments thereto.

(xiv) The amount of any amortization deduction claimed in determining federal adjusted gross income to the extent the same is claimed
for deduction pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-32,221, and amendments
thereto.

(xv) The amount of any expenditures claimed for deduction in determining federal adjusted gross income, to the extent the same is claimed
as the basis for any credit allowed pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 7932,223 through 79-32,226, 79-32,228 through 79-32,231, 79-32,233
through 79-32,236, 79-32,238 through 79-32,241, 79-32,245 through 7932,248 or 79-32,251 through 79-32,254, and amendments thereto.

(xvi) The amount of any amortization deduction claimed in determining federal adjusted gross income to the extent the same is claimed
for deduction pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-32,227, 79-32,232, 79-32,237, 79-32,249, 79-32,250 or 79-32,255, and amendments thereto.

(xvii) The amount of any amortization deduction claimed in determining federal adjusted gross income to the extent the same is claimed
for deduction pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 79-32,256, and amendments
thereto.

(c) There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income:

(i) Interest or dividend income on obligations or securities of any
authority, commission or instrumentality of the United States and its possessions less any related expenses directly incurred in the purchase of
such obligations or securities, to the extent included in federal adjusted
gross income but exempt from state income taxes under the laws of the
United States.

(ii) Any amounts received which are included in federal adjusted
gross income but which are specifically exempt from Kansas income taxation under the laws of the state of Kansas.

(iii) The portion of any gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property having a higher adjusted basis for Kansas income tax purposes than for federal income tax purposes on the date such property was sold or disposed of in a transaction in which gain or loss was recognized for purposes of federal income tax that does not exceed such difference in

1 basis, but if a gain is considered a long-term capital gain for federal in2 come tax purposes, the modification shall be limited to that portion of
3 such gain which is included in federal adjusted gross income.

4 (iv) The amount necessary to prevent the taxation under this act of 5 any annuity or other amount of income or gain which was properly in-6 cluded in income or gain and was taxed under the laws of this state for a 7 taxable year prior to the effective date of this act, as amended, to the 8 taxpayer, or to a decedent by reason of whose death the taxpayer acquired 9 the right to receive the income or gain, or to a trust or estate from which 10 the taxpayer received the income or gain.

(v) The amount of any refund or credit for overpayment of taxes on
or measured by income or fees or payments in lieu of income taxes imposed by this state, or any taxing jurisdiction, to the extent included in
gross income for federal income tax purposes.

(vi) Accumulation distributions received by a taxpayer as a beneficiary
of a trust to the extent that the same are included in federal adjusted
gross income.

18 (vii) Amounts received as annuities under the federal civil service 19 retirement system from the civil service retirement and disability fund 20 and other amounts received as retirement benefits in whatever form 21 which were earned for being employed by the federal government or for 22 service in the armed forces of the United States.

(viii) Amounts received by retired railroad employees as a supplemental annuity under the provisions of 45 U.S.C. 228b (a) and 228c (a)(1)
et seq.

(ix) Amounts received by retired employees of a city and by retired
employees of any board of such city as retirement allowances pursuant to
K.S.A. 13-14,106, and amendments thereto, or pursuant to any charter
ordinance exempting a city from the provisions of K.S.A. 13-14,106, and
amendments thereto.

(x) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976, the amount
of the federal tentative jobs tax credit disallowance under the provisions
of 26 U.S.C. 280 C. For taxable years ending after December 31, 1978,
the amount of the targeted jobs tax credit and work incentive credit disallowances under 26 U.S.C. 280 C.

(xi) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986, dividend
income on stock issued by Kansas Venture Capital, Inc.

(xii) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1989, amounts
received by retired employees of a board of public utilities as pension and
retirement benefits pursuant to K.S.A. 13-1246, 13-1246a and 13-1249
and amendments thereto.

(xiii) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, amountscontributed to and the amount of income earned on contributions de-

posited to an individual development account under K.S.A. 2007 Supp.
 74-50,201, et seq., and amendments thereto.

3 (xiv) For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1996, that portion of any income of a bank organized under the laws of this state or 4 any other state, a national banking association organized under the laws $\mathbf{5}$ of the United States, an association organized under the savings and loan 6 7 code of this state or any other state, or a federal savings association or-8 ganized under the laws of the United States, for which an election as an 9 S corporation under subchapter S of the federal internal revenue code is in effect, which accrues to the taxpayer who is a stockholder of such 10 corporation and which is not distributed to the stockholders as dividends 11 12 of the corporation.

13 (xv) For all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, amounts not exceeding \$3,000, or \$6,000 for a married couple filing a 1415joint return, for each designated beneficiary which are contributed to a 16family postsecondary education savings account established under the Kansas postsecondary education savings program or a qualified tuition 1718program established and maintained by another state or agency or instru-19mentality thereof pursuant to section 529 of the internal revenue code of 201986, as amended, for the purpose of paying the qualified higher edu-21cation expenses of a designated beneficiary at an institution of postsecon-22 dary education. The terms and phrases used in this paragraph shall have 23 the meaning respectively ascribed thereto by the provisions of K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 75-643, and amendments thereto, and the provisions of such 24 25section are hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes thereof.

26(xvi) For the tax year beginning after December 31, 2004, an amount 27 not exceeding \$500; for the tax year beginning after December 31, 2005, 28 an amount not exceeding \$600; for the tax year beginning after December 29 31, 2006, an amount not exceeding \$700; for the tax year beginning after 30 December 31, 2007, an amount not exceeding \$800; for the tax year 31beginning December 31, 2008, an amount not exceeding \$900; and for 32 all taxable years commencing after December 31, 2009, an amount not 33 exceeding \$1,000 of the premium costs for qualified long-term care in-34 surance contracts, as defined by subsection (b) of section 7702B of public 35 law 104-191.

36 (xvii) For all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, 37 amounts received by taxpayers who are or were members of the armed 38 forces of the United States, including service in the Kansas army and air 39 national guard, as a recruitment, sign up or retention bonus received by 40 such taxpayer as an incentive to join, enlist or remain in the armed services of the United States, including service in the Kansas army and air national 4142guard, and amounts received for repayment of educational or student 43 loans incurred by or obligated to such taxpayer and received by such

1 taxpayer as a result of such taxpayer's service in the armed forces of the United States, including service in the Kansas army and air national guard. 2 3 (xviii) For all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, amounts received by taxpayers who are eligible members of the Kansas 4 army and air national guard as a reimbursement pursuant to K.S.A. 48- $\mathbf{5}$ 281, and amendments thereto, and amounts received for death benefits 6 7 pursuant to K.S.A. 48-282, and amendments thereto, or pursuant to sec-8 tion 1 or section 2 of chapter 207 of the 2005 session laws of Kansas, and 9 amendments thereto, to the extent that such death benefits are included in federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer. 10 For the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2006, 11 (xix) 12amounts received as benefits under the federal social security act which

13 are included in federal adjusted gross income of a taxpayer with federal adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less, whether such taxpayer's filing 1415 status is single, head of household, married filing separate or married 16filing jointly; and for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007, amounts received as benefits under the federal social security act which 1718are included in federal adjusted gross income of a taxpaver with federal 19adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less, whether such taxpayer's filing 20status is single, head of household, married filing separate or married 21filing jointly.

22(xx) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, 100% of 23 the amount of qualified health insurance premiums to the extent the amount paid for such premiums is included in federal taxable income. The 24 taxpayer shall provide the department of revenue with proof of the 2526amount of qualified health insurance premiums paid. For the purposes of 27this provision, "qualified health insurance premium" means the amount paid during the tax year by such taxpayer for any insurance policy pri-2829 marily providing health care coverage for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's 30 spouse, or the taxpayer's dependents.

(d) There shall be added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross
income the taxpayer's share, as beneficiary of an estate or trust, of the
Kansas fiduciary adjustment determined under K.S.A. 79-32,135, and
amendments thereto.

(e) The amount of modifications required to be made under this section by a partner which relates to items of income, gain, loss, deduction
or credit of a partnership shall be determined under K.S.A. 79-32,131,
and amendments thereto, to the extent that such items affect federal
adjusted gross income of the partner.

40Sec. 12.K.S.A. 40-2119, 40-2209d, 40-2209h, 40-2209m and 75-416512 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 40-2240, 75-6501 and 79-32,117 are hereby42repealed.

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1 Sec. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

2 publication in the statute book.