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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2547

As Amended by House Committee on
Insurance

Brief*

HB 2547, as amended, amends the Kansas Uninsurable Health Insurance Plan Act to expand coverage to federally defined eligible individuals for federal trade adjustment assistance. (Eligible individuals are those displaced by foreign trade competition.)

The House Committee amendment changes the effective date to publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

HB 2547 was requested by the Insurance Commissioner, whose representative explained that the bill will make group health insurance coverage available through the Kansas Uninsurable Health Insurance Plan to individuals certified to receive federal assistance in paying for health coverage under the terms of the Health Coverage Tax Credit Program within the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002. The bill makes it possible for approximately 1,700 displaced Kansas workers to qualify for payment of 65 percent of their premium for health care coverage under the Plan.

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner indicates that the passage of HB 2547 would have no fiscal effect.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>