

SESSION OF 2015

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2142**

As Agreed to June 26, 2015

Brief*

HB 2142 would clarify the effective date for the new local government election requirements pertaining to certain property tax increases provided by Senate Sub. for HB 2109, as amended by House Sub. for SB 270, to be January 1, 2018.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee deleted the provisions of the of the bill, as amended by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance, which pertained to the Insurance Code, and inserted new language that would reconcile a provision of Senate Sub. for HB 2109, as amended by House Sub. for SB 270, pertaining to the effective date as to when local government elections would be required.

Background

The House Committee on Insurance introduced HB 2142 at the request of the Kansas Insurance Department (Department). In the House Committee, a representative of the Department testified in support of the bill. The representative stated the bill would amend the definition of a "fraudulent insurance act" to add other means of

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communication to the manner in which such acts may be committed. The proponent also noted current state law provides the external review organization used by the Department be nationally accredited or work mostly with Kansas providers. However, the proponent stated the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) granted the state a waiver from the federal requirement that the organization be nationally accredited; this waiver expires on January 1, 2016. The proponent explained, if current law is not amended to require the organization to be nationally accredited after the expiration of the waiver, as is proposed by the bill, HHS would assume all external reviews for Kansas residents. According to the proponent, the organization used in Kansas is expected to be nationally accredited prior to the expiration of the waiver. No other testimony was provided at the hearing.

The Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance amendments inserted uniform policy provisions and created an exclusion for individual accident and sickness insurance policies. [All provisions incorporated in HB 2142, as amended by Senate Committee, were included in the Conference Committee Report for HB 2064.]

The bill, as amended by the Conference Committee Report, would have no fiscal effect for the state.

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