HOUSE BILL No. 2126

An Act concerning insurance; relating to risk-based capital instructions; property and casualty actuarial opinion law; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-223j and 40-2c01 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-223j is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-223j. (a) The statement of actuarial opinion shall be provided with the annual statement in accordance with the appropriate NAIC property and casualty annual statement instructions and shall be treated as a public document.

(b) (1) Any document, material or other information, in the control or possession of the department that is furnished to the commissioner pursuant to this act or obtained by the commissioner in an investigation pursuant to this section shall be kept confidential by the commissioner. Such information shall not be made public or subject to subpoena, other than by the commissioner and then only for the purpose of enforcement actions taken by the commissioner pursuant to this act or any other provision of the insurance laws of this state.

(2) (A) This subsection shall not be construed to limit the commissioner’s authority to release the documents to the actuarial board for counseling and discipline so long as the material is required for the purpose of professional disciplinary proceedings and that the actuarial board for counseling and discipline establishes procedures satisfactory to the commissioner for preserving the confidentiality of the documents.

(B) This subsection shall not be construed to limit the commissioner’s authority to use the documents, materials or other information in furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought as part of the commissioner’s official duties.

(3) Neither the commissioner nor any person who received documents, materials or other information while acting under the authority of the commissioner shall be required to testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential documents, materials or information subject to paragraph (1).

(4) The commissioner may share or exchange any documents, materials or other information, including confidential and privileged documents referred to in paragraph (1), received in the performance of the commissioner’s duties under this act, with;

(A) The NAIC and its affiliates and subsidiaries;

(B) the actuarial board for counseling and discipline or any other entity which regulates actuaries;

(C) other state, federal or international regulatory agencies; and

(D) other state, federal or international law enforcement authorities.

(5) (A) The sharing or exchanging of documents, materials or other information under this subsection shall be conditioned upon the recipient’s authority and agreement to maintain the confidential and privileged status, if any, of the documents, materials or other information being shared or exchanged.

(B) No waiver of an existing privilege or claim of confidentiality in the documents, materials or information shall occur as a result of disclosure to the commissioner under this section or as a result of sharing such documents, materials or information as authorized by this subsection.

(6) The commissioner of insurance is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations establishing protocols governing the exchange of information as may be necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this act.

(c) The provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) shall expire on July 1, 2020, unless the legislature acts to reenact such provision.

The provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) shall be reviewed by the legislature prior to July 1, 2020.
(d) For the purposes of this section: (1) “Commissioner” shall mean the commissioner of insurance.

(2) “NAIC” shall mean the national association of insurance commissioners.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-2c01 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2c01. As used in this act:

(a) “Adjusted RBC report” means an RBC report which has been adjusted by the commissioner in accordance with K.S.A. 40-2c04, and amendments thereto.

(b) “Corrective order” means an order issued by the commissioner specifying corrective actions which the commissioner has determined are required to address an RBC level event.

(c) “Domestic insurer” means any insurance company or risk retention group which is licensed and organized in this state.

(d) “Foreign insurer” means any insurance company or risk retention group not domiciled in this state which is licensed or registered to do business in this state pursuant to article 41 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or K.S.A. 40-209, and amendments thereto.

(e) “NAIC” means the national association of insurance commissioners.

(f) “Life and health insurer” means any insurance company licensed under article 4 or 5 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or a licensed property and casualty insurer writing only accident and health insurance.

(g) “Property and casualty insurer” means any insurance company licensed under articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 12a, 15 or 16 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, but shall not include nonline mortgage guaranty insurers, financial guaranty insurers and title insurers.

(h) “Negative trend” means, with respect to a life and health insurer, a negative trend over a period of time, as determined in accordance with the “trend test calculation” included in the RBC instructions defined in subsection (j).

(i) “RBC” means risk-based capital.

(j) “RBC instructions” means the risk-based capital instructions promulgated by the NAIC, which are in effect on December 31, 2014, or any later version promulgated by the NAIC as may be adopted by the commissioner under K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-2c29, and amendments thereto.

(k) “RBC level” means an insurer’s company action level RBC, regulatory action level RBC, authorized control level RBC, or mandatory control level RBC where:

(1) “Company action level RBC” means, with respect to any insurer, the product of 2.0 and its authorized control level RBC;

(2) “regulatory action level RBC” means the product of 1.5 and its authorized control level RBC;

(3) “authorized control level RBC” means the number determined under the risk-based capital formula in accordance with the RBC instructions; and

(4) “mandatory control level RBC” means the product of .70 and the authorized control level RBC.

(l) “RBC plan” means a comprehensive financial plan containing the elements specified in K.S.A. 40-2c06, and amendments thereto. If the commissioner rejects the RBC plan, and it is revised by the insurer, with or without the commissioner’s recommendation, the plan shall be called the “revised RBC plan.”

(m) “RBC report” means the report required by K.S.A. 40-2c02, and amendments thereto.

(n) “Total adjusted capital” means the sum of:

(1) An insurer’s capital and surplus or surplus only if a mutual insurer; and

(2) such other items, if any, as the RBC instructions may provide.

(o) “Commissioner” means the commissioner of insurance.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-223j and 40-2c01 are hereby repealed.
Sec. 4. 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 House, and passed that body.

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate ________________________

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor