



KHA's Capitol Comments
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Health Conference Committee Meets

Today, the Health Conference Committee met and agreed to changes to [House Bill 2280](#). The bill clarifies that the authorized activities of paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians and emergency medical responders may be authorized upon the order of a health care professional, permits certain ambulance services to offer service for less than 24 hours per day, every day of the year, and requires entities using automated external defibrillators to register with the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Board.

The conference committee also agreed to changes in [Senate Bill 250](#). The bill enacts the Right to Try for Individualized Treatments Act to permit a manufacturer to make an individualized investigative treatment available to a requesting patient.

The committee is slated to meet on Wednesday, March 26, to discuss [Sub for Senate Bill 126](#), which includes the hospital provider assessment language.

Insurance Conference Committee Completes Work

Today, the House and Senate Insurance Conference Committees met and agreed to two conference committee reports.

The first includes the following bills:

- [House Bill 2334](#): Updating certain terms, conditions and definitions to the Captive Insurance Act, provides for provisional certificates of authority, incorporated cell insurance companies and protected cell captive insurance companies
- [Senate Bill 121](#) authorizing the commissioner of insurance to select and announce the version of certain instructions, calculations and documents in effect for the upcoming calendar year and causes such announcement to be published in the *Kansas Register*, allows certain life insurers to follow health financial reports and adopt certain provisions from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Holding Company System
- Regulatory Act that relates to group capital calculations and liquidity stress testing

- [Senate Bill 28](#) updates public adjuster and insurance agent statutes pertaining to suspension, revocation, denial of licensure and licensure renewal
- [House Bill 2046](#) authorizes insurers to file certain travel insurance policies under the accident and health line of insurance
- [Senate Bill 32](#) reduces insurance company premium tax rates and discontinues remittance and credits of a portion of the premium tax to the Insurance Department Service Regulation Fund

The second includes the following bills:

- [Senate Bill 42](#) provides for the establishment of an online insurance verification system for the verification of evidence of motor vehicle liability insurance
- [Senate Bill 23](#) requires agents and insurers to respond to inquiries from the commissioner of insurance within 14 calendar days and authorizes certain rebate pilot programs to exceed one year in duration
- [Senate Bill 27](#) eliminates the requirement that the commissioner submit certain reports to the governor and removes certain specific entities from the definition of person to enforce insurance law
- [House Bill 2042](#) requires title agents to make their audit reports available for inspection instead of submitting such reports annually, requires the amount of surety bonds filed with the commissioner of insurance to be \$100,000, eliminates the controlled business exemption in certain counties
- [House Bill 2044](#) requires that third-party administrators maintain separate fiduciary accounts for individual payors and not contain funds collected or held on behalf of multiple payors and disclose to the commissioner of insurance any bankruptcy petition filed by or on behalf of such administrator

No further committee meetings have been set.

House and Senate Pass Conference Committee Reports

The House and Senate are working through bill bundles at this point in the legislative session.

The chambers began working through the following:

- [Conference Committee Report Brief on House Bill 2263](#) deals with highway naming bills
- [Conference Committee Report Brief on House Bill 2030](#) auto dealers and manufacturers

- [Conference Committee Report Brief on Senate Bill 193](#) exempts law enforcement agencies that do not provide emergency opioid antagonists pursuant to the statewide protocol from the requirement to procure a physician medical director
- [Conference Committee Report Brief on House Bill 2168](#) U.S. public land surveys, relates to reports with state historical society
- [Conference Committee Report Brief on House Bill 2201](#) motor vehicle license plates
- [Conference Committee Report Brief on House Bill 2016](#) elections and voter registration; includes funeral home in online obituary notices as sufficient grounds for removal of voter rolls. Requires that poll workers be citizens of the U.S. and live within Kansas; prohibits the disqualification of the active military members, spouses or other dependents who are citizens of the U.S as poll workers on the basis of residency or being a registered voter; relates to advance voting ballot applications; modifies the requirements for soliciting registered voters to submit advance voting applications
- [Conference Committee Report Brief on Senate Bill 139](#) the banking bill bundle

Other bills making their way through the process have seen motions to concur, including:

- [House Bill 2031](#) provides that driving school instructors and motorcycle instructors may possess a driver's license or motorcycle driver's license from any state
- [House Bill 2052](#) updates cross references in the Personal and Family Protection Act regarding the eligibility requirements to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun, requires the surrender of a suspended or revoked license, provides for a transition from a provisional license to a standard license and prohibits the collection of personal information of an off-duty law enforcement officer entering buildings while armed or requires such officer to wear any item identifying such person as a law enforcement officer or being armed
- [House Bill 2061](#) includes aboveground and belowground lines, cables and wires in the definition of a critical infrastructure facility used for telecommunications or video services for the crimes of trespassing on a critical infrastructure facility and criminal damage to a critical infrastructure facility
- [House Bill 2109](#) exempts public utilities from civil liability relating to the attachment, access, operation, maintenance or removal of law enforcement equipment on any utility pole or other structure that is owned or operated by the public utility
- [House Bill 2195](#) establishes the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund administered by the Kansas Board of Regents

- [Sub for House Bill 2152](#) mandates financial institutions to secure governmental unit deposits in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation by utilizing a public moneys pooled method of securities, prohibits investment advisers that execute bids for the investment of public moneys from managing moneys directly from such bid, allows governmental unit deposits to be invested at a rate agreed upon by the governmental unit and the financial institution, requires certification from a governmental unit that deposits in the Municipal Investment Pool Fund if first offered to a financial institution in the preceding year and allows financial institutions to file complaints upon the failure to comply
- [House Bill 2120](#) authorizes the Kansas Board of Regents to sell and convey certain real property in Riley County, Kansas, and Douglas County, Nebraska, on behalf of Kansas State University and Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Center
- [Sub for House Bill 2149](#) requires distributed energy retailers to disclose certain information to residential customers who are offered or seeking to install a distributed energy system, requires the attorney general to convene an advisory group to develop, approve and periodically revise a standard form for such disclosures and requiring publication thereof, establishes requirements for interconnection and operation of distributed energy systems, increases the total capacity limitation for an electric public utility's provision of parallel generation service and a formula to determine appropriate system size
- [House Bill 2206](#) renames the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission to the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission, defines terms in the Campaign Finance Act, requires the filing of statements of independent expenditures and prohibits agreements requiring contributions in the name of another
- [House Bill 2311](#) prohibits the secretary from adopting and enforcing policies for placement, custody and appointment of a custodian that may conflict with sincerely held religious or moral beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity and creating a right of action for violations

These bills will now go to Governor Laura Kelly.

Elections Bill Veto Override

Today, the Senate took a vote regarding [Senate Bill 4](#). The legislation requires the return of advance voting ballots by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. The Senate voted [30-10](#) to override, and the House voted [84-41](#).

KHA Bill Tracker

The [KHA Bill Tracker](#) keeps you up-to-date on current legislation. KHA will update and share this document daily while the legislators are in session.