



Proponent Testimony on HB 2478 – TPA Statute Cleanup

Chairman Vickrey and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2478.

For a brief background, in response to an issue with how other states treated Kansas domiciled Third Party Administrators (TPAs), the Legislature passed the NAIC TPA model law to streamline regulatory compliance across multiple states and keep Kansas domiciled TPAs in Kansas.

HB 2478 seeks to clean up very technical language differences between the model law and how Kansas Statutes are written. For example, in some states the head of the insurance department is called a director instead of commissioner and in KSA 40-3815(b) it references director instead of commissioner. Another example of a difference is in KSA 40-3812(b)(1) where we are changing “certificate of existence” to “certificate of good standing” in order to be consistent with the Kansas Secretary of State. HB 2478 is truly a technical cleanup bill to make our statutes more consistent.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2478. I’d be happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.

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