

2021 Kansas Statutes

8-2708. Same; insurance. On January 1, 2016, and thereafter, a transportation network company driver or vehicle owner or transportation network company on the driver's behalf shall maintain primary automobile insurance that:

(a) Recognizes that the driver is a transportation network company driver and covers the driver while the driver is logged on to the transportation network company's digital network, while the driver is engaged in a prearranged ride or while the driver otherwise uses a vehicle to transport passengers for compensation.

(b) (1) The following automobile insurance requirements shall apply while a participating transportation network company driver is logged on to the transportation network company's digital network and is available to receive transportation requests but is not engaged in a prearranged ride:

(A) Primary automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least \$50,000 for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for death and bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000 for property damage; and

(B) primary automobile liability insurance that meets the minimum coverage requirements where required by K.S.A. 40-284 and 40-3107(f), and amendments thereto.

(2) The coverage requirements of this subsection (b) may be satisfied by any of the following:

(A) Automobile insurance maintained by the transportation network company driver or vehicle owner;

(B) automobile insurance maintained by the transportation network company; or

(C) any combination of subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(c) (1) The following automobile insurance requirements shall apply while a transportation network company driver is engaged in a prearranged ride:

(A) Primary automobile liability insurance that provides at least \$1,000,000 for death, bodily injury and property damage;

(B) primary automobile liability insurance that meets the minimum coverage requirements where required by K.S.A. 40-284 and 40-3107(f), and amendments thereto.

(2) The coverage requirements of this subsection (c) may be satisfied by any of the following:

(A) Automobile insurance maintained by the transportation network company driver or vehicle owner;

(B) automobile insurance maintained by the transportation network company; or

(C) any combination of subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(d) If insurance maintained by the driver or vehicle owner in subsection (b) or (c) has lapsed or does not provide the required coverage, insurance maintained by a transportation network company shall provide the coverage required by this section beginning with the first dollar of a claim and shall have the duty to defend such claim.

(e) Coverage under an automobile insurance policy maintained by the transportation network company shall not be dependent on a personal automobile insurer first denying a claim nor shall a personal automobile insurance policy be required to first deny a claim.

(f) Insurance required by this section may be placed with an insurer licensed under K.S.A. 40-208 or 40-209, and amendments thereto, or with a surplus lines insurer eligible under K.S.A. 40-246b, and amendments thereto.

(g) Insurance satisfying the requirements of this section shall be deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility requirement for a personal vehicle under the Kansas automobile injury reparations act, K.S.A. 40-3101 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(h) A transportation network company driver shall carry proof of coverage satisfying subsections (b) and (c) with such driver at all times during such driver's use of a vehicle in connection with a transportation network company's digital network. In the event of an accident, a transportation network company driver shall provide this insurance coverage information to the directly interested parties, automobile insurers and investigating police officers, upon request pursuant to K.S.A. 8-173, and amendments thereto. Upon such request, a transportation network company driver shall also disclose to directly interested parties, automobile insurers and investigating police officers, whether such driver was logged on to the transportation network company's digital network or on a prearranged ride at the time of an accident.

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