

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2093** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, following line 35, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-2624 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-2624. In addition to the fees required to be paid in K.S.A. ~~12-2622~~ 12-2623, and amendments thereto, and as a condition precedent to the continuation of the certificate of authority provided in this act, all group-funded pools shall pay ~~no~~ not later than 90 days after the end of each ~~fiscal~~ calendar year a tax upon the annual Kansas gross premium collected by the pool at the rate of 1% per annum applied to the collective premium relating to all Kansas members of the pool for the preceding ~~fiscal~~ calendar year. In the computation of the tax, all pools shall be entitled to deduct any annual Kansas gross premiums returned on account of cancellation or dividends returned to members of such pools or expenditures used for the purchase of specific and aggregate excess insurance, as provided in ~~subsection (h)~~ of K.S.A. 12-2618(h), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 40-1709 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-1709. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), whenever a municipality provides for the payment of premiums for any health benefit plan for its firefighters, it shall pay premiums for the continuation of coverage under COBRA for the surviving spouse and eligible dependent children under the age of 26 years of a firefighter who dies in the line of duty. Premiums for continuation of coverage under COBRA shall be paid for 18 months.

(2) A municipality may not be required to pay the premiums described in paragraph (1) for a surviving spouse:

(A) On or after the end of the 18th calendar month after the date of death of the deceased firefighter;

(B) upon the remarriage of the deceased firefighter's surviving spouse; or

(C) upon the deceased firefighter's surviving spouse reaching the age of 65.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Firefighter" means an actual member of an organized fire department, of a municipality, whether regular or volunteer.

(2) "Health benefit plan" ~~shall have the meaning ascribed to it~~ means the same as defined in K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto.

(3) "Municipality" means a city, county, fire district or township.

~~(4) "Postsecondary educational institution" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.";~~

On page 2, in line 5, by striking "fiscal" and inserting "calendar"; in line 7, by striking "fiscal" and inserting "calendar"; in line 13, after the comma by inserting "12-2624, 40-1709,"; in line 15, by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after the first "pools" by inserting "and certain municipal insurance coverage"; in line 6, after the semicolon by inserting "adjusting the basis upon which certain premium tax calculations are made; requiring such premium taxes to be paid 90 days after each calendar year and basing such premium taxes upon the gross premiums collected for the previous calendar year; adding fire districts to the definition of "municipality" for purposes of the payment of COBRA premiums under certain circumstances;"; also in line 6, after "K.S.A." by inserting "12-2624, 40-1709 and"; in line 7, by striking "section" and inserting "sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

Conferees on part of Senate

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