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By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT-regulating traffic; concerning size limitations of certain vehicles. 1 2 exceptions, forage cutter and custom harvester; use of safety belts, establishing the seat belt safety fund; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-3 4 1904, 8-2504, 12-4120 and 74-7336 and repealing the existing sections {reconciling amendments to certain statutes; amending K.S.A. 2014 5 6 Supp. 8-126, as amended by section 2 of 2015 House Bill No. 2044, 12-1744a, 12-4516, 12-4516a, 17-7673, 17-7674, 17-7677, 38-2310. 7 8 65-2895, 74-4911f, 74-4914d, as amended by section 2 of 2015 Senate 9 Bill No. 228, 74-4920, as amended by section 3 of 2015 Senate Bill 10 No. 228, 75-37,121, 76-1936, 79-1609 and 79-1703 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 38-2310, as 11 amended by section 2 of chapter 131 of the 2014 Session Laws of 12 Kansas and 65-2895, as amended by section 36 of chapter 131 of the 13 14 2014 Session Laws of Kansas and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126, as 15 amended by section 1 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 73, 9-1111, as amended by section 8 of 2015 House Bill No. 2216, 9-1215, as amended by 16 17 section 1 of 2015 Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2258, 9-1216, as amended by section 2 of 2015 Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 18 19 2258, 12-1744f, 12-4516b, 12-4516c, 17-7673a, 17-7674a, 17-7677a, 20 20-380a, 74-4911j, 74-4914d, as amended by section 55 of 2015 House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4, 74-4920, as amended by 21 22 section 56 of 2015 House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4, 74-99b34a, 23 75-37,121b, 76-1936a, 79-1609a and 79-1703a}.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped bales of hay as authorized by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-1902(e), and amendments thereto, may be loaded with such bales secured to a height not exceeding 14⁺/₂ feet. Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any overpass or other obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for all damages resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may adopt rules and regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically shaped bales of hay.

(b) No motor vehicle including the load thereon shall exceed a length

 of 45 feet extreme overall dimension, excluding the front and rearbumpers, except as provided in subsection (d).

- (e) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 8-1914 and 8-1915, and amendments thereto, and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), no combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of 65 feet.
- (d) The length limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a truck tractor. No semitrailer which is being operated in combination with a truck tractor shall exceed 59¹/₂ feet in length. No semitrailer or trailer which is being operated in a combination consisting of a truck tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall exceed 28¹/₂ feet in length.
- (e) The limitations in this section governing maximum length of a semitrailer or trailer shall not apply to vehicles operating in the daytime when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature which cannot readily be dismembered, except that it shall beunlawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds a total length of 85 feet unless a special permit for such operation has been issued by the secretary of transportation or by an agent or designee of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special permits at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation may contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for such purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of the superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not apply to vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties or when operated under special permit as provided in K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night transportation every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load.
- (f) The limitations of this section governing the maximum length of combinations of vehicles shall not apply to a combination of vehicles consisting of a truck tractor towing a house trailer, if such combination of vehicles does not exceed an overall length of 97 feet.
- (g) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to stinger-steered automobile or boat transporters or one truck and one trailer vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, forage cutter or combine header to be engaged in farm custom harvesting operations, as defined in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto. A stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter or

one truck and one trailer vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine. *forage cutter or combine header* to be engaged in farm custom harvesting operations, as defined in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto, shall not exceed an overall length limit of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.

(h) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to drive-away saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination. A drive-away saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination shall not exceed an extreme overall dimension of 97 feet.

New See. 2. There is hereby established in the state treasury the seat belt safety fund which shall be administered by the secretary of transportation. All expenditures of moneys in the seat belt safety fund shall be used for the purpose of promotion and education of occupant protection among children, including, but not limited to, programs in schools in Kansas and shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of transportation or by a person or persons designated by the secretary of transportation. The secretary of transportation may accept all gifts, grants, donations and bequests to the fund. The secretary of transportation shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the seat belt safety fund.

- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-2504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2504. (a) (1) Persons violating subsection (a)(1) of K.S.A. 8-2503(a)(1), and amendments thereto, shall be fined \$5 and no court costs and, from and after July 1, 2011, persons violating subsection (a)(1) of K.S.A. 8-2503, and amendments thereto, shall be fined \$10_\$30 and no court costs; and
- (2) persons violating subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 8-2503(a)(2), and amendments thereto, shall be fined \$60 and no court costs.
 - (b) No court shall report violation of this act to the department of revenue.
 - (e) Evidence of failure of any person to use a safety belt shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.
 - (d) The provisions of this section shall be applicable and uniform throughout the state and no city, county, subdivision or local authority shall enact or enforce any law, ordinance, rule, regulation or resolution in conflict with, in addition to, or supplemental to, the provisions of this section.

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- 1 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-4120 is hereby amended to read as-2 follows: 12-4120. (a) On and after July 1, 2012, the amount of \$250 from 3 each fine imposed for a violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the acts 4 prohibited by K.S.A. 8-1567 or 8-2,144 or K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1025, and 5 amendments thereto, shall be remitted by the judge or clerk of the 6 municipal court to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of 7 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such 8 remittance, the state treasurer shall credit the entire amount to the 9 community corrections supervision fund established by K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 10 75-52,113, and amendments thereto.
 - (b) On and after July 1, 2013, the amount of \$2,500 from each fine imposed for a violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the acts prohibited by K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6421, and amendments thereto, shall be remitted by the judge or clerk of the municipal court to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall eredit the entire amount to the human trafficking victim assistance fund established by K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-758, and amendments thereto.
 - (c) On and after July 1, 2015, the amount of \$20 from each fine imposed for a violation of a city ordinance requiring the use of safety belts for those individuals required by K.S.A. 8-2503(a)(1), and amendments thereto, shall be remitted by the judge or clerk of the municipal court to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall credit the entire amount to the seat belt safety fund established by section 2, and amendments thereto.
- See. 5. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-7336 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-7336. (a) Of the remittances of fines, penalties and forfeitures received from clerks of the district court, at least monthly, the state treasurer shall credit:
 - (1) 10.94% 10.64% to the crime victims compensation fund;
 - (2) 2.24% 2.18% to the crime victims assistance fund;
- 33 (3) 2.75% 2.67% to the community alcoholism and intoxication programs fund;
- 35 (4) 7.65% 7.44% to the department of corrections alcohol and drug abuse treatment fund;
 - (5) 0.16% to the boating fee fund;
 - (6) 0.11% to the children's advocacy center fund;
- 39 (7) 2.28% 2.22% to the EMS revolving fund;
- 40 <u>(8) 2.28% 2.22% to the trauma fund;</u>
- 41 (9) 2.28% 2.22% to the traffic records enhancement fund:
- 42 (10) 2.91% 2.83% to the criminal justice information system line
- 43 <u>fund; and</u>

- (11) 2.74% to the seat belt safety fund; and
- (11) (12) the remainder of the remittances to the state general fund.
- (b) The county treasurer shall deposit grant moneys as provided in subsection (a), from the crime victims assistance fund, to the credit of a special fund created for use by the county or district attorney in establishing and maintaining programs to aid witnesses and victims of crime.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1904, 8-2504, 12-4120 and 74-7336 are hereby repealed.
 - {Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126, as amended by section 2 of 2015 House Bill No. 2044, is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-126. The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein:
 - (a) "All-terrain vehicle" means any motorized nonhighway vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, traveling on three or more nonhighway tires, having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator. As used in this subsection, nonhighway tiremeans any pneumatic tire six inches or more in width, designed for use on wheels with rim diameter of 14 inches or less.
 - (b) "Autocycle" means a three-wheel motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it.
 - (c) "Commission" or "state highway commission" means the director of vehicles of the department of revenue.
 - (d) "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation, local government, county government, county treasurer or other state agency that has contracted with the department to provide services associated with vehicle functions.
 - (e) "Department" or "motor vehicle department" or "vehicle department" means the division of vehicles of the department of revenue, acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents. When acting on behalf of the department of revenue pursuant to this act, a county treasurer shall be deemed to be an agent of the state of Kansas.
 - (f) "Division" means the division of vehicles of the department of revenue.
 - (g) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two nontandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less.
 - (h) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by an electric motor drawing current from rechargeable storage batteries or other portable electrical energy storage devices, provided the recharge

 energy must be drawn from a source off the vehicle, such as, but not limited to:

- (1) Residential electric service;
- (2) an electric vehicle charging station, also called an EV charging station, an electric recharging point, a charging point, EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) or a public charging station.
- (i) "Electronic certificate of title" means any electronic record of ownership, including any lien or liens that may be recorded, retained by the division in accordance with K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-135d, and amendments thereto.
- (j) "Electronic notice of security interest" means the division's online internet program which enables a dealer or secured party to submit a notice of security interest as defined in this section, and to cancel the notice or release the security interest using the program. This program is also known as the Kansas elien or KSelien.
- (k) "Farm tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used as a farm implement power unit operated with or without other attached farm implements in any manner consistent with the structural design of such power unit.
- (1) "Farm trailer" means every trailer and semitrailer as those terms are defined in this section, designed and used primarily as a farm vehicle.
- (m) "Foreign vehicle" means every motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which shall be brought into this state otherwise than in ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and which has not been registered in this state.
- (n) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, an unladen weight of not more than 1,800 pounds, is designed to be and is operated at not more than 25 miles per hour and is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver.
- (o) "Highway" means every way or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purpose of vehicular travel. The term "highway" shall not be deemed to include a roadway or driveway upon grounds owned by private owners, colleges, universities or other institutions.
- (p) "Implement of husbandry" means every vehicle designed or adapted and used exclusively for agricultural operations, including feedlots, and only incidentally moved or operated upon the highways. Such term shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) A farm tractor;
 - (2) a self-propelled farm implement;
 - (3) a fertilizer spreader, nurse tank or truck permanently mounted

 with a spreader used exclusively for dispensing or spreading water, dust or liquid fertilizers or agricultural chemicals, as defined in K.S.A. 2-2202, and amendments thereto, regardless of ownership;

- (4) a truck mounted with a fertilizer spreader used or manufactured principally to spread animal dung;
- (5) a mixer-feed truck owned and used by a feedlot, as defined in K.S.A. 47-1501, and amendments thereto, and specially designed and used exclusively for dispensing food to livestock in such feedlot.
 - (q) "Lien" means a security interest as defined in this section.
- (r) "Lightweight roadable vehicle" means a multipurpose motor vehicle that is allowed to be driven on public roadways and is required to be registered with, and flown under the direction of, the federal aviation administration.
- (s) "Manufacturer" means every person engaged in the business of manufacturing motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers.
- (t) "Micro utility truck" means any motor vehicle which is not less than 48 inches in width, has an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 160 inches, has an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than 1,500 pounds, can exceed 40 miles per hour as originally manufactured and is manufactured with a metal cab. "Micro utility truck" does not include a work-site utility vehicle or recreational off-highway vehicle.
- (u) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle, other than a motorized bicycle or a motorized wheelchair, which is self-propelled.
- (v) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, including autocycles, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, except any such vehicle as may be included within the term "tractor" as defined in this section.
- (w) "Motorized bicycle" means every device having two tandem wheels or three wheels, which may be propelled by either human power or helper motor, or by both, and which has:
 - (1) A motor which produces not more than 3.5 brake horsepower;
 - (2) a cylinder capacity of not more than 130 cubic centimeters;
 - (3) an automatic transmission; and
- (4) the capability of a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour.
- (x) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person and such vehicle is incapable of a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.
- (y) "New vehicle dealer" means every person actively engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchanging new motor vehicles, travel trailers, trailers or vehicles and who holds a dealer's contract therefor from a manufacturer or distributor and who has an established place of

business in this state.

- (z) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of this state.
- (aa) "Notice of security interest" means a notification to the division from a dealer or secured party of a purchase money security interest as provided in article 9 of chapter 84 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, upon a vehicle which has been sold and delivered to the purchaser describing the vehicle and showing the name, address and acknowledgment of the secured party as well as the name and address of the debtor or debtors and other information the division requires.
- (bb) "Oil well servicing, oil well clean-out or oil well drilling machinery or equipment" means a vehicle constructed as a machine used exclusively for servicing, cleaning-out or drilling an oil well and consisting in general of a mast, an engine for power, a draw works and a chassis permanently constructed or assembled for one or more of those purposes. The passenger capacity of the cab of a vehicle shall not be considered in determining whether such vehicle is oil well servicing, oil well clean-out or oil well drilling machinery or equipment.
- (cc) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle, or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or in the event a vehicle is subject to a lease of 30 days or more with an immediate right of possession vested in the lessee; or in the event a party having a security interest in a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or secured party shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this act.
- (dd) "Passenger vehicle" means every motor vehicle, as defined in this section, which is designed primarily to carry 10 or fewer passengers, and which is not used as a truck.
- (ee) "Person" means every natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.
- (ff) "Pole trailer" means any two-wheel vehicle used as a trailer with bolsters that support the load, and do not have a rack or body extending to the tractor drawing the load.
- (gg) "Recreational off-highway vehicle" means any motor vehicle more than 50 but not greater than 64 inches-or less in width, having a dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, traveling on four or more nonhighway tires, having a nonstraddle seat and steering wheel for steering control.
- (hh) "Road tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles, and not so constructed as to carry any load

 thereon independently, or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.

- (ii) "Self-propelled farm implement" means every farm implement designed for specific use applications with its motive power unit permanently incorporated in its structural design.
- (jj) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.
- (kk) "Specially constructed vehicle" means any vehicle which shall not have been originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model or type, or which, if originally otherwise constructed shall have been materially altered by the removal of essential parts, or by the addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles.
- (ll) "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a motor vehicle.
- (mm) "Travel trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed to be towed by a motor vehicle constructed primarily for recreational purposes.
- (nn) "Truck" means a motor vehicle which is used for the transportation or delivery of freight and merchandise or more than 10 passengers.
- (00) "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles, and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle or load so drawn.
- (pp) "Used vehicle dealer" means every person actively engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchanging used vehicles, and having an established place of business in this state and who does not hold a dealer's contract for the sale of new motor vehicles, travel trailers or vehicles.
- (qq) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting electric personal assistive mobility devices or devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- (rr) "Vehicle functions" means services relating to the application, processing, auditing or distribution of original or renewal vehicle registrations, certificates of title, driver's licenses and division-issued identification cards associated with services and functions set out in articles 1, 2 and 13 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. "Vehicle functions" may also include personal property taxation duties set out in article 51 of chapter 79 of the Kansas

 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and other vehicle-related events described in article 1 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

- (ss) "Work-site utility vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is not less than 48 inches in width, has an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 135 inches, has an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than 800 pounds and is equipped with four or more—low—pressure nonhighway tires, a steering wheel and bench or bucket-type seating allowing at least two people to sit side-by-side, and may be equipped with a bed or cargo box for hauling materials. "Worksite utility vehicle" does not include a micro utility truck or recreational off-highway vehicle.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-1744a is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1744a. (a) At least seven days prior to the issuance of any revenue bonds, the city or county shall file a statement with the state court board of tax appeals of such proposed issuance containing the following information:
- (1) The name of the city or county proposing to issue the revenue bonds, the lessee, the guarantor, if any, the paying or fiscal agent, the underwriter, if any, and all attorneys retained to render an opinion on the issue;
- (2) a legal description of any property to be exempted from ad valorem taxes, including the city or county in which the facility will be located;
- (3) the appraised valuation of the property to be exempted from ad valorem taxes as shown on the records of the county as of the next preceding January 1. Any listing of property shall not constitute a classification of the property. Classification of any property acquired during the tax exemption period shall be determined at the end of the exemption period in accordance with K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-262, and amendments thereto;
- (4) the estimated total cost of the facility showing a division of such total cost between real and personal property;
- (5) if the facility to be financed is an addition to or further improvement of an existing facility the cost of which was financed by revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this act, the date of issuance of such revenue bonds, and if such facility or any portion thereof is presently exempt from property taxation, the period for which the same is exempt;
 - (6) the principal amount of the revenue bonds to be issued;
 - (7) the amount of any payment to be made in lieu of taxes;
- (8) an itemized list of service fees or charges to be paid by the lessee together with a detailed description of the services to be rendered

therefor;

- (9) a reasonably detailed description of the use of bond proceeds, including whether they will be used to purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, equip, furnish, enlarge or remodel the facility in question; and
 - (10) the proposed date of issuance of such revenue bonds.
- (b) Any change in the information or documents required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) which does not materially adversely affect the security for the revenue bond issue may be made within the fifteen-day period prior to issuance of the revenue bonds by filing the amended information or document with the state—court board of tax appeals.
- (c) Any notice required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) shall be accompanied by a filing fee, which shall be fixed by rules and regulations of the state—court board of tax appeals, in an amount sufficient to defray the cost of reviewing the information and documents required to be contained in the notice.
- (d) Information required to be filed by subsection (a) of this section shall be in addition to any filing required by K.S.A. 79-210, and amendments thereto.
- (e) The state—court board of tax appeals may require any information listed under subsection (a) deemed necessary, to be filed by a city or county concerning agreements entered into prior to the effective date of this act.
- (f) The state-court board of tax appeals shall prepare and compile annually a report containing the information required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) for each issuance of revenue bonds made pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq., and amendments thereto. Such report shall be published in convenient form for the use and information of the legislature, taxpayers, public officers and other interested parties, and shall be available on January 10 of each year.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-4516 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-4516. (a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), any person who has been convicted of a violation of a city ordinance of this state may petition the convicting court for the expungement of such conviction and related arrest records if three or more years have elapsed since the person:
 - (A) Satisfied the sentence imposed; or
- **(B)** was discharged from probation, parole or a suspended 40 sentence.
 - (2) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), any person who has fulfilled the terms of a diversion agreement based on a violation of a city ordinance of this state may petition the court for the

 expungement of such diversion agreement and related arrest records if three or more years have elapsed since the terms of the diversion agreement were fulfilled.

- (b) Any person convicted of a violation of any ordinance that is prohibited by either—subsection (a) or (b) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-16,134(a) or (b), and amendments thereto, and which was adopted prior to July 1, 2014, or who entered into a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings for such violation, may petition the convicting court for the expungement of such conviction or diversion agreement and related arrest records.
- (c) Any person convicted of the violation of a city ordinance which would also constitute a violation of K.S.A. 21-3512, prior to its repeal, or a violation of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6419, and amendments thereto, or who entered into a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings for such violation, may petition the convicting court for the expungement of such conviction or diversion agreement and related arrest records if:
- (1) One or more years have elapsed since the person satisfied the sentence imposed or the terms of a diversion agreement or was discharged from probation, parole, conditional release or a suspended sentence; and
- (2) such person can prove they were acting under coercion caused by the act of another. For purposes of this subsection, "coercion" means: Threats of harm or physical restraint against any person; a scheme, plan or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that failure to perform an act would result in bodily harm or physical restraint against any person; or the abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process.
- (d) No person may petition for expungement until five or more years have elapsed since the person satisfied the sentence imposed or the terms of a diversion agreement or was discharged from probation, parole, conditional release or a suspended sentence, if such person was convicted of the violation of a city ordinance which would also constitute:
- (1) Vehicular homicide, as defined by K.S.A. 21-3405, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5406, and amendments thereto;
- (2) driving while the privilege to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of this state has been canceled, suspended or revoked, as prohibited by K.S.A. 8-262, and amendments thereto;
- (3) perjury resulting from a violation of K.S.A. 8-261a, and amendments thereto;
- (4) a violation of the provisions of the fifth clause of K.S.A. 8-142, and amendments thereto, relating to fraudulent applications;

- (5) any crime punishable as a felony wherein a motor vehicle was used in the perpetration of such crime;
- (6) failing to stop at the scene of an accident and perform the duties required by K.S.A. 8-1602, 8-1603, prior to its repeal, or 8-1604, and amendments thereto:
- (7) a violation of the provisions of K.S.A. 40-3104, and amendments thereto, relating to motor vehicle liability insurance coverage; or
 - (8) a violation of K.S.A. 21-3405b, prior to its repeal.
- (e) No person may petition for expungement until 10 or more years have elapsed since the person satisfied the sentence imposed or the terms of a diversion agreement or was discharged from probation, parole, conditional release or a suspended sentence, if such person was convicted of the violation of a city ordinance which would also constitute a violation of K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto.
- (f) There shall be no expungement of convictions or diversions for a violation of a city ordinance which would also constitute a violation of K.S.A. 8-2,144, and amendments thereto.
- (g) (1) When a petition for expungement is filed, the court shall set a date for a hearing of such petition and shall cause notice of such hearing to be given to the prosecuting attorney and the arresting law enforcement agency. The petition shall state the:
 - (A) Defendant's full name;
- (B) full name of the defendant at the time of arrest, conviction or diversion, if different than the defendant's current name;
 - (C) defendant's sex, race and date of birth;
- (D) crime for which the defendant was arrested, convicted or diverted;
 - (E) date of the defendant's arrest, conviction or diversion; and
- (F) identity of the convicting court, arresting law enforcement agency or diverting authority.
- (2) A municipal court may prescribe a fee to be charged as costs for a person petitioning for an order of expungement pursuant to this section.
- (3) Any person who may have relevant information about the petitioner may testify at the hearing. The court may inquire into the background of the petitioner and shall have access to any reports or records relating to the petitioner that are on file with the secretary of corrections or the prisoner review board.
- (h) At the hearing on the petition, the court shall order the petitioner's arrest record, conviction or diversion expunged if the court finds that:
- (1) The petitioner has not been convicted of a felony in the past two years and no proceeding involving any such crime is presently pending

or being instituted against the petitioner;

- (2) the circumstances and behavior of the petitioner warrant the expungement; and
 - (3) the expungement is consistent with the public welfare.
- (i) When the court has ordered an arrest record, conviction or diversion expunged, the order of expungement shall state the information required to be contained in the petition. The clerk of the court shall send a certified copy of the order of expungement to the Kansas bureau of investigation which shall notify the federal bureau of investigation, the secretary of corrections and any other criminal justice agency which may have a record of the arrest, conviction or diversion. After the order of expungement is entered, the petitioner shall be treated as not having been arrested, convicted or diverted of the crime, except that:
- (1) Upon conviction for any subsequent crime, the conviction that was expunged may be considered as a prior conviction in determining the sentence to be imposed;
- (2) the petitioner shall disclose that the arrest, conviction or diversion occurred if asked about previous arrests, convictions or diversions:
- (A) In any application for employment as a detective with a private detective agency, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7b01, and amendments thereto; as security personnel with a private patrol operator, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7b01, and amendments thereto; or with an institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto, of the department for children and families Kansas department for aging and disability services;
- (B) in any application for admission, or for an order of reinstatement, to the practice of law in this state;
- (C) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for employment with the Kansas lottery or for work in sensitive areas within the Kansas lottery as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the Kansas lottery;
- (D) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for executive director of the Kansas racing and gaming commission, for employment with the commission or for work in sensitive areas in parimutuel racing as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the commission, or to aid in determining qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure by the commission;
- (E) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for the following under the Kansas expanded lottery act: (i) Lottery gaming facility manager or prospective manager, racetrack gaming facility manager or prospective manager, licensee or certificate holder; or (ii) an

officer, director, employee, owner, agent or contractor thereof;

- (F) upon application for a commercial driver's license under K.S.A. 8-2,125 through 8-2,142, and amendments thereto;
- (G) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of the state gaming agency;
- (H) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of a tribal gaming commission or to hold a license issued pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact;
- (I) in any application for registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative all as defined in K.S.A. 17-12a102, and amendments thereto;
- (J) in any application for employment as a law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 22-2202 or 74-5602, and amendments thereto; or
- (K) for applications received on and after July 1, 2006, to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for a license to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to the personal and family protection act, K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-7c01 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (3) the court, in the order of expungement, may specify other circumstances under which the arrest, conviction or diversion is to be disclosed; and
- (4) the conviction may be disclosed in a subsequent prosecution for an offense which requires as an element of such offense a prior conviction of the type expunged.
- (j) Whenever a person is convicted of an ordinance violation, pleads guilty and pays a fine for such a violation, is placed on parole or probation or is granted a suspended sentence for such a violation, the person shall be informed of the ability to expunge the arrest records or conviction. Whenever a person enters into a diversion agreement, the person shall be informed of the ability to expunge the diversion.
- (k) Subject to the disclosures required pursuant to subsection (i), in any application for employment, license or other civil right or privilege, or any appearance as a witness, a person whose arrest records, conviction or diversion of an offense has been expunged under this statute may state that such person has never been arrested, convicted or diverted of such offense.
- (1) Whenever the record of any arrest, conviction or diversion has been expunged under the provisions of this section or under the provisions of any other existing or former statute, the custodian of the records of arrest, conviction, diversion and incarceration relating to that crime shall not disclose the existence of such records, except when requested by:
 - (1) The person whose record was expunged;
 - (2) a private detective agency or a private patrol operator, and the

request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for employment with such agency or operator by the person whose record has been expunged;

- (3) a court, upon a showing of a subsequent conviction of the person whose record has been expunged;
- (4) the secretary of the department for-children and families aging and disability services, or a designee of the secretary, for the purpose of obtaining information relating to employment in an institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto, of the department for children and families Kansas department for aging and disability services of any person whose record has been expunged;
- (5) a person entitled to such information pursuant to the terms of the expungement order;
- (6) a prosecuting attorney, and such request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with a prosecution of an offense that requires a prior conviction as one of the elements of such offense;
- (7) the supreme court, the clerk or disciplinary administrator thereof, the state board for admission of attorneys or the state board for discipline of attorneys, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for admission, or for an order of reinstatement, to the practice of law in this state by the person whose record has been expunged;
- (8) the Kansas lottery, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for employment with the Kansas lottery or for work in sensitive areas within the Kansas lottery as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the Kansas lottery;
- (9) the governor or the Kansas racing and gaming commission, or a designee of the commission, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for executive director of the commission, for employment with the commission, for work in sensitive areas in parimutuel racing as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the commission or for licensure, renewal of licensure or continued licensure by the commission;
- (10) the Kansas racing and gaming commission, or a designee of the commission, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications of the following under the Kansas expanded lottery act: (A) Lottery gaming facility managers and prospective managers, racetrack gaming facility managers and prospective managers, licensees and certificate holders; and (B) their officers, directors, employees, owners, agents and

contractors;

- (11) the state gaming agency, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications: (A) To be an employee of the state gaming agency; or (B) to be an employee of a tribal gaming commission or to hold a license issued pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact;
- (12) the Kansas securities commissioner, or a designee of the commissioner, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative by such agency and the application was submitted by the person whose record has been expunged;
- (13) the attorney general, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for a license to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to the personal and family protection act;
 - (14) the Kansas sentencing commission;
- (15) the Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining certification eligibility as a law enforcement officer pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq., and amendments thereto; or
- (16) a law enforcement agency and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining eligibility for employment as a law enforcement officer as defined by K.S.A. 22-2202, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-4516a is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-4516a. (a) Any person who has been arrested on a violation of a city ordinance of this state may petition the court for the expungement of such arrest record.
- (b) When a petition for expungement is filed, the court shall set a date for hearing on such petition and shall cause notice of such hearing to be given to the prosecuting attorney and the arresting law enforcement agency. When a petition for expungement is filed, the official court file shall be separated from the other records of the court, and shall be disclosed only to a judge of the court and members of the staff of the court designated by a judge of the district court, the prosecuting attorney, the arresting law enforcement agency, or any other person when authorized by a court order, subject to any conditions imposed by the order. The petition shall state:
 - (1) The petitioner's full name;
- (2) the full name of the petitioner at the time of arrest, if different than the petitioner's current name;

- (3) the petitioner's sex, race and date of birth;
- (4) the crime for which the petitioner was arrested;
- (5) the date of the petitioner's arrest; and
- (6) the identity of the arresting law enforcement agency.

A municipal court may prescribe a fee to be charged as costs for a person petitioning for an order of expungement pursuant to this section, except that no fee shall be charged to a person who was arrested as a result of being a victim of identity theft under K.S.A. 21-4018, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6107, and amendments thereto. Any person who may have relevant information about the petitioner may testify at the hearing. The court may inquire into the background of the petitioner.

- (c) At the hearing on a petition for expungement, the court shall order the arrest record and subsequent court proceedings, if any, expunged upon finding:
 - (1) The arrest occurred because of mistaken identity;
- (2) a court has found that there was no probable cause for the arrest;
 - (3) the petitioner was found not guilty in court proceedings;
- (4) the arrest was for a violation of any ordinance that is prohibited by either-subsection (a) or (b) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-16,134(a) or (b), and amendments thereto, and which was adopted prior to July 1, 2014; or
- (5) the expungement would be in the best interests of justice and: (A) Charges have been dismissed; or (B) no charges have been or are likely to be filed.
- (d) When the court has ordered expungement of an arrest record and subsequent court proceedings, if any, the order shall state the information required to be stated in the petition and shall state the grounds for expungement under subsection (c). The clerk of the court shall send a certified copy of the order to the Kansas bureau of investigation which shall notify the federal bureau of investigation, the secretary of corrections and any other criminal justice agency which may have a record of the arrest. If an order of expungement is entered, the petitioner shall be treated as not having been arrested.
- (e) If the ground for expungement is as provided in subsection (c) (5), the court shall determine whether, in the interest of public welfare, the records should be available for any of the following purposes:
- (1) In any application for employment as a detective with a private detective agency, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7b01, and amendments thereto; as security personnel with a private patrol operator, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7b01, and amendments thereto; or with an institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto, of the-department

 of social and rehabilitation Kansas department for aging and disability services;

- (2) in any application for admission, or for an order of reinstatement, to the practice of law in this state;
- (3) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for employment with the Kansas lottery or for work in sensitive areas within the Kansas lottery as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the Kansas lottery;
- (4) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for executive director of the Kansas racing commission, for employment with the commission or for work in sensitive areas in parimutual racing as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the commission, or to aid in determining qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure by the commission;
- (5) in any application for a commercial driver's license under K.S.A. 8-2,125 through 8-2,142, and amendments thereto;
- (6) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of the state gaming agency;
- (7) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of a tribal gaming commission or to hold a license issued pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact; or
 - (8) in any other circumstances which the court deems appropriate.
- (f) The court shall make all expunged records and related information in such court's possession, created prior to, on and after July 1, 2011, available to the Kansas bureau of investigation for the purposes of:
- (1) Completing a person's criminal history record information within the central repository in accordance with K.S.A. 22-4701 et seq., and amendments thereto; or
- (2) providing information or documentation to the federal bureau of investigation, in connection with the national instant criminal background check system, to determine a person's qualification to possess a firearm.
- (g) Subject to any disclosures required under subsection (e), in any application for employment, license or other civil right or privilege, or any appearance as a witness, a person whose arrest records have been expunged as provided in this section may state that such person has never been arrested.
- (h) Whenever a petitioner's arrest records have been expunged as provided in this section, the custodian of the records of arrest, incarceration due to arrest or court proceedings related to the arrest, shall not disclose the arrest or any information related to the arrest, except as directed by the order of expungement or when requested by the

 person whose arrest record was expunged.

- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 17-7673 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7673. (a) In order to form a limited liability company, one or more authorized persons must execute articles of organization. The articles of organization shall be filed with the secretary of state and set forth:
 - (1) The name of the limited liability company;
- (2) the address of the registered office and the name and address of the resident agent for service of process required to be maintained by K.S.A.—17-7666 2014 Supp. 17-7924 and 17-7925, and amendments thereto:
 - (3) any other matters the members determine to include therein;
- (4) if the limited liability company is organized to exercise the powers of a professional association or professional corporation, each such profession shall be stated; and
- (5) if the limited liability company will have series, the matters required by K.S.A. 17-76,143, and amendments thereto.
- (b) A limited liability company is formed at the time of the filing of the initial articles of organization with the secretary of state or at any later date or time specified in the articles of organization which is not later than 90 days after the date of filing, if, in either case, there has been substantial compliance with the requirements of this section.—A limited liability company formed under this act shall be a separate legal entity, the existence of which as a separate legal entity shall continue until cancellation of the limited liability company's articles of organization.
- (c) An operating agreement shall be entered into or otherwise existing either before, after or at the time of the filing of the articles of organization and, whether entered into or otherwise existing before, after or at the time of such filing, may be made effective as of the effective time of such filing or at such other time or date as provided in or reflected by the operating agreement.
- (d) The articles of organization shall be amended as provided in a certificate of amendment or judicial decree of amendment upon the filing of the certificate of amendment or judicial decree of amendment with the secretary of state or upon the future effective date specified in the certificate of amendment.
- (e) Upon filing the articles of organization of a limited liability company organized to exercise powers of a professional association or professional corporation, the limited liability company shall file with the secretary of state a certificate by the licensing body, as defined in K.S.A. 74-146, and amendments thereto, of the profession involved that each of the members is duly licensed to practice that profession, and that the proposed company name has been approved.

- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 17-7674 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7674. (a) Articles of organization are amended by filing a certificate of amendment thereto with the secretary of state. The certificate of amendment shall set forth:
 - (1) The name of the limited liability company; and
 - (2) the amendment to the articles of organization.
- (b) A manager or, if there is no manager, then any member who becomes aware that any statement in the articles of organization was false in any material respect when made, or that any matter described has changed making the articles of organization false in any material respect, shall promptly amend the articles of organization.
- (c) Articles of organization may be amended at any time for any other proper purpose.
- (d) Unless otherwise provided in this act or unless a later effective date or time, which shall be a date or time certain within 90 days of the date of filing, is provided for in the certificate of amendment, a certificate of amendment shall be effective at the time of its filing with the secretary of state.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 17-7677 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-7677. (a) If a person required to execute articles of organization or a certificate required by K.S.A. 17-7673 through 17-7683, and amendments thereto, fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is adversely affected by the failure or refusal may petition the district court to direct the execution of the articles of organization or certificate. If the court finds that the execution of the articles of organization or certificate is proper and that any person so designated has failed or refused to execute the articles of organization or certificate, it shall order the secretary of state to record appropriate articles of organization or a certificate.
- (b) If a person required to execute an operating agreement or amendment thereof fails or refuses to do so, any other person who is adversely affected by the failure or refusal may petition the district court to direct the execution of the operating agreement or amendment thereof. If the court finds that the operating agreement or amendment thereof should be executed and that any person required to execute the operating agreement or amendment thereof has failed or refused to do so, it shall enter an order granting appropriate relief.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2310. (a) All records of law enforcement officers and agencies and municipal courts concerning an offense committed or alleged to have been committed by a juvenile under 14 years of age shall be kept readily distinguishable from criminal and other records and shall not be disclosed to anyone except:
 - (1) The judge of the district court and members of the staff of the

 court designated by the judge;

- (2) parties to the proceedings and their attorneys;
- (3) the Kansas department for children and families;
- (4) the juvenile's court appointed special advocate, any officer of a public or private agency or institution or any individual having custody of a juvenile under court order or providing educational, medical or mental health services to a juvenile;
- (5) any educational institution, to the extent necessary to enable the educational institution to provide the safest possible environment for its pupils and employees;
- (6) any educator, to the extent necessary to enable the educator to protect the personal safety of the educator and the educator's pupils;
- (7) law enforcement officers or county or district attorneys, or their staff, when necessary for the discharge of their official duties;
- (8) the central repository, as defined by K.S.A. 22-4701, and amendments thereto, for use only as a part of the juvenile offender information system established under K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2326, and amendments thereto;
 - (9) juvenile intake and assessment workers;
 - (10) the juvenile justice authority department of corrections;
 - (11) juvenile community corrections officers;
- (12) any other person when authorized by a court order, subject to any conditions imposed by the order; and
 - (13) as provided in subsection (c).
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to records concerning:
- (1) A violation, by a person 14 or more years of age, of any provision of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or of any city ordinance or county resolution which relates to the regulation of traffic on the roads, highways or streets or the operation of self-propelled or nonself-propelled vehicles of any kind;
- (2) a violation, by a person 16 or more years of age, of any provision of chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto: or
 - (3) an offense for which the juvenile is prosecuted as an adult.
- (c) All records of law enforcement officers and agencies and municipal courts concerning an offense committed or alleged to have been committed by a juvenile 14 or more years of age shall be subject to the same disclosure restrictions as the records of adults. Information identifying victims and alleged victims of sex offenses, as defined in article 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or

- K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6419 through 21-6421, and amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed or open to public inspection under any circumstances. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the victim or any alleged victim of any sex offense from voluntarily disclosing such victim's identity.
- (d) Relevant information, reports and records, shall be made available to the department of corrections upon request and a showing that the former juvenile has been convicted of a crime and placed in the custody of the secretary of corrections.
- (e) All records, reports and information obtained as a part of the juvenile intake and assessment process for juveniles shall be confidential, and shall not be disclosed except as provided by statutory law and rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner thereunder.
- (1) Any court of record may order the disclosure of such records, reports and other information to any person or entity.
- (2) The head of any juvenile intake and assessment program, certified by the commissioner of juvenile justice, may authorize disclosure of such records, reports and other information to:
- (A) A person licensed to practice the healing arts who has before that person a juvenile whom the person reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected;
- (B) a court-appointed special advocate for a juvenile or an agency having the legal responsibility or authorization to care for, treat or supervise a juvenile;
- (C) a parent or other person responsible for the welfare of a juvenile, or such person's legal representative, with protection for the identity of persons reporting and other appropriate persons;
- (D) the juvenile, the attorney and a guardian ad litem, if any, for such juvenile;
 - (E) the police or other law enforcement agency;
- (F) an agency charged with the responsibility of preventing or treating physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse of children, if the agency requesting the information has standards of confidentiality as strict or stricter than the requirements of the Kansas code for care of children or the revised Kansas juvenile justice code, whichever is applicable;
 - (G) members of a multidisciplinary team under this code;
- (H) an agency authorized by a properly constituted authority to diagnose, care for, treat or supervise a child who is the subject of a report or record of child abuse or neglect;
- (I) any individual, or public or private agency authorized by a properly constituted authority to diagnose, care for, treat or supervise a

 juvenile who is the subject of a report or record of child abuse or neglect, specifically including the following: Physicians, psychiatrists, nurses, nurse practitioners, psychologists, licensed social workers, child development specialists, physicians' physician assistants, community mental health workers, alcohol and drug abuse counselors and licensed or registered child care providers;

- (J) a citizen review board pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2207, and amendments thereto;
- (K) an educational institution to the extent necessary to enable such institution to provide the safest possible environment for pupils and employees of the institution;
- (L) any educator to the extent necessary for the protection of the educator and pupils; and
- (M) any juvenile intake and assessment worker of another certified juvenile intake and assessment program.
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-2895 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2895. (a) There is hereby created an institutional license which may be issued by the board to a person who:
- (1) Is a graduate of an accredited school of medicine or osteopathic medicine or a school which has been in operation for not less than 15-years and the graduates of which have been licensed in another state or states which have standards similar to Kansas;
- (2) has completed at least two years in a postgraduate training program in the United States approved by the board; and
 - (3) who is employed as provided in this section.
- (b) Subject to the restrictions of this section, the institutional license shall confer upon the holder the right and privilege to practice medicine and surgery and shall obligate the holder to comply with all requirements of such license.
- (c) The practice privileges of institutional license holders are restricted and shall be valid only during the period in which:
- (1) The holder is employed by any institution within the department of social and rehabilitation Kansas department for aging and disability services, employed by any institution within the department of corrections or employed pursuant to a contract entered into by the department of social and rehabilitation Kansas department for aging and disability services or the department of corrections with a third party, and only within the institution to which the holder is assigned; and
- (2) the holder has been employed for at least three years as described in subsection (c)(1) and is employed to provide mental health services in Kansas in the employ of a Kansas licensed community mental health center, or one of its contracted affiliates, or a federal, state, county or municipal agency, or other political subdivision, or a

contractor of a federal, state, county or municipal agency, or other political subdivision, or a duly chartered educational institution, or a medical care facility licensed under K.S.A. 65-425 et seq., and amendments thereto, in a psychiatric hospital licensed under K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments thereto, or a contractor of such educational institution, medical care facility or psychiatric hospital, and whose practice, in any such employment, is limited to providing mental health services, is a part of the duties of such licensee's paid position and is performed solely on behalf of the employer; or

- (3) the holder has been employed for at least three years as described in subsection (c)(1) and is providing mental health services pursuant to a written protocol with a person who holds a license to practice medicine and surgery other than an institutional license.
- (d) An institutional license shall expire on the date established by rules and regulations of the board which may provide for renewal throughout the year on a continuing basis. In each case in which an institutional license is renewed for a period of time of more or less than 12 months, the board may prorate the amount of the fee established under K.S.A. 65-2852, and amendments thereto. The request for renewal shall be on a form provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee, which shall be paid not later than the expiration date of the license. An institutional license-shall be valid for a period of two yearsafter the date of issuance and may be renewed for an additional two-year periods one-year period if the applicant for renewal meets the requirements under subsection (c) of this section, has submitted an application for renewal on a form provided by the board, has paid the renewal fee established by rules and regulations of the board of not to exceed \$500 and has submitted evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by the board. In addition, an applicant for renewal who is employed as described in subsection (c)(1) shall submit with the application for renewal a recommendation that the institutional license be renewed signed by the superintendent of the institution to which the institutional license holder is assigned.
 - (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person who was issued an institutional license prior to the effective date of this—act section from having the institutional license reinstated by the board if the person meets the requirements for an institutional license described in subsection (a).
- **(f)** This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas 40 healing arts act.
 - Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-4911f is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4911f. (a) Subject to procedures or limitations prescribed by the governor, any person who is not an employee and who becomes a

 state officer may elect to not become a member of the system. The election to not become a member of the system must be filed within 90 days of assuming the position of state officer. Such election shall be irrevocable. If such election is not filed by such state officer, such state officer shall be a member of the system.

- (b) Any such state officer who is a member of the Kansas public employees retirement system, on or after the effective date of this act, may elect to not be a member by filing an election with the office of the retirement system. The election to not become a member of the system must be filed within 90 days of assuming the position of state officer. If such election is not filed by such state officer, such state officer shall be a member of the system.
- (c) Subject to limitations prescribed by the board, the state agency employing any employee who has filed an election as provided under subsection (a) or (b) and who has entered into an employee participation agreement, as provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49b10, and amendments thereto, for deferred compensation pursuant to the Kansas public employees deferred compensation plan shall contribute to such plan on such employee's behalf an amount equal to 8% of the employee's salary, as such salary has been approved pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2935b, and amendments thereto, or as otherwise prescribed by law. With regard to a state officer who is a member of the legislature who has retired pursuant to the Kansas public employees retirement system and who files an election as provided in this section, employee's salary means per diem compensation as provided by law as a member of the legislature.
- (d) As used in this section and K.S.A. 74-4927k, and amendments thereto, "state officer" means the secretary of administration, secretary on aging for aging and disability services, secretary of commerce, secretary of corrections, secretary of health and environment, secretary of labor, secretary of revenue, secretary of social and rehabilitation services for children and families, secretary of transportation, secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism, superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol, secretary of agriculture, executive director of the Kansas lottery, executive director of the Kansas racing commission, president of the Kansas development finance authority, state fire marshal, state librarian, securities commissioner, adjutant general, members and chief hearing officer of the state board of tax appeals, members of the state corporation commission, any unclassified employee on the staff of officers of both houses of the legislature, any unclassified employee appointed to the governor's or lieutenant governor's staff, any person employed by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas, other than any such person receiving service credited under the Kansas public employees retirement system or any other retirement system of the state

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9 10 of Kansas therefor, who elected to be covered by the provisions of this section as provided in—subsection—(e)—of K.S.A. 46-1302(e), and amendments thereto, or who is first employed on or after July 1, 1996, by the legislative branch of the state of Kansas and any member of the legislature who has retired pursuant to the Kansas public employees retirement system.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any state officer who has elected to remain eligible for assistance by the state board of regents as provided in—subsection—(a)—of K.S.A. 74-4925(a), and amendments thereto.

K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-4914d, as amended by section 2 of 11 2015 Senate Bill No. 228, is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-12 4914d. (1) Any additional cost resulting from the normal retirement date 13 and retirement before such normal retirement date for security officers 14 as provided in K.S.A. 74-4914c, and amendments thereto, and disability 15 16 benefits as provided in K.S.A. 74-4914e, and amendments thereto, shall be added to the employer rate of contribution for the department of 17 18 corrections as otherwise determined under K.S.A. 74-4920, and 19 amendments thereto, except that the employer rate of contribution for 20 the department of corrections including any such additional cost added 21 to such employer rate of contribution pursuant to this section shall in no 22 event exceed the employer rate of contribution for the department of 23 corrections for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than the following amounts expressed as a percentage of compensation upon 24 which security officers contribute during the period: (a) For the fiscal 25 year commencing in calendar years 2010 through 2012, an amount not 26 to exceed more than 0.6% of the amount of the immediately preceding 27 28 fiscal year; (b) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2013, an 29 amount not to exceed more than 0.9% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (c) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar 30 year 2014, an amount not to exceed more than 1% of the amount of the 31 32 immediately preceding fiscal year; (d) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2015, the employer rate of contribution shall be 10.91%, 33 except that if bonds issued pursuant to section 1 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 34 35 228, and amendments thereto, have debt service payments that are fully or partially financed through the use of capitalized interest, or have 36 37 capitalized interest-only debt service payments, the employer rate of 38 contribution shall be an amount not to exceed more than 1.1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (e) for the fiscal year 39 commencing in calendar year 2016, the employer rate of contribution 40 shall be 10.81%, except that if bonds issued pursuant to section 1 of 41 42 2015 Senate Bill No. 228, and amendments thereto, have debt service 43 payments that are fully or partially financed through the use of

 capitalized interest, or have capitalized interest-only debt service payments, the employer rate of contribution shall be an amount not to exceed more than 1.2% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; and (f) in each subsequent calendar year, an amount not to exceed more than 1.2% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year, without regard to the employer rate of contribution in subsection (2). As used in this section, "capitalized interest" means interest payments on the bonds that are pre-funded or financed from bond proceeds as part of the issue for a specified period of time in order to offset one or more initial debt service payments.

- (2) On and after the effective date of this act, notwithstanding the employer rate of contribution determined under K.S.A. 74-4920(1)(a), and amendments thereto, and subsection (1), the employer rate of contribution for employees covered by this section shall be 8.65% expressed as a percentage of compensation for payroll periods chargeable to the last six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.
- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-4920, as amended by section 3 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 228, is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4920. (1) (a) Upon the basis of each annual actuarial valuation and appraisal as provided for in K.S.A. 74-4908(3)(a), and amendments thereto, the board shall certify, on or before July 15 of each year, to the division of the budget in the case of the state and to the agent for each other participating employer an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which will be required, together with all accumulated contributions and other assets of the system, to be paid by each such participating employer to pay all liabilities which shall exist or accrue under the system, including amortization of the actuarial accrued liability as determined by the board. The board shall determine the actuarial cost method to be used in annual actuarial valuations, to determine the employer contribution rates that shall be certified by the board. Such certified rate of contribution, amortization methods and periods and actuarial cost method shall be based on the standards set forth in K.S.A. 74-4908(3)(a), and amendments thereto, and shall not be based on any other purpose outside of the needs of the system.
- (b) (i) For employers affiliating on and after January 1, 1999, upon the basis of an annual actuarial valuation and appraisal of the system conducted in the manner provided for in K.S.A. 74-4908, and amendments thereto, the board shall certify, on or before July 15 of each year to each such employer an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which shall be required to be paid by each such employer to pay all of the liabilities which shall accrue under the system from and after the entry date as determined by the board, upon recommendation of the actuary. Such rate shall be termed the

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employer's participating service contribution and shall be uniform for all participating employers. Such additional liability shall be amortized as determined by the board. For all participating employers described in this section, the board shall determine the actuarial cost method to be used in annual actuarial valuations to determine the employer contribution rates that shall be certified by the board.

- (ii) The board shall determine for each such employer separately an amount sufficient to amortize all liabilities for prior service costs which shall have accrued at the time of entry into the system. On the basis of such determination the board shall annually certify to each such employer separately an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which shall be required to be paid by that employer to pay all of the liabilities for such prior service costs. Such rate shall be termed the employer's prior service contribution.
- (2) The division of the budget and the governor shall include in the budget and in the budget request for appropriations for personal services the sum required to satisfy the state's obligation under this act as certified by the board and shall present the same to the legislature for allowance and appropriation.
- (3) Each other participating employer shall appropriate and pay to the system a sum sufficient to satisfy the obligation under this act as certified by the board.
- (4) Each participating employer is hereby authorized to pay the employer's contribution from the same fund that the compensation for which such contribution is made is paid from or from any other funds available to it for such purpose. Each political subdivision, other than an instrumentality of the state, which is by law authorized to levy taxes for other purposes, may levy annually at the time of its levy of taxes, a tax which may be in addition to all other taxes authorized by law for the purpose of making its contributions under this act and, in the case of cities and counties, to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, by cities located in the county, which tax, together with any other fund available, shall be sufficient to enable it to make such contribution. In lieu of levying the tax authorized in this subsection, any taxing subdivision may pay such costs from any employee benefits contribution fund established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-16,102, and amendments thereto. Each participating employer which is not by law authorized to levy taxes as described above, but which prepares a budget for its expenses for the ensuing year and presents the same to a governing body which is authorized by law to levy taxes as described above, may include in its budget an amount sufficient to make its contributions under this act which may be in addition to all other taxes

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42 43 authorized by law. Such governing body to which the budget is submitted for approval, may levy a tax sufficient to allow the participating employer to make its contributions under this act, which tax, together with any other fund available, shall be sufficient to enable the participating employer to make the contributions required by this act.

- (5) (a) The rate of contribution certified to a participating employer as provided in this section shall apply during the fiscal year of the participating employer which begins in the second calendar year following the year of the actuarial valuation.
- (b) (i) Except as specifically provided in this section, for fiscal years commencing in calendar year 1996 and in each subsequent calendar year, the rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed the state's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than 0.2% of the amount of compensation upon which members contribute during the period.
- (ii) Except as specifically provided in this subsection, for the fiscal years commencing in the following calendar years, the rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas and to the participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, shall in no event exceed the state's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than the following amounts expressed as a percentage of compensation upon which members contribute during the period: (A) For the fiscal year commencing in calendar years 2010 through 2012, an amount not to exceed more than 0.6% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (B) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2013, an amount not to exceed more than 0.9% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (C) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2014, an amount not to exceed more than 1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (D) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2015, the employer rate of contribution shall be 10.91%, except that if bonds issued pursuant to section 1 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 228, and amendments thereto, have debt service payments that are fully or partially financed through the use of capitalized interest, or have capitalized interest-only debt service payments, the employer rate of contribution shall be an amount not to exceed more than 1.1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (E) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2016, the employer rate of contribution shall be 10.81%, except that if bonds issued pursuant to section 1 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 228, and amendments thereto, have debt service payments that are fully or partially financed through the use of capitalized interest, or have capitalized interest-only debt service payments, the employer rate of contribution shall be an amount not to exceed more than 1.2% of the

 amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; and (F) in each subsequent calendar year, an amount not to exceed more than 1.2% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year, without regard to the rate of employer contribution in subsection (17). As used in this subsection, "capitalized interest" means interest payments on the bonds that are pre-funded or financed from bond proceeds as part of the issue for a specified period of time in order to offset one or more initial debt service payments.

- (iii) Except as specifically provided in this section, for fiscal years commencing in calendar year 1997 and in each subsequent calendar year, the rate of contribution certified to participating employers other than the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed such participating employer's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than 0.15% of the amount of compensation upon which members contribute during the period.
- (iv) Except as specifically provided in this subsection, for the fiscal years commencing in the following calendar years, the rate of contribution certified to participating employers other than the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed the contribution rate for such employers for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than the following amounts expressed as a percentage of compensation upon which members contribute during the period: (A) For the fiscal year commencing in calendar years 2010 through 2013, an amount not to exceed more than 0.6% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (B) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2014, an amount not to exceed more than 0.9% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (C) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar vear 2015, an amount not to exceed more than 1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (D) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2016, an amount not to exceed more than 1.1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; and (E) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2017, and in each subsequent calendar year, an amount not to exceed more than 1.2% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year.
- (v) As part of the annual actuarial valuation, there shall be a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas, a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, a combined employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, and a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for all other participating employers.
 - (vi) There shall be a combined employer rate of contribution

 certified to the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto. There shall be a separate employer rate of contribution certified to all other participating employers.

- (vii) If the combined employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, is greater than the separate employer rate of contribution for the state of Kansas, the difference in the two rates applied to the actual payroll of the state of Kansas for the applicable fiscal year shall be calculated. This amount shall be certified by the board for deposit as additional employer contributions to the retirement benefit accumulation reserve for the participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto.
- (6) The actuarial cost of any legislation enacted in the 1994 session of the Kansas legislature will be included in the June 30, 1994, actuarial valuation in determining contribution rates for participating employers.
- (7) The actuarial cost of the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4950i, and amendments thereto, will be included in the June 30, 1998, actuarial valuation in determining contribution rates for participating employers. The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4950i, and amendments thereto, shall be amortized over 15 years.
- (8) Except as otherwise provided by law, the actuarial cost of any legislation enacted by the Kansas legislature, except the actuarial cost of K.S.A. 74-49,114a, and amendments thereto, shall be in addition to the employer contribution rates certified for the employer contribution rate in the fiscal year immediately following such enactment. Such actuarial cost shall be determined by the qualified actuary employed or retained by the system pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4908, and amendments thereto, and reported to the system and the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits.
- (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (8), the actuarial cost of the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,109 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be first reflected in employer contribution rates effective with the first day of the first payroll period for the fiscal year 2005. The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,109 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be amortized over 10 years.
- (10) The cost of the postretirement benefit payment provided pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,114b, and amendments thereto, for retirants other than local retirants as described in subsection (11) or insured disability benefit recipients shall be paid in the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2007.
- (11) The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,114b, and amendments thereto, for the KPERS

local group and retirants who were employees of local employers which affiliated with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system shall be amortized over 10 years.

- (12) The cost of the postretirement benefit payment provided pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,114c, and amendments thereto, for retirants other than local retirants as described in subsection (13) or insured disability benefit recipients shall be paid in the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2008.
- (13) The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-49,114c, and amendments thereto, for the KPERS local group and retirants who were employees of local employers which affiliated with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system shall be amortized over 10 years.
- (14) The board with the advice of the actuary may fix the contribution rates for participating employers joining the system after one year from the first entry date or for employers who exercise the option contained in K.S.A. 74-4912, and amendments thereto, at rates different from the rate fixed for employers joining within one year of the first entry date.
- (15) Employer contributions shall in no way be limited by any other act which now or in the future establishes or limits the compensation of any member.
- (16) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each participating employer shall remit quarterly, or as the board may otherwise provide, all employee deductions and required employer contributions to the executive director for credit to the Kansas public employees retirement fund within three days after the end of the period covered by the remittance by electronic funds transfer. Remittances of such deductions and contributions received after such date are delinquent. Delinquent payments due under this subsection shall be subject to interest at the rate established for interest on judgments under K.S.A. 16-204(a), and amendments thereto. At the request of the board, delinquent payments which are due or interest owed on such payments, or both, may be deducted from any other moneys payable to such employer by any department or agency of the state.
- (17) On and after the effective date of this act, notwithstanding the employer rate of contribution determined under subsection (1)(a), for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, the employer rate of contribution for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, shall be 8.65% expressed as a percentage of compensation for payroll periods chargeable to the last six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-37,121 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-37,121. (a) There is created the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration, to be headed by a director appointed by the secretary of administration. The director shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act.
- (b) The office may employ or contract with presiding officers, court reporters and other support personnel as necessary to conduct proceedings required by the Kansas administrative procedure act for adjudicative proceedings of the state agencies, boards and commissions specified in subsection (h). The office shall conduct adjudicative proceedings of any state agency which is specified in subsection (h) when requested by such agency. Only a person admitted to practice law in this state or a person directly supervised by a person admitted to practice law in this state may be employed as a presiding officer. The office may employ regular part-time personnel. Persons employed by the office shall be under the classified civil service.
- (c) If the office cannot furnish one of its presiding officers within 60 days in response to a requesting agency's request, the director shall designate in writing a full-time employee of an agency other than the requesting agency to serve as presiding officer for the proceeding, but only with the consent of the employing agency. The designee must possess the same qualifications required of presiding officers employed by the office.
- (d) The director may furnish presiding officers on a contract basis to any governmental entity to conduct any proceeding other than a proceeding as provided in subsection (h).
- (e) The secretary of administration may adopt rules and regulations:
- (1) To establish procedures for agencies to request and for the director to assign presiding officers. An agency may neither select nor reject any individual presiding officer for any proceeding except in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act;
- (2) to establish procedures and adopt forms, consistent with the Kansas administrative procedure act, the model rules of procedure, and other provisions of law, to govern presiding officers; and
- (3) to facilitate the performance of the responsibilities conferred upon the office by the Kansas administrative procedure act.
- (f) The director may implement the provisions of this section and rules and regulations adopted under its authority.
- (g) The secretary of administration may adopt rules and regulations to establish fees to charge a state agency for the cost of using a presiding officer.
 - (h) The following state agencies, boards and commissions shall

utilize the office of administrative hearings for conducting adjudicative hearings under the Kansas administrative procedures act in which the presiding officer is not the agency head or one or more members of the agency head:

- (1) On and after July 1, 2005: Department of social and rehabilitation services Kansas department for children and families, juvenile justice authority, department on aging Kansas department for aging and disability services, department of health and environment, Kansas public employees retirement system, Kansas water office, Kansas department of agriculture division of animal health and Kansas insurance department.
- (2) On and after July 1, 2006: Emergency medical services board, emergency medical services council and Kansas human rights commission.
- (3) On and after July 1, 2007: Kansas lottery, Kansas racing and gaming commission, state treasurer, pooled money investment board, Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism and state board of tax appeals.
- (4) On and after July 1, 2008: Department of human resources, state corporation commission, Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation, agricultural labor relations board, department of administration, department of revenue, board of adult care home administrators, Kansas state grain inspection department, board of accountancy and Kansas wheat commission.
- (5) On and after July 1, 2009, all other Kansas administrative procedure act hearings not mentioned in subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4).
- (i) (1) Effective July 1, 2005, any presiding officer in agencies specified in subsection (h)(1) which conduct hearings pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act, except those exempted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551, and amendments thereto, and support personnel for such presiding officers, shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the office of administrative hearings. Such personnel shall retain all rights under the state personnel system and retirement benefits under the laws of this state which had accrued to or vested in such personnel prior to the effective date of this section. Such person's services shall be deemed to have been continuous. All transfers of personnel positions in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act shall be in accordance with civil service laws and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder. This section shall not affect any matter pending before an administrative hearing officer at the time of the effective date of the transfer, and such matter shall proceed as though no transfer of employment had occurred.
 - (2) Effective July 1, 2006, any presiding officer in agencies

 specified in subsection (h)(2) which conduct hearings pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act, except those exempted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551, and amendments thereto, and support personnel for such presiding officers, shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the office of administrative hearings. Such personnel shall retain all rights under the state personnel system and retirement benefits under the laws of this state which had accrued to or vested in such personnel prior to the effective date of this section. Such person's services shall be deemed to have been continuous. All transfers of personnel positions in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act shall be in accordance with civil service laws and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder. This section shall not affect any matter pending before an administrative hearing officer at the time of the effective date of the transfer, and such matter shall proceed as though no transfer of employment had occurred.

- (3) Effective July 1, 2007, any presiding officer in agencies specified in subsection (h)(3) which conduct hearings pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act, except those exempted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551, and amendments thereto, and support personnel for such presiding officers, shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the office of administrative hearings. Such personnel shall retain all rights under the state personnel system and retirement benefits under the laws of this state which had accrued to or vested in such personnel prior to the effective date of this section. Such person's services shall be deemed to have been continuous. All transfers of personnel positions in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act shall be in accordance with civil service laws and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder. This section shall not affect any matter pending before an administrative hearing officer at the time of the effective date of the transfer, and such matter shall proceed as though no transfer of employment had occurred.
- (4) Effective July 1, 2008, any full-time presiding officer in agencies specified in subsection (h)(4) which conduct hearings pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act, except those exempted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551, and amendments thereto, and support personnel for such presiding officers, shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the office of administrative hearings. Such personnel shall retain all rights under the state personnel system and retirement benefits under the laws of this state which had accrued to or vested in such personnel prior to the effective date of this section. Such person's services shall be deemed to have been continuous. All transfers of personnel positions in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act shall be in accordance with civil service laws and any rules

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and regulations adopted thereunder. This section shall not affect any matter pending before an administrative hearing officer at the time of the effective date of the transfer, and such matter shall proceed as though no transfer of employment had occurred.

(5) Effective July 1, 2009, any full-time presiding officer in agencies specified in subsection (h)(5) which conduct hearings pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act, except those exempted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551, and amendments thereto, and support personnel for such presiding officers, shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the office of administrative hearings. Such personnel shall retain all rights under the state personnel system and retirement benefits under the laws of this state which had accrued to or vested in such personnel prior to the effective date of this section. Such person's services shall be deemed to have been continuous. All transfers of personnel positions in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act shall be in accordance with civil service laws and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder. This section shall not affect any matter pending before an administrative hearing officer at the time of the effective date of the transfer, and such matter shall proceed as though no transfer of employment occurred.

21 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 76-1936 is hereby amended to read as 22 follows: 76-1936. (a) The commissioner of mental health and 23 developmental disabilities community services and programs of the Kansas department for aging and disability services, with the approval of 24 the secretary for aging and disability services and the director of the 25 Kansas commission on veterans affairs office, may transfer patients in 26 the state hospitals at Topeka, Osawatomie and Larned and patients in 27 the Rainbow mental health facility; and the Parsons state hospital and 28 training center and the Winfield state hospital and training center who 29 have served in the military or naval forces of the United States or whose 30 husband, wife, father, son or daughter has served in the active military 31 or naval service of the United States during any period of any war as 32 33 defined in K.S.A. 76-1908, and amendments thereto, and who was 34 discharged or relieved therefrom under conditions other than 35 dishonorable, to the Kansas soldiers' home. No patient who is such a 36 mentally ill person, in the opinion of the commissioner of mental health 37 and developmental disabilities, that because of such patient's illness 38 such patient is likely to injure themselves or others, shall be so 39 transferred to such Kansas soldiers' home, and no such patient shall be so transferred if such transfer will deny admission to persons entitled to 40 admission under K.S.A. 76-1908, and amendments thereto, and rules 41 and regulations promulgated thereunder. Persons so transferred shall 42 43 not be considered as members of the Kansas soldiers' home but shall be

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(b) All of the laws, rules and regulations relating to patients in the above-specified state hospitals and mental health facility shall be applicable to such patients so transferred insofar as the same can be made applicable. Any patient so transferred who is found to be or shall become such a mentally ill person, in the opinion of the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities, that because of such patient's illness such patient is likely to injure themselves or others or who is determined to need additional psychiatric treatment, shall be retransferred by the superintendent of the Kansas soldiers' home, with the approval of the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities and the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office, to the institution from whence the patient was originally transferred.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-1609 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-1609. Any person aggrieved by any order of the hearing officer or panel, or by the classification and appraisal of an independent appraiser, as provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-5b03, and amendments thereto, may appeal to the state board of tax appeals by filing a written notice of appeal, on forms approved by the state board of tax appeals and provided by the county clerk for such purpose, stating the grounds thereof and a description of any comparable property or properties and the appraisal thereof upon which they rely as evidence of inequality of the appraisal of their property, if that be a ground of the appeal, with the state board of tax appeals and by filing a copy thereof with the county clerk within 30 days after the date of the order from which the appeal is taken. The notice of appeal may be signed by the taxpayer, any person with an executed declaration of representative form from the property valuation division of the department of revenue or any person authorized to represent the taxpayer in subsection (f) of K.S.A. 74-2433f(f), and amendments thereto. A county or district appraiser may appeal to the state board of tax appeals from any order of the hearing officer or panel. With regard to any matter properly submitted to the board relating to the determination of valuation of residential property or real property used for commercial and industrial purposes for taxation purposes, it shall be the duty of the county appraiser to initiate the production of evidence to demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, the validity and correctness of such determination. With regard to leased commercial and industrial property, the burden of proof shall be on the taxpayer unless, within 30 calendar days following the informal meeting required by K.S.A. 79-1448, and amendments thereto, the taxpayer furnished to the county or district appraiser a complete income and expense statement for the property for the three years next

 preceding the year of appeal. Such income and expense statement shall be in such format that is regularly maintained by the taxpayer in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's business. If the taxpayer submits a single property appraisal with an effective date of January 1 of the year appealed, the burden of proof shall return to the county appraiser.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-1703 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-1703. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or as otherwise provided by law, no board of county commissioners or other officer of any county shall have power to release, discharge or remit any portion of the taxes assessed or levied against any person or property within their respective jurisdictions for any reason whatever. Any taxes so discharged, released or remitted may be recovered by civil action from the members of the board of county commissioners or such other officer and the sureties of their official bonds at the suit of the attorney general, the county attorney, or of any citizen of the county or the board of education of any school district a part of the territory of which is in such county, as the case may be, and when collected shall be paid into the county treasury to be properly apportioned and paid to the county, municipalities, school districts and other taxing subdivisions entitled thereto. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a board of county commissioners from entering into an agreement whereby the board agrees to pay the full amount of the taxes assessed or levied against any person or property on behalf of such person, as long as such amount is properly apportioned and paid to the county, municipalities, school districts and other taxing subdivisions entitled to a portion of such amount.

(b) In the event a person, partnership or corporation has failed to pay any portion of the taxes assessed or levied against its property located within any county and such person, partnership or corporation is a debtor in an action filed pursuant to the United States bankruptcy code, the county commissioners of any such county may compromise, assign, transfer or otherwise settle such tax claim in such fashion as the commissioners deem to be in the best interest of the state and all taxing subdivisions affected thereby, subject to approval by the state-court board of tax appeals; except that, the state and each other taxing subdivision affected by any such settlement shall receive the same proportional share of its respective tax claim. The state-court board of tax appeals shall respond to such settlement request within 30 days from the date of receiving such request or such request shall be deemed approved.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 38-2310, as amended by section 2 of chapter 131 of the 2014 Session Laws of Kansas and 65-2895, as amended by section 36 of chapter 131 of the 2014 Session Laws of Kansas and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-126, as amended by section 1 of 2015

- 1 Senate Bill No. 73, 8-126, as amended by section 2 of House Bill No.
- 2 2044, 9-1111, as amended by section 8 of 2015 House Bill No. 2216, 9-
- 3 1215, as amended by section 1 of 2015 Senate Substitute for House Bill
- 4 No. 2258, 9-1216, as amended by section 2 of 2015 Senate Substitute for
- 5 House Bill No. 2258, 12-1744a, 12-1744f, 12-4516, 12-4516a, 12-4516b,
- 6 12-4516c, 17-7673, 17-7673a, 17-7674, 17-7674a, 17-7677, 17-7677a,
- 7 20-380a, 38-2310, 65-2895, 74-4911f, 74-4911j, 74-4914d, as amended
- 8 by section 2 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 228, 74-4914d, as amended by
- 9 section 55 of 2015 House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4, 74-4920, as
- amended by section 3 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 228, 74-4920, as amended
- by section 56 of 2015 House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4, 74-99b34a,
- 12 75-37,121, 75-37,121b, 76-1936, 76-1936a, 79-1609a, 79-1609a, 79-1703
- 13 and 79-1703a are hereby repealed.}
- 14 Sec. <u>7.</u> {18.} This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
- its publication in the statute book.