

2-224a. Purchase of workers compensation insurance by board. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 44-576, and amendments thereto, the state fair board is hereby authorized to purchase workers compensation insurance from an admitted carrier. Any contract for the purchase of workers compensation insurance entered into by the state fair board shall be purchased in the manner prescribed for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services as provided in K.S.A. 75-3738 through 75-3744, and amendments thereto, and any such contract having a premium or rate in excess of \$500 shall be purchased on the basis of sealed bids. Such contract shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4101 through 75-4114 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-4125, and amendments thereto.

(b) If the state fair board enters into a contract for the purchase of workers compensation insurance as described in subsection (a), from and after the end of the payroll period in which such workers compensation policy takes effect, the state fair board shall not be subject to the self-insurance assessment prescribed by K.S.A. 44-576, and amendments thereto, and the director of accounts and reports shall cease to transfer any amounts for such self-assessment for the state fair board pursuant to such statute, except that any moneys paid relating to existing claims with the state workers compensation self-insurance fund made by the state fair board shall be assessed to the state fair board until all such claims have been closed and settled.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 44-575, and amendments thereto, if the state fair board enters into a contract for the purchase of workers compensation insurance as described in subsection (a), the state workers compensation self-insurance fund shall not be liable for any compensation claims under the workers compensation act relating to the state fair board and arising during the term of such contract, or for any other amounts otherwise required to be paid under the workers compensation act during the term of such contract.

(d) The state fair board shall notify the secretary of health and environment of the effective date of any workers compensation policy acquired pursuant to this section.

History: L. 2011, ch. 113, § 1; L. 2012, ch. 102, § 1; L. 2013, ch. 104, § 7; Apr. 25.