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NEW HOME & AUTO INSURANCE GUIDES AVAILABLE *Commissioner Praeger Offers Vital Information to Consumers*

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger today announced two new handbooks and shoppers' guides designed to assist consumers with questions about homeowners/renters insurance and auto insurance. The handbooks outline coverage requirements in Kansas and explain how premium charges are determined. They also tell consumers how to file a claim and how to terminate an insurance policy. The homeowners shopper's guide compares insurance rates by fire protection classification and region. The auto shopper's guide compares insurance rates by driver age and region.

"One of my priorities is to help Kansas consumers become informed buyers when they purchase insurance products," said Commissioner Praeger. "I believe the best way to maintain a healthy competitive insurance marketplace is to provide consumers with the tools they need to compare insurance premium charges."

Homeowners insurance is written by approximately 150 authorized insurance companies in Kansas. The homeowners shopper's guide provides comparisons of premium charges from 26 insurance companies comprising approximately the top 80 percent of volume writers in Kansas.

Approximately 200 insurance companies in Kansas write personal automobile insurance. The auto shopper's guide compares the premium charges for the top 25 volume writer private insurance companies, which represents approximately 80 percent of the personal automobile insurance written in Kansas.

All the new publications are free and available by calling the Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-432-2484. The information and an easy to use rate comparison guide are also available on the Department's web site at www.ksinsurance.org.

The handbooks and guides will also be available during the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson at the Department's information booth in the Meadowlark Building on the fairgrounds from September 10-19.

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