



# Kansas Insurance Department

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## **Supporting Kansas Military Continues to Top Commissioner's Legislative Agenda**

TOPEKA, KS – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger says Kansas families with a loved one serving overseas should be protected from increasing insurance premiums while they are deployed to active duty outside of the United States, and has introduced legislation that would provide that protection. In Kansas, men and women who answer the call of duty face the possibility of insurance cancellation, non-renewal and premium increases.

Passage of Senate Bill 103 would prohibit a personal line of insurance covering a Kansas Resident deployed beyond the borders of the United States to be canceled, non-renewed, or subject to adverse action for the term of their deployment. "Our military personnel should have the same insurance coverage when they come home as they did when they were deployed," said Commissioner Praeger. "This is the least we can do for those that are making personal sacrifices to protect our country."

Today, the Kansas Insurance Department asked members of the Senate Financial Investments and Insurance Committee to consider changing Kansas law so that the men and women of the military may have the peace of mind knowing that after their service to their country, they – and their families – will continue to have the insurance coverage they deserve. Praeger urges the committee to recommend Senate Bill 103 favorable for passage as a sign of support for our Kansas Military families. Several amendments were offered by representatives of the insurance industry.

"We want to work with all interested parties, including the insurance industry, to address any concerns regarding this legislation," said Praeger following the hearing. "I'm confident that we can find a compromise that provides the protections these families need without imposing a financial burden on the companies that provide personal lines of insurance."

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### **About the Kansas Insurance Department**

Headquartered in Topeka, Kansas, the Kansas Insurance Department regulates and monitors the activities of 23,000 resident agents, 42,000 non-resident agents and 1684 insurance companies licensed to do business in the state of Kansas. The department's overriding objective is to protect consumers and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry by offering financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. For more information, visit the Kansas Insurance Department on the Web at [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org).