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Commissioner Sandy Praeger's Military Insurance Protection Bill Moves On To The House

TOPEKA, KS – The Senate today unanimously passed Commissioner Sandy Praeger's bill to protect the insurance of military men and women deployed beyond the borders of the United States. This bill now advances to the House for consideration.

"Kansas families, with a loved one serving overseas, deserve the reassurance that those defending our freedom will have the same insurance coverage when they come home as they did when they were deployed, said Praeger."

This legislation stipulates that an individual who has received an honorable discharge will have 30 days to reapply for health insurance and that the rates for that coverage will be the same as when they were deployed. Penalties for any "pre-existing" conditions except for age are prohibited. "Pre-existing conditions," are defined as injuries sustained while deployed to active duty or health conditions that may surface while deployed.

This legislation further stipulates that rates for auto and homeowner's insurance will have no adverse action taken against them, such as cancellation, non-renewal or premium increase, based solely on the insured's military deployment.

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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.