



Kansas Insurance Department

Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance

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To: All Insurance Companies Writing Automobile Insurance

From: Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance

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Re: Senate Bill 35

This Bulletin is being issued to inform companies of the captioned bill that was introduced during the 2007 legislative session and became law on July 1, 2007.

Senate Bill 35, Section 8, establishes a 6 mph buffer for convictions for violating a maximum posted speed limit of 30 mph through 54 mph. This means that a speeding violation up to 6 mph that occurs in these speed zones cannot be used by an insurance company to determine the rate charged or be used to cancel a policy in accordance with Kansas Statutes Annotated (“K.S.A.”) 40-277(4)(c)(7). Violations occurring prior to July 1, 2007 are not affected by this bill. The 10 mph buffer remains for speeding violations for convictions for violating the maximum posted speed limit of 55 mph through 70 mph.

The implementation of this bill will require amendments to your filed rating manuals and applications. One amendment is language on applications that advise applicants that speeding violations that occur within the 6 or 10 mph buffer are not required to be reported to insurers. Please review Senate Bill 35 and file amendments to your rating manuals and applications within 120 days after the publication of this Bulletin or your next scheduled rate change, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact Jim Newins at the Kansas Insurance Department, 420 S.W. 9th Street, Topeka, KS 66612, or via the telephone at (785) 296-3071.