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**DATE:** June 29, 2009  
**BULLETIN:** 2009-KDCU-CUB-08  
**TO:** Management of Kansas chartered credit unions  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment of K.S.A. 17-2205 (Field of Membership Statute) by Senate Bill No. 72

Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed Senate Bill 72 into law on May 9, 2009. SB 72 amends provisions in K.S.A. 17-2205 pertaining to the field of membership in Kansas chartered credit unions to specify that a person who is a member of a credit union would remain a member of the credit union until the person chooses to withdraw or is expelled from the membership. The bill also lists those who may be a member of a credit union to include:

- Spouses of persons who died while such person was within the field of membership;
- Employees of the credit union;
- Persons who retired from any qualified employment group within the field of membership;
- Persons from a volunteer group recognized by the management of the association(s) or employee group(s) within the field of membership;
- Members of the credit union member's immediate family or household;
- Organizations whose membership consists of persons within the field of membership; and
- Corporate or other legal entities within the field of membership identified in the charter, articles of incorporation, or the bylaws of the credit union.

The term "immediate family or household" means spouse, parent, stepparent, grandparent, child, stepchild, sibling, grandchild or former spouse and persons living in the same residence maintaining a single economic unit with persons within the credit union's field of membership (K.S.A. 17-2205 (a)(4)(A) as amended).

If the credit union's bylaws adopted a definition of immediate family before June 30, 2008, the credit union may use that definition. A credit union may adopt a more restrictive definition of immediate family or household (K.S.A. 17-2205(a)(4)(B) as amended).

SB 72 is effective July 1, 2009. A link to the language in SB 72 is on the KDCU web site at [www.kansas.gov/kdcu/](http://www.kansas.gov/kdcu/). The bylaw amendment form is also on the web site.

Please contact this office if you have questions concerning the amendment to K.S.A. 17-2205.

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