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SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5891

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled
"The insurance code of 1956,"
by amending sections 2112, 2116, 2248, 3109, and 3109a (MCL 500.2112, 500.2116, 500.2248, 500.3109, and 500.3109a), sections 2112 and 2116 as amended by 1980 PA 461.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2112. (1) At least annually, in conjunction with a
- 2 renewal notice, a bill, or other notice of payment due issued to a
- 3 policyholder in conjunction with AN automobile and OR home
- 4 insurance contracts CONTRACT, an insurer shall send to each THE
- 5 policyholder a written notice of THAT all of the following
- 6 INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE POLICYHOLDER
- 7 ON REQUEST:

- 1 (a) A description of the specific rating classifications by
- 2 which the rates and premiums for the policy have been determined.
- 3 The notice shall be of sufficient detail and clarity so that the
- 4 policyholder can reasonably verify the applicability and accuracy
- 5 of the rating classifications.
- 6 (b) A general explanation of the extent to which rates or
- 7 premiums vary among insureds POLICYHOLDERS on the basis of the
- 8 rating classifications used by the insurer.
- 9 (c) Sources and reasonable procedures by which the individual
- 10 POLICYHOLDER can obtain from the insurer additional information
- 11 sufficient for the individual POLICYHOLDER to calculate and confirm
- 12 the accuracy of his or her specific premium.
- 13 (d) Relevant information regarding the rights of an insured
- 14 THE POLICYHOLDER, under sections 2113 and 2114, to appeal the
- 15 application of the insurer's rating plan in determining his or her
- 16 premium, to obtain documentation from the insurer regarding the
- 17 determination of the rate, to appeal the application of the
- 18 insurer's underwriting rules to the person POLICYHOLDER, to request
- 19 an informal conference with the insurer, and to file with the
- 20 commissioner a complaint as an aggrieved person.
- 21 (e) A description of all of the insurer's underwriting rules
- 22 based upon ON insurance eligibility points and a description of all
- 23 of the underwriting rules of the insurer's affiliates based upon ON
- 24 insurance eligibility points.
- 25 (f) A suggestion that the insured POLICYHOLDER contact his or
- 26 her agent to determine if he or she is eligible for insurance from
- 27 an affiliate of the insurer or under a different rating plan of the

- 1 insurer which THAT would provide to the insured POLICYHOLDER
- 2 insurance at a more favorable premium.
- 3 (2) IN A WRITTEN NOTICE PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE
- 4 INSURER SHALL PROVIDE THE POLICYHOLDER WITH A TELEPHONE NUMBER AND
- 5 AN INTERNET ADDRESS, BY EITHER OF WHICH THE POLICYHOLDER MAY
- 6 CONTACT THE INSURER TO REQUEST THE INFORMATION LISTED IN SUBSECTION
- 7 (1). ON REQUEST OF THE POLICYHOLDER, THE INSURER SHALL PROVIDE THE
- 8 POLICYHOLDER WITH THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN EITHER A WRITTEN OR
- 9 ELECTRONIC FORMAT, AS REQUESTED BY THE POLICYHOLDER.
- 10 Sec. 2116. (1) A duly licensed insurance agent licensed to
- 11 represent 1 or more insurers shall, as a condition of licensure, do
- 12 all of the following:
- 13 (a) Provide each eligible person seeking automobile insurance
- 14 or home insurance the lowest available A premium quotation for the
- 15 forms or types of insurance coverages which THAT are offered by the
- 16 insurers represented by the agent and which THAT are sought by the
- 17 eligible person.
- 18 (b) Inform the eligible person of the number of insurers that
- 19 he or she represents. If the agent represents additional insurers
- 20 from which the eligible person may obtain insurance, the agent
- 21 shall MAY provide additional premium quotations as requested by the
- 22 eligible person.
- 23 (c) Not attempt to channel an eligible person away from an
- 24 insurer or insurance coverage with the purpose or effect of
- 25 avoiding an agent's obligation to submit an application or an
- 26 insurer's obligation to accept an eligible person.
- 27 (d) Upon ON request, submit an application of the eligible

- 1 person for automobile insurance or home insurance to the insurer
- 2 selected by the eligible person.
- 3 (e) For automobile insurance only, at least annually, supply,
- 4 with the renewal of a policy, to each insured, unless such THE
- 5 information has been provided by IS AVAILABLE FROM the insurer, all
- 6 of the following:
- 7 (i) An explanation of the insurance eligibility point system.
- 8 (ii) A statement that if the insured is an eligible person he
- 9 or she may qualify for insurance from more than 1 insurer, and
- 10 possibly at a lower rate.
- 11 (iii) A statement that the agent will, upon ON request, furnish
- 12 to the insured a set of quotations from insurers represented by the
- 13 agent from whom the insured may obtain insurance, as required in
- 14 this subsection.
- 15 (2) With respect to automobile insurance or home insurance, an
- 16 insurer shall not penalize an individual agent by paying less than
- 17 normal commissions or normal compensation or salary because of the
- 18 expected or actual experience produced by the agent's business or
- 19 because of the geographic location of business written by the
- 20 agent.
- 21 Sec. 2248. (1) No—A policy of insurance against fire, theft,
- 22 property damage, collision, and/or OR liability in connection with
- 23 automobile coverage shall NOT be issued unless the policy, or an
- 24 exact copy thereof, be OF THE POLICY, IS delivered to the insured.
- 25 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE
- 26 INSURANCE POLICY AND ENDORSEMENTS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN PERSONALLY
- 27 IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION MAY BE DELIVERED BY MAILING, DELIVERY, OR

- 1 POSTING ON THE INSURER'S INTERNET WEBSITE. IF THE INSURER ELECTS TO
- 2 POST AN INSURANCE POLICY AND ENDORSEMENTS ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE
- 3 IN LIEU OF MAILING OR DELIVERING THEM TO THE NAMED INSURED, THE
- 4 INSURER SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- 5 (A) THE POLICY AND ENDORSEMENTS ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND
- 6 REMAIN EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR AS LONG AS THE POLICY IS IN FORCE.
- 7 (B) AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLICY, THE INSURER ARCHIVES
- 8 THE POLICY AND ENDORSEMENTS AND MAKES THEM AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AT
- 9 NO CHARGE OR FOR A REASONABLE CHARGE.
- 10 (C) THE POLICY AND ENDORSEMENTS ARE POSTED IN A MANNER THAT
- 11 ENABLES THE INSURED TO PRINT AND SAVE THE POLICY AND ENDORSEMENTS
- 12 USING PROGRAMS OR APPLICATIONS THAT ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE ON THE
- 13 INTERNET AND FREE TO USE.
- 14 (D) THE INSURER PROVIDES NOTICE TO THE NAMED INSURED WITH EACH
- 15 DECLARATIONS PAGE OF A METHOD BY WHICH AN INSURED MAY OBTAIN, ON
- 16 REQUEST AND WITHOUT CHARGE, A PAPER OR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE
- 17 POLICY OR ENDORSEMENTS.
- 18 (E) ON EACH DECLARATIONS PAGE ISSUED TO AN INSURED, THE
- 19 INSURER CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE EXACT POLICY AND ENDORSEMENT FORMS
- 20 PURCHASED BY THE INSURED.
- 21 (F) THE INSURER PROVIDES NOTICE, IN THE MANNER BY WHICH IT
- 22 CUSTOMARILY COMMUNICATES WITH A NAMED INSURED, OF ANY OF THE
- 23 CHANGES TO THE FORMS OR ENDORSEMENTS AND THE INSURED'S RIGHT TO
- 24 OBTAIN, ON REQUEST AND WITHOUT CHARGE, A PAPER COPY OF THE FORMS OR
- 25 ENDORSEMENTS.
- 26 Sec. 3109. (1) Benefits provided or required to be provided
- 27 under the laws of any state or the federal government shall be

- 1 subtracted from the personal protection insurance benefits
- 2 otherwise payable for the injury UNDER THIS CHAPTER.
- 3 (2) An injured person is a natural person suffering accidental
- 4 bodily injury.
- 5 (3) An insurer providing personal protection insurance
- 6 benefits UNDER THIS CHAPTER may offer, at appropriately reduced
- 7 premium rates, a deductible of a specified dollar amount. which
- 8 does not exceed \$300.00 per accident. This deductible may be
- 9 applicable to all or any specified types of personal protection
- 10 insurance benefits, but shall apply only to benefits payable to the
- 11 person named in the policy, his OR HER spouse, and any relative of
- 12 either domiciled in the same household. Any other deductible
- 13 provisions require the prior approval of the commissioner.
- 14 Sec. 3109a. An insurer providing personal protection insurance
- 15 benefits shall UNDER THIS CHAPTER MAY offer, at appropriately
- 16 reduced premium rates, deductibles and exclusions reasonably
- 17 related to other health and accident coverage on the insured. The
- 18 ANY deductibles and exclusions required to be offered by UNDER this
- 19 section shall be ARE subject to prior approval by the commissioner
- 20 and shall apply only to benefits payable to the person named in the
- 21 policy, the spouse of the insured, and any relative of either
- 22 domiciled in the same household.