

SENATE BILL No. 1022

May 14, 1996, Introduced by Senator BOUCHARD and referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

A bill to amend sections 2236, 2242, 3402, 3474, 3606, 3620, 3638, 4040, and 4430 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, entitled as amended

"The insurance code of 1956,"

section 2236 as amended by Act No. 200 of the Public Acts of 1993, sections 2242 and 3606 as amended by Act No. 305 of the Public Acts of 1990, and section 4430 as amended by Act No. 349 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 500.2236, 500.2242, 500.3402, 500.3474, 500.3606, 500.3620, 500.3638, 500.4040, and 500.4430 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add sections 2236b and 3606a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Sections 2236, 2242, 3402, 3474, 3606, 3620,
- 2 3638, 4040, and 4430 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956,
- 3 section 2236 as amended by Act No. 200 of the Public Acts of

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- 1 1993, sections 2242 and 3606 as amended by Act No. 305 of the
- 2 Public Acts of 1990, and section 4430 as amended by Act No. 349
- 3 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 500.2236, 500.2242,
- 4 500.3402, 500.3474, 500.3606, 500.3620, 500.3638, 500.4040, and
- 5 500.4430 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended and
- 6 sections 2236b and 3606a are added to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 2236. (1) A basic insurance policy form or annuity
- 8 contract form shall not be issued or delivered to any person in
- 9 this state, and an insurance or annuity application form if a
- 10 written application is required and is to be made a part of the
- 11 policy or contract, a printed rider or indorsement form or form
- 12 of renewal certificate, and a group certificate in connection
- 13 with the policy or contract, shall not be issued or delivered to
- 14 a person in this state, -until a copy of the form is filed with
- 15 the insurance bureau and approved by the commissioner as conform
- 16 ing with the requirements of UNLESS IT CONFORMS WITH this act
- 17 and IS not inconsistent with the law. Failure of the commis-
- 18 sioner to act within 30 days after submittal shall constitute
- 19 approval. All such forms, except policies of disability insur-
- 20 ance as defined in section 3400, shall be plainly printed with
- 21 type size not less than 8 point unless the commissioner deter
- 22 mines that portions of such a form printed with type less than
- 23 8 point is not deceptive or misleading.
- 24 (2) An insurer may satisfy its obligations to make form
- 25 filings by becoming THAT IS a member of, or a subscriber to, a
- 26 rating organization, licensed under section 2436 or 2630, which
- 27 makes -such FORM filings -and by filing SHALL FILE with the

- 1 commissioner a copy of its authorization of the rating
- 2 organization to make the filings on its behalf. NO MEMBER OF OR
- 3 SUBSCRIBER TO A RATING ORGANIZATION SHALL ISSUE A FORM DEVELOPED
- 4 BY A RATING ORGANIZATION UNTIL A COPY OF THE FORM IS FILED WITH
- 5 THE INSURANCE BUREAU AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS CONFORM-
- 6 ING WITH THIS ACT AND NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW. FAILURE OF THE
- 7 COMMISSIONER TO ACT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SUBMITTAL OF THE FORM
- 8 CONSTITUTES APPROVAL. Every member of or subscriber to a rating
- 9 organization shall adhere to the form filings made on its behalf
- 10 by the organization except that an insurer may file with the com-
- 11 missioner a substitute form, and thereafter if a subsequent form
- 12 filing by the rating organization affects the use of the substi-
- 13 tute form, the insurer shall review its use and notify the com-
- 14 missioner WHETHER to withdraw its substitute form. AN INSURER
- 15 SHALL FILE THAT PORTION OF A DOCUMENT OR FORM THAT AFFECTS OR
- 16 ESTABLISHES A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE AND
- 17 PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS SUBJECT TO EXCLUSIONS OR
- 18 DEDUCTIBLES PURSUANT TO SECTION 3109A.
- 19 (3) UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE INSURER OR RATING ORGANIZA-
- 20 TION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY DISAPPROVE OR WITHDRAW APPROVAL OF ANY
- 21 FORM USED IN THIS STATE IF HE OR SHE FINDS 1 OR MORE OF THE
- 22 FOLLOWING:

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- 23 (A) THAT IT IS UNFAIRLY DISCRIMINATORY, MISLEADING, DECEP-
- 24 TIVE, OBSCURE, OR ENCOURAGES MISREPRESENTATION, INCLUDING CASES
- 25 WHERE THE FORM:
- 26 (i) IS MISLEADING BECAUSE ITS BENEFITS ARE TOO RESTRICTED TO
- 27 ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE POLICY IS SOLD.

- 1 (ii) CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHOSE NATURAL CONSEQUENCE IS TO 2 LESSEN COMPETITION.
- 3 (iii) IS UNNECESSARILY VERBOSE OR COMPLEX IN LANGUAGE.
- 4 (iv) IS MISLEADING, DECEPTIVE, OR OBSCURE BECAUSE OF SUCH
- 5 PHYSICAL ASPECTS AS FORMAT, TYPOGRAPHY, STYLE, COLOR, MATERIAL,
- 6 OR ORGANIZATION.
- 7 (B) THAT IT PROVIDES BENEFITS OR CONTAINS OTHER PROVISIONS
- 8 THAT ENDANGER THE INSURER'S SOLIDITY.
- 9 (C) THAT, FOR A POLICY ONLY, IT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE EXACT
- 10 NAME AND THE FULL ADDRESS OF THE INSURER. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES
- 11 NOT APPLY TO A RIDER OR ENDORSEMENT.
- 12 (D) THAT IT DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THIS ACT OR A RULE PROMUL-
- 13 GATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, OR IS OTHERWISE INCONSISTENT WITH
- 14 LAW.
- 15 (4) WHEN WRITTEN NOTICE IS PROVIDED TO AN INSURER PURSUANT
- 16 TO SUBSECTION (3), THE NOTICE SHALL SPECIFY THE OBJECTIONABLE
- 17 PROVISIONS OR CONDITIONS AND STATE THE REASONS FOR THE
- 18 COMMISSIONER'S DECISION. IF THE FORM IS LEGALLY IN USE BY THE
- 19 INSURER IN THIS STATE, THE NOTICE SHALL GIVE THE EFFECTIVE DATE
- 20 OF THE COMMISSIONER'S DISAPPROVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL,
- 21 WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE MAILING OR DELIV-
- 22 ERY OF THE NOTICE TO THE INSURER. IF THE FORM IS NOT LEGALLY IN
- 23 USE, THEN DISAPPROVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OR APPROVAL IS EFFECTIVE
- 24 IMMEDIATELY.
- 25 (5) IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT CERTAIN FORMS MAY
- 26 HAVE A TENDENCY NOT TO CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT,
- 27 THE COMMISSIONER MAY ORDER THAT INSURERS FILE FOR PRIOR APPROVAL

- 1 FORMS FOR A SPECIFIED CLASSIFICATION, TYPE, OR KIND OF
- 2 INSURANCE. THE ORDER SHALL STATE, IN WRITING, THE REASONS FOR
- 3 THE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION TO ORDER THE FILING. IF SUCH AN
- 4 ORDER IS IN EFFECT, THE FORMS SHALL BE FILED AT LEAST 30 DAYS
- 5 BEFORE THE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE. FAILURE OF THE COMMISSIONER
- 6 TO ACT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SUBMITTAL CONSTITUTES APPROVAL.
- 7 (6) IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION, THE COMMIS-
- 8 SIONER MAY REQUEST THAT INSURERS PROVIDE HIM OR HER WITH COPIES
- 9 OF SPECIFIC FORMS THAT ARE IN USE FOR NEW OR OLD BUSINESS. THESE
- 10 SUBMISSIONS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FORMS FILED FOR THE
- 11 COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL.
- 12 (7) -(3) Beginning January 1, 1992, the commissioner shall
- 13 not approve a form filed pursuant INSURERS SHALL NOT ISSUE A
- 14 FORM SUBJECT to this section providing for or relating to an
- 15 insurance policy or an annuity contract for personal, family, or
- 16 household purposes if the form fails to obtain the readability
- 17 score or meet the other requirements of this subsection, as
- 18 applicable:
- 19 (a) The readability score for a form for which approval is
- 20 required by this section shall not be less than 45, as determined
- 21 by the method provided in subdivisions (b) and (c).
- (b) The readability score for a form shall be determined as
- 23 follows:
- 24 (i) For a form containing not more than 10,000 words, the
- 25 entire form shall be analyzed. For a form containing more than
- 26 10,000 words, not less than two 200-word samples per page shall

- 1 be analyzed instead of the entire form. The samples shall be
- 2 separated by at least 20 printed lines.
- (ii) Count the number of words and sentences in the form or
- 4 samples and divide the total number of words by the total number
- 5 of sentences. Multiply this quotient by a factor of 1.015.
- 6 (iii) Count the total number of syllables in the form or
- 7 samples and divide the total number of syllables by the total
- 8 number of words. Multiply this quotient by a factor of 84.6. As
- 9 used in this subparagraph, "syllable" means a unit of spoken lan-
- 10 guage consisting of 1 or more letters of a word as indicated by
- 11 an accepted dictionary. If the dictionary shows 2 or more
- 12 equally acceptable pronunciations of a word, the pronunciation
- 13 containing fewer syllables may be used.
- 14 (iv) Add the figures obtained in subparagraphs (ii) and
- 15 (iii) and subtract this sum from 206.835. The figure obtained
- 16 equals the readability score for the form.
- (c) For the purposes of subdivision (b)(ii) and (iii), the
- 18 following procedures shall be used:
- 19 (i) A contraction, hyphenated word, or numbers and letters
- 20 when separated by spaces shall be counted as 1 word.
- 21 (ii) A unit of words ending with a period, semicolon, or
- 22 colon, but excluding headings and captions, shall be counted as 1
- 23 sentence.
- 24 (d) In determining the readability score, the method pro-
- 25 vided in subdivisions (b) and (c):
- 26 (i) Shall be applied to an insurance policy form or an
- 27 annuity contract, together with a rider or indorsement form

- 1 usually associated with such an insurance policy form or annuity
 2 contract.
- (ii) Shall not be applied to words or phrases that are
- 4 defined in an insurance policy form, an annuity contract, or
- 5 riders, indorsements, or group certificates pursuant to an insur-
- 6 ance policy form or annuity contract.
- 7 (iii) Shall not be applied to language specifically agreed
- 8 upon through collective bargaining or required by a collective
- 9 bargaining agreement.
- (iv) Shall not be applied to language that is prescribed by
- 11 state or federal statute or by rules or regulations promulgated
- 12 pursuant to a state or federal statute.
- (e) Each form for which approval is required by this section
- 14 shall contain both of the following:
- 15 (i) Topical captions.
- 16 (ii) An identification of exclusions.
- 17 (f) Each insurance policy and annuity contract that has more
- 18 than 3,000 words printed on not more than 3 pages of text or that
- 19 has more than 3 pages of text regardless of the number of words
- 20 shall contain a table of contents. This subdivision does not
- 21 apply to indorsements.
- 22 (q) Each rider or indorsement form that changes coverage
- 23 shall do all of the following:
- 24 (i) Contain a properly descriptive title.
- (ii) Reproduce either the entire paragraph or the provision 26 as changed.

- 1 (iii) Be accompanied by an explanation of the change.
- 2 (h) If a computer system approved by the commissioner
- 3 calculates the readability score of a form as being in compliance
- 4 with this subsection, the form is considered in compliance with
- 5 the readability score requirements of this subsection.
- 6 (4) After January 1, 1992, any change or addition to a
- 7 policy or annuity contract form for personal, family, or house
- 8 hold purposes, whether by indorsement, rider, or otherwise, or a
- 9 change or addition to a rider or indorsement form to such policy
- 10 or annuity contract form, which policy or annuity contract form
- 11 has not been previously approved under subsection (3), shall be
- 12 submitted for approval pursuant to subsection (3).
- 13 (5) Upon written notice to the insurer, the commissioner may
- 14 disapprove, withdraw approval or prohibit the issuance, advertis
- 15 ing or delivery of any form to any person in this state if it
- 16 violates any provisions of this act, or contains inconsistent,
- 17 ambiguous or misleading clauses, or contains exceptions and con-
- 18 ditions that unreasonably or deceptively affect the risk pur-
- 19 ported to be assumed in the general coverage of the policy. The
- 20 notice shall specify the objectionable provisions or conditions
- 21 and state the reasons for the commissioner's decision. If the
- 22 form is legally in use by the insurer in this state, the notice
- 23 shall give the effective date of the commissioner's disapproval,
- 24 which shall not be less than 30 days subsequent to the mailing or
- 25 delivery of the notice to the insurer. If the form is not
- 26 legally in use, then disapproval shall be effective immediately.

- 1 (8) -(6)— If a form is disapproved or approval is withdrawn
- 2 under the provisions of this act, the insurer shall be entitled
- 3 upon demand to a hearing before the commissioner or a deputy com-
- 4 missioner within 30 days after the notice of disapproval or of
- 5 withdrawal of approval. , and after AFTER the hearing, the
- 6 commissioner shall make findings of fact and law, and either
- 7 affirm, modify, or withdraw his or her original order or
- 8 decision.
- 9 (9) -(7) Any issuance, use, or delivery by an insurer of
- 10 any form without the prior approval of the commissioner as
- 11 required by subsection (1) or after withdrawal of approval as
- 12 provided by subsection (5) THAT DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THIS ACT
- 13 OR IS INCONSISTENT WITH LAW constitutes a separate violation for
- 14 which the commissioner may order the imposition of a civil pen-
- 15 alty of \$25.00 for each offense, but not to exceed the maximum
- 16 penalty of \$500.00 for any 1 series of offenses relating to any 1
- 17 basic policy form, which penalty may be recovered by the attorney
- 18 general as provided in section 230.
- 19 (10) A NONCONFORMING FORM IN USE BY AN INSURER SHALL BE CON-
- 20 STRUED IN A MANNER NOT LESS FAVORABLE TO THE POLICYHOLDER THAN
- 21 THAT WHICH IS ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS ACT.
- 22 (11) INSURERS USING A FORM FILED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)
- 23 OR (5) REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER, OR A FORM NOT
- 24 FILED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (12), ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PENAL-
- 25 TIES IN SUBSECTION (9) FOR THE USE OF THAT FORM IF IT IS LATER
- 26 DETERMINED NONCONFORMING.

- 1 (12) -(8) The filing requirements of this section -shall
 2 DO not apply to:
- 3 (a) Insurance against loss of or damage to:
- 4 (i) Imports, exports, or domestic shipments.
- 5 (ii) Bridges, tunnels, or other instrumentalities of trans-
- 6 portation and communication.
- 7 (iii) Aircraft and attached equipment.
- 8 (iv) Vessels and watercraft under construction or owned by
- 9 or used in a business or having a straight-line hull length of
- 10 more than 24 feet.
- 11 (b) Insurance against loss resulting from liability, other
- 12 than worker's compensation or employers' liability arising out of
- 13 the ownership, maintenance, or use of:
- 14 (i) Imports, exports, or domestic shipments.
- 15 (ii) Aircraft and attached equipment.
- 16 (iii) Vessels and watercraft under construction or owned by
- 17 or used in a business or having a straight-line hull length of
- 18 more than 24 feet.
- (c) Surety bonds other than fidelity bonds.
- 20 (d) Policies, riders, indorsements, or forms of unique char-
- 21 acter designed for and used with relation to insurance upon a
- 22 particular subject, or -which THAT relate to the manner of dis-
- 23 tribution of benefits or to the reservation of rights and bene-
- 24 fits under life or disability insurance policies and are used at
- 25 the request of the individual policyholder, contract holder, or
- 26 certificate holder. Beginning September 1, 1968, the
- 27 commissioner by order may exempt from the filing requirements of

- 1 this section and sections 2242, 3606, and 4430 for so long as he
- 2 or she considers proper any insurance document or form, except
- 3 that portion of the document or form that establishes a relation
- 4 ship between group disability insurance and personal protection
- 5 insurance benefits subject to exclusions or deductibles pursuant
- 6 to section 3109a, as specified in the order to which this section
- 7 practicably may not be applied, or the filing and approval of
- 8 which are considered unnecessary for the protection of the
- 9 public. Insurance documents or forms providing medical payments
- 10 or income replacement benefits, except that portion of the docu-
- 11 ment or form that establishes a relationship between group dis-
- 12 ability insurance and personal protection insurance benefits
- 13 subject to exclusions or deductibles pursuant to section 3109a,
- 14 exempt by order of the commissioner from the filing requirements
- 15 of this section and sections 2242 and 3606 are considered
- 16 approved by the commissioner for purposes of section 3430.
- 17 (13) -(9) Every order made by the commissioner under the
- 18 provisions of this section -shall be IS subject to court review
- 19 as provided in section 244.
- 20 SEC. 2236B. A FORM OR DOCUMENT ISSUED IN THIS STATE BY AN
- 21 INSURER THAT CONFORMS WITH THIS ACT AND IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH
- 22 LAW IS APPROVED UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER TAKES ACTION PURSUANT TO
- 23 THIS ACT TO DISAPPROVE OR WITHDRAW APPROVAL FOR THE FORM OR
- 24 DOCUMENT.
- 25 Sec. 2242. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section
- 26 2236(8)(d) 2236(12)(D), a group disability policy shall not be
- 27 issued or delivered in this state unless a copy of the form has

- 1 been filed with the commissioner and approved by him or her IT
- 2 CONFORMS WITH THIS ACT AND IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.
- 3 (2) The commissioner may within 30 days after the filing of
- 4 a disability insurance policy form applicable to individual or
- 5 family expense coverage, disapprove the form for any of the fol-
- 6 lowing, subject to the requirements as to notice, hearing, and
- 7 appeal set forth in sections 244 and 2236:
- 8 (a) The benefits provided therein are unreasonable in rela-
- 9 tion to the premium charged.
- 10 (b) It contains a provision or provisions which are unjust,
- 11 unfair, inequitable, misleading, deceptive, or encourage misrep
- 12 resentation of the policy.
- 13 (c) It does not comply with other provisions of law.
- 14 (2) UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE INSURER, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
- 15 DISAPPROVE OR WITHDRAW APPROVAL OF ANY FORM USED IN THIS STATE IF
- 16 HE OR SHE FINDS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:
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- 23 LESSEN COMPETITION.
- 24 (iii) IS UNNECESSARILY VERBOSE OR COMPLEX IN LANGUAGE.
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- 26 PHYSICAL ASPECTS AS FORMAT, TYPOGRAPHY, STYLE, COLOR, MATERIAL,
- 27 OR ORGANIZATION.

- 1 (B) THAT IT PROVIDES BENEFITS OR CONTAINS OTHER PROVISIONS
- 2 THAT ENDANGER THE INSURER'S SOLIDITY.
- 3 (C) THAT FOR A POLICY ONLY, IT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE EXACT
- 4 NAME AND THE FULL ADDRESS OF THE INSURER. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES
- 5 NOT APPLY TO A RIDER OR ENDORSEMENT.
- 6 (D) THAT IT DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
- 7 ACT OR A RULE PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, OR IS OTHERWISE
- 8 INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.
- 9 (3) WHEN WRITTEN NOTICE IS PROVIDED TO AN INSURER PURSUANT
- 10 TO SUBSECTION (2), THE NOTICE SHALL SPECIFY THE OBJECTIONABLE
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- 24 THE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION TO ORDER THE FILING. IF SUCH AN
- 25 ORDER IS IN EFFECT, THE FORMS SHALL BE FILED AT LEAST 30 DAYS
- 26 BEFORE THE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE. FAILURE OF THE COMMISSIONER
- 27 TO ACT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SUBMITTAL CONSTITUTES APPROVAL.

- 1 (5) -(3) The commissioner may at any time DISAPPROVE OR
- 2 withdraw his or her approval of an individual or family
- 3 expense A policy form on any of the grounds stated in subsection
- 4 (2), subject to the requirements as to notice, hearing, and
- 5 appeal set forth in sections 244 and 2236. An insurer shall not
- 6 issue the form after the effective date of the DISAPPROVAL OR
- 7 withdrawal of approval.
- 8 (6) IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION, THE COMMIS-
- 9 SIONER MAY REQUEST THAT INSURERS PROVIDE HIM OR HER WITH COPIES
- 10 OF SPECIFIC FORMS THAT ARE IN USE FOR NEW OR OLD BUSINESS. THESE
- 11 SUBMISSIONS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FORMS FILED FOR THE
- 12 COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL.
- 13 (7) EVERY ORDER MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER UNDER THE PROVI-
- 14 SIONS OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO COURT REVIEW AS PROVIDED IN
- 15 SECTION 244.
- 16 Sec. 3402. No A policy of disability insurance as
- 17 defined in section 3400 (1); shall NOT be delivered or issued
- 18 for delivery to any person in this state unless ALL OF THE FOL-
- 19 LOWING ARE MET:
- 20 (A) $\overline{(1)}$ The entire money and other considerations
- 21 -therefor FOR THE POLICY are expressed -therein; and IN THE
- 22 POLICY.
- 23 (B) $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ The time at which the insurance takes effect and
- 24 terminates is expressed therein; and IN THE POLICY.
- 25 (C) -(3) It purports to insure THE POLICY INSURES only 1
- 26 person, except that a policy may insure, originally or by
- 27 subsequent amendment, upon the application of an adult member of

- 1 a family who shall be deemed CONSIDERED the policyholder, any 2
- 2 or more eligible members of that family, including husband, wife,
- 3 dependent children or any children under a specified age -which
- 4 shall THAT DOES not exceed 19 years, and any other person depen-
- 5 dent upon the policyholder. -; and
- 6 (D) -(4) The style, arrangement, and over-all appearance of
- 7 the policy give no undue prominence to any portion of the text,
- 8 and unless every printed portion of the text of the policy and of
- 9 any endorsements or attached papers is plainly printed in
- 10 light-faced type of a style in general use, the size of which
- 11 shall be uniform and not less than 10-point with a lower-case
- 12 unspaced alphabet length, not less than 120-point in length of
- 13 line. (the- AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "text" shall include
- 14 INCLUDES all printed matter except the name and address of the
- 15 insurer, name or title of the policy, the brief description, if
- 16 any, and captions and subcaptions. -); and
- (E) $\frac{(5)}{(5)}$ The exceptions and reductions of indemnity are set
- 18 forth in the policy and, except those which THAT are set forth
- 19 in sections 3406 through -3454 3452, are printed, at the
- 20 insurer's option, either included with the benefit provision to
- 21 which they apply, or under an appropriate caption such as
- 22 "EXCEPTIONS", or "EXCEPTIONS AND REDUCTIONS". -: Provided, That
- 23 HOWEVER, if an exception or reduction specifically applies only
- 24 to a particular benefit of the policy, a statement of -such- THAT
- 25 exception or reduction shall be included with the benefit provi-
- 26 sion to which it applies. ; and

- (F) $\frac{-(6)}{}$ Each such form, including riders and endorsements,
- 2 -shall be IS identified by a form number in the lower left-hand
- 3 corner of the first page -thereof; and OF THE FORM.
- 4 (G) -(7) It THE POLICY contains no provision purporting to
- 5 make any portion of the charter, rules, constitution, or bylaws
- 6 of the insurer a part of the policy unless -such THAT portion is
- 7 set forth in full in the policy, except in the case of the incor-
- 8 poration of, or reference to, a statement of rates or classifica-
- 9 tion of risks, or short-rate table. filed with the
- 10 commissioner.
- 11 Sec. 3474. No policy of insurance against loss or expense
- 12 from the sickness, or from the bodily injury or death from acci-
- 13 dent of the insured, nor any application, rider, or endorsement
- 14 to be used in connection -therewith, WITH THE POLICY shall be
- 15 delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state,
- 16 until the classification of risks and any premium rates pertain
- 17 ing thereto have been filed with the department of insurance
- 18 UNLESS IT CONFORMS WITH THIS ACT AND IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH
- 19 LAW.
- 20 Sec. 3606. (1) An insurer authorized to write disability
- 21 insurance in this state shall have the power to issue group dis-
- 22 ability insurance policies.
- 23 (2) Except as otherwise provided in section -2236(8)(d)-
- 24 2236(12)(D), a group disability insurance policy shall not be
- 25 issued or delivered in this state unless a copy of the form
- 26 shall have been filed with the commissioner and approved by him

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- 2 LAW.
- 3 SEC. 3606A. (1) UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE INSURER, THE
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- 4 WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE MAILING OR DELIV-
- 5 ERY OF THE NOTICE TO THE INSURER. IF THE FORM IS NOT LEGALLY IN
- 6 USE, THEN DISAPPROVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL IS EFFECTIVE
- 7 IMMEDIATELY.
- 8 (3) IF A FORM IS DISAPPROVED OR APPROVAL IS WITHDRAWN UNDER
- 9 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE INSURER SHALL BE ENTITLED UPON
- 10 DEMAND TO A HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OR A DEPUTY COMMIS-
- 11 SIONER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL OR OF WITH-
- 12 DRAWAL OF APPROVAL. AFTER THE HEARING, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
- 13 MAKE FINDINGS OF FACT AND LAW, AND EITHER AFFIRM, MODIFY, OR
- 14 WITHDRAW HIS OR HER ORIGINAL ORDER OR DECISION.
- 15 (4) IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT CERTAIN FORMS MAY
- 16 HAVE A TENDENCY TO NOT CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT,
- 17 THE COMMISSIONER MAY ORDER THAT INSURERS FILE FOR PRIOR APPROVAL
- 18 OF FORMS FOR A SPECIFIED CLASSIFICATION, TYPE, OR KIND OF
- 19 INSURANCE. THE ORDER SHALL STATE, IN WRITING, THE REASONS FOR
- 20 THE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION TO ORDER THE FILING. IF SUCH AN
- 21 ORDER IS IN EFFECT, THE FORMS SHALL BE FILED AT LEAST 30 DAYS
- 22 BEFORE THE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE. FAILURE OF THE COMMISSIONER
- 23 TO ACT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SUBMITTAL CONSTITUTES APPROVAL.
- 24 (5) IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION, THE COMMIS-
- 25 SIONER MAY REQUEST THAT INSURERS PROVIDE HIM OR HER WITH COPIES
- 26 OF SPECIFIC FORMS THAT ARE IN USE FOR NEW OR OLD BUSINESS. THESE

- 1 SUBMISSIONS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FORMS FILED FOR THE
- 2 COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL.
- 3 (6) EVERY ORDER MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER UNDER THE PROVI-
- 4 SIONS OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO COURT REVIEW AS PROVIDED IN
- 5 SECTION 244.
- 6 Sec. 3620. (1) Family expense insurance is that form of
- 7 accident and health or hospitalization, medical, surgical and
- 8 sick-care insurance -which- THAT is written under 1 policy issued
- 9 to the head of a family who may be either spouse, and insuring
- 10 -such THE head and 1 or more dependents, and may include a
- 11 non-dependent spouse. Benefits under -such THE policy, except
- 12 as applied to the head of the family, shall not include indemni-
- 13 ties for loss of time from any cause.
- 14 (2) -Any AN insurer authorized to write accident and health
- 15 or hospitalization, medical, surgical and sick-care insurance in
- 16 this state is authorized to issue family expense insurance
- 17 policies.
- 18 (3) No such policy may A FAMILY EXPENSE INSURANCE POLICY
- 19 SHALL NOT be issued or delivered in this state unless a copy of
- 20 the form thereof shall have been filed with the commissioner and
- 21 approved by him IT CONFORMS WITH THIS ACT AND IS NOT INCONSIS-
- 22 TENT WITH LAW.
- 23 (4) Every policy of family expense insurance shall contain
- 24 the applicable provisions of sections 3406 through 3466
- 25 (required and optional provisions for individual disability
- 26 insurance policies), and shall contain the following provisions
- 27 in substance:

- 1 (a) A provision that the policy and the application signed
- 2 by the husband or wife acting as the head of the family for the
- 3 purpose of this insurance shall constitute the entire contract
- 4 between the parties, and that all statements made by the head of
- 5 the family shall, in the absence of fraud, be -deemed CONSIDERED
- 6 representations and not warranties, and that no statement shall
- 7 be used in defense of a claim under the policy unless it is con-
- 8 tained in a written application.
- 9 (b) A provision that to the family group originally insured
- 10 may be added, from time to time, on application of the head of
- 11 the family, any new members of the family eligible for insurance
- 12 in such THE family group.
- 13 (5) Such policies shall be FAMILY EXPENSE INSURANCE POLI-
- 14 CIES ARE subject to section 3474 (filing of risk classifications
- 15 and rates) SECTIONS 3401A AND 3474.
- 16 Sec. 3638. (1) Any AN insurer authorized to write dis-
- 17 ability insurance in this state shall have the power to issue
- 18 blanket disability insurance policies.
- 19 (2) No such A blanket DISABILITY policy -may SHALL NOT be
- 20 issued or delivered in this state unless -a copy of the form
- 21 shall have been filed with the commissioner and approved by him-
- 22 IT CONFORMS WITH THIS ACT AND IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.
- 23 (3) Such policies shall BLANKET DISABILITY POLICIES ARE
- 24 also be subject to section 3474 (filing of risk classifica
- 25 tions and rates) SECTIONS 3401A AND 3474.
- 26 Sec. 4040. (1) Any A life insurer may include in its
- 27 policy a provision intended to safeguard -such- THE life

- 1 insurance against lapse, or provisions that shall provide a
- 2 special surrender value therefor in the event that FOR THE
- 3 POLICY IF the insured thereunder shall UNDER THE POLICY, by
- 4 reason of accidental bodily injury or disease, be IS unable to
- 5 continue the premium payments thereon ON THE POLICY.
- 6 (2) A life insurance policy may also contain, or provide
- 7 through contracts supplemental -thereto, such TO THE POLICY pro-
- 8 visions relating to accident and sickness insurance as are autho-
- 9 rized under section 602(2). (accidental death, dismemberment, or
- 10 loss of sight; certain benefits in event of total and permanent
- 11 disability). No such A supplemental contract shall NOT be
- 12 issued or delivered to any person in this state unless and until
- -13 a copy of the form thereof has been submitted to and approved by
- 14 the commissioner, under such reasonable rules and regulations as
- 15 he shall make concerning the provisions in such contracts and
- 16 their submission to and approval by him IT CONFORMS WITH THIS
- 17 ACT AND IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.
- 18 (3) UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE INSURER, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
- 19 DISAPPROVE OR WITHDRAW APPROVAL OF ANY FORM USED IN THIS STATE IF
- 20 HE OR SHE FINDS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 21 (A) THAT IT IS UNFAIRLY DISCRIMINATORY, MISLEADING, DECEP-
- 22 TIVE, OBSCURE, OR ENCOURAGES MISREPRESENTATION, INCLUDING CASES
- 23 WHERE THE FORM:
- 24 (i) IS MISLEADING BECAUSE ITS BENEFITS ARE TOO RESTRICTED TO
- 25 ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE POLICY IS SOLD.
- 26 (ii) CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHOSE NATURAL CONSEQUENCE IS TO
- 27 LESSEN COMPETITION.

- 1 (iii) IS UNNECESSARILY VERBOSE OR COMPLEX IN LANGUAGE.
- 2 (iv) IS MISLEADING, DECEPTIVE, OR OBSCURE BECAUSE OF SUCH
- 3 PHYSICAL ASPECTS AS FORMAT, TYPOGRAPHY, STYLE, COLOR, MATERIAL,
- 4 OR ORGANIZATION.
- 5 (B) THAT IT PROVIDES BENEFITS OR CONTAINS OTHER PROVISIONS
- 6 THAT ENDANGER THE INSURER'S SOLIDITY.
- 7 (C) THAT FOR A POLICY ONLY, IT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE EXACT
- 8 NAME AND THE FULL ADDRESS OF THE INSURER. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES
- 9 NOT APPLY TO A RIDER OR ENDORSEMENT.
- 10 (D) THAT IT DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
- 11 ACT OR A RULE PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, OR IS OTHERWISE
- 12 INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.
- 13 (4) WHEN WRITTEN NOTICE IS PROVIDED TO AN INSURER PURSUANT
- 14 TO SUBSECTION (3), THE NOTICE SHALL SPECIFY THE OBJECTIONABLE
- 15 PROVISIONS OR CONDITIONS AND STATE THE REASONS FOR THE
- 16 COMMISSIONER'S DECISION. IF THE FORM IS LEGALLY IN USE BY THE
- 17 INSURER IN THIS STATE, THE NOTICE SHALL GIVE THE EFFECTIVE DATE
- 18 OF THE COMMISSIONER'S DISAPPROVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL,
- 19 WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE MAILING OR DELIV-
- 20 ERY OF THE NOTICE TO THE INSURER. IF THE FORM IS NOT LEGALLY IN
- 21 USE, THEN DISAPPROVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL IS EFFECTIVE
- 22 IMMEDIATELY.
- 23 (5) THE COMMISSIONER MAY AT ANY TIME DISAPPROVE OR WITHDRAW
- 24 APPROVAL OF A POLICY FORM ON ANY OF THE GROUNDS STATED IN SUBSEC-
- 25 TION (2), SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS AS TO NOTICE, HEARING, AND
- 26 APPEAL SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 244 AND 2236. AN INSURER SHALL NOT

- 1 ISSUE THE FORM AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DISAPPROVAL OR
- 2 WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL.
- 3 (6) IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT CERTAIN FORMS MAY
- 4 HAVE A TENDENCY TO NOT CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT,
- 5 THE COMMISSIONER MAY ORDER THAT INSURERS FILE FOR PRIOR APPROVAL
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- 7 INSURANCE. THE ORDER SHALL STATE, IN WRITING, THE REASONS FOR
- 8 THE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION TO ORDER THE FILING. IF SUCH AN
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- 11 TO ACT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SUBMITTAL CONSTITUTES APPROVAL.
- 12 (7) IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION, THE COMMIS-
- 13 SIONER MAY REQUEST THAT INSURERS PROVIDE HIM OR HER WITH COPIES
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- 16 COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL.
- 17 (8) EVERY ORDER MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER UNDER THE PROVI-
- 18 SIONS OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO COURT REVIEW AS PROVIDED IN
- 19 SECTION 244.
- 20 Sec. 4430. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section
- 21 2236(8)(d) 2236(12)(D), a policy of group life insurance shall
- 22 not be issued or delivered in this state unless and until a copy
- 23 of the form of the group life insurance has been filed with and
- 24 approved by the commissioner IT CONFORMS WITH THIS ACT AND IS
- 25 NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.
- 26 (2) A policy of group life insurance shall not be issued or
- 27 delivered unless it contains in substance the provisions of

- 1 sections 4432 through 4442. A group universal life policy as
- 2 defined in section 4001(g) shall not be issued or delivered
- 3 unless it complies with the provisions of chapter 40.
- 4 (3) UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE INSURER, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
- 5 DISAPPROVE OR WITHDRAW APPROVAL OF ANY FORM USED IN THIS STATE IF
- 6 HE OR SHE FINDS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:
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- 10 (i) IS MISLEADING BECAUSE ITS BENEFITS ARE TOO RESTRICTED TO
- 1! ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE POLICY IS SOLD.
- 12 (ii) CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHOSE NATURAL CONSEQUENCE IS TO
- 13 LESSEN COMPETITION.
- 14 (iii) IS UNNECESSARILY VERBOSE OR COMPLEX IN LANGUAGE.
- 15 (iv) IS MISLEADING, DECEPTIVE, OR OBSCURE BECAUSE OF SUCH
- 16 PHYSICAL ASPECTS AS FORMAT, TYPOGRAPHY, STYLE, COLOR, MATERIAL,
- 17 OR ORGANIZATION.
- 18 (B) THAT IT PROVIDES BENEFITS OR CONTAINS OTHER PROVISIONS
- 19 THAT ENDANGER THE INSURER'S SOLIDITY.
- 20 (C) THAT FOR A POLICY ONLY, IT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE EXACT
- 21 NAME AND THE FULL ADDRESS OF THE INSURER. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES
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