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COMMERCE AND REGULATION

HOUSE FILE 528
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting insurance discrimination on the basis of
2 domestic abuse.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 507B.4, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Making or permitting any discrimination in the sale of
4 insurance solely or partially on the basis of domestic abuse
5 as defined in section 236.2.

6 Sec. 2. Section 507B.4, subsection 9, Code 2001, is
7 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. Delaying or refusing to pay a claim,
9 which would otherwise be paid, solely or partially on the
10 basis that such claim resulted from domestic abuse as defined
11 in section 236.2.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill provides that it is an unfair insurance trade
14 practice for a person engaged in the business of insurance to:
15 (1) discriminate solely or partially on the basis of domestic
16 abuse in the sale of insurance; and (2) delay or refuse to pay
17 a claim, which would otherwise be paid, solely or partially on
18 the basis that such claim resulted from domestic abuse. The
19 law previously prohibited only against discrimination in the
20 sale of insurance solely on the basis of domestic abuse.

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