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SENATE BILL NO. 55

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE RATES. Prohibits insurance rate determinations based on certain risk classifications. (8/1/21)

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1454(A), relative to rating standards and methods; to prohibit the determination of rate classifications based on the status of the insured being a 3 widow or widower, the insured's credit score/rating, or the gender of the insured over 4 5 the age of twenty-five; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: Section 1. R.S. 22:1454(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §1454. Rating standards and methods 9 A. Rates shall not be inadequate or unfairly discriminatory in a competitive 10 market. Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory in a 11 noncompetitive market. Risks may be classified using any criteria except that no risk shall be classified on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin, the status 12 13 of an insured being a widow or widower, the insured's credit score/rating or the 14 gender of an insured over the age of twenty-five.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Cooper.

## DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> requires that insurance rates not be inadequate or unfairly discriminatory in a competitive market and that rates not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory in a noncompetitive market. Authorizes classification risks using any criteria but prohibits risk classifications on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further prohibits risk classifications made on the basis of the status of the insured being a widow or widower, the insured's credit score/rating, or the gender of an insured over the age of 25.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 22:1454(A))