

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1073

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A Concurrent Resolution relating to insurance company billing information; encouraging insurance companies to provide certain information to insured; directing the State Insurance Department to develop rules requiring certain billing information and forms; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, a majority of Oklahomans will purchase insurance at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, because the insurance industry has developed terminology and policy forms which are not familiar to most citizens, reading and purchasing a policy of insurance can be a confusing and intimidating experience; and

WHEREAS, in today's market the cost of an insurance policy can be a major expense for most Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, because of the competition among insurance companies selling insurance in the state, the cost of an insurance policy and the charges, discounts or credits used by insurance companies can vary considerably; and

WHEREAS, in order for Oklahomans to be better consumers and able to make informed decisions about purchasing or retaining an insurance policy, it is imperative that insurance companies offer clear and complete information about the charges and the discounts or credits used by the insurance company in determining the premium amount of the policy; and

WHEREAS, for most policies issued today the insured is not completely informed about the charges and discounts or credits nor the dollar amount of the charges and discounts or credits used by the insurance company in determining the premium amount; and

WHEREAS, it would greatly assist Oklahomans if insurance companies would furnish information to the insured which would show exactly how the net premium amount is determined and the dollar figures of all additional charges and discounts or credits used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby encourages all insurance companies doing business in the state to provide information to the insured on the billing statement which would show exactly how the net premium amount is determined and the dollar figures of all additional charges and discounts or credits used by the company in determining the premium amount.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature directs the Oklahoma Insurance Department to work in conjunction with insurance companies to develop rules which would require insurance companies to provide more complete billing information to the insured, including developing a billing form which would list charges and discounts or policy credits and the dollar amount of each item.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Insurance Commissioner for distribution to each insurance company doing business in the State of Oklahoma.

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