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An Act relating to health insurance; prohibiting accident and health insurer from discriminating against insured based on vaccination or immunity status; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1203.1 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No insurer licensed to do business in this state that issues policies of individual or group accident and health insurance, as defined in Section 703 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall unfairly discriminate against an insured or applicant for insurance based solely on the vaccination or immunity status of the insured by:

1. Denying, canceling or failing to renew an accident and health insurance policy;

2. Basing renewal rates, premiums, policy fees or rates charged for any policy or contract of accident or health insurance; or

1 3. Failing to compensate or compensating at a lower rate any
2 health care provider, as defined in Section 1219.6 of Title 36 of
3 the Oklahoma Statutes, for a covered service.

4 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE
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