

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB4263

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Rep. Amy Grant

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/364

from Ch. 73, par. 976

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that no company, in any policy of accident or health insurance issued in the State, shall make or permit any distinction or discrimination against an individual solely because of the individual's vaccination status in the amount of payment of premiums or rates charged for policies of insurance, in the amount of any dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or in any other terms and conditions of the contract it makes. Provides that no company, in any policy of accident or health insurance issued in the State, shall refuse to insure or refuse to continue to insure an individual solely because of the individual's vaccination status.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by changing Section 364 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/364) (from Ch. 73, par. 976)

364. Discrimination prohibited. Discrimination between individuals of the same class of risk in the issuance of its policies or in the amount of premiums or rates charged for any insurance covered by this article, or in the benefits payable thereon, or in any of the terms or conditions of such policy, or in any other manner whatsoever is prohibited. Nothing in this provision shall prohibit an insurer from providing incentives for insureds to utilize the services of a particular hospital or person. It is hereby expressly provided that whenever the terms "physician" or "doctor" appear or are used in any way in any policy of accident or health insurance issued in this state, said terms shall include within their meaning persons licensed to practice dentistry under the Illinois Dental Practice Act with regard to benefits payable for services performed by a person so licensed, which such services are within the coverage provided by the particular policy or contract of insurance and are within the

professional services authorized to be performed by such person under and in accordance with the said Act.

No company, in any policy of accident or health insurance issued in this State, shall make or permit any distinction or discrimination against individuals solely because of the individuals' disabilities in the amount of payment of premiums or rates charged for policies of insurance, in the amount of any dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or in any other terms and conditions of the contract it makes, except where the distinction or discrimination is based on sound actuarial principles or is related to actual or reasonably anticipated experience.

No company shall refuse to insure, or refuse to continue to insure, or limit the amount or extent or kind of coverage available to an individual, or charge an individual a different rate for the same coverage solely because of blindness or partial blindness. With respect to all other conditions, including the underlying cause of the blindness or partial blindness, persons who are blind or partially blind shall be subject to the same standards of sound actuarial principles or actual or reasonably anticipated experience as are sighted persons. Refusal to insure includes denial by an insurer of disability insurance coverage on the grounds that the policy defines "disability" as being presumed in the event that the insured loses his or her eyesight.

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1 issued in this State, shall make or permit any distinction or 2 discrimination against an individual solely because of the 3 individual's vaccination status in the amount of payment of 4 premiums or rates charged for policies of insurance, in the 5 amount of any dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or 6 in any other terms and conditions of the contract it makes. No 7 company, in any policy of accident or health insurance issued in this State, shall refuse to insure or refuse to continue to 8 9 insure an individual solely because of the individual's 10 vaccination status.

11 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)