



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1588

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Laura Fine

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/424

from Ch. 73, par. 1031

215 ILCS 5/500-109 new

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that, except in specified circumstances, insurance companies offering travel insurance to residents of this State are subject to provisions of the Code concerning unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices. Requires that all documents provided to consumers prior to the purchase of travel insurance, including, but not limited to, sales materials, advertising materials, and marketing materials, are consistent with the travel insurance policy itself, including, but not limited to, forms, endorsements, policies, rate filings, and certificates of insurance. For travel insurance policies or certificates that contain preexisting condition exclusions, provides that information in writing about the exclusions shall be located in a conspicuous place and an opportunity to learn more about the preexisting condition exclusions shall be provided at any time prior to the time of purchase, immediately following, but no later than 5 business days following, the purchase, and in the coverage's fulfillment materials. Unless the insured has either started a covered trip or filed a claim under the travel insurance coverage, allows a policyholder or certificate holder to cancel a policy or certificate for a full refund of the travel protection plan price within specified time frames. Requires the insurance company to disclose in the policy documentation and fulfillment materials whether the travel insurance is primary or secondary to other applicable coverage. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 424 and by adding Section 500-109 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/424) (from Ch. 73, par. 1031)

7 Sec. 424. Unfair methods of competition and unfair or  
8 deceptive acts or practices defined. The following are hereby  
9 defined as unfair methods of competition and unfair and  
10 deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance:

11 (1) The commission by any person of any one or more of  
12 the acts defined or prohibited by Sections 134, 143.24c,  
13 147, 148, 149, 151, 155.22, 155.22a, 155.42, 236, 237,  
14 364, ~~and 469~~, and 500-109 of this Code.

15 (2) Entering into any agreement to commit, or by any  
16 concerted action committing, any act of boycott, coercion  
17 or intimidation resulting in or tending to result in  
18 unreasonable restraint of, or monopoly in, the business of  
19 insurance.

20 (3) Making or permitting, in the case of insurance of  
21 the types enumerated in Classes 1, 2, and 3 of Section 4,  
22 any unfair discrimination between individuals or risks of  
23 the same class or of essentially the same hazard and

1 expense element because of the race, color, religion, or  
2 national origin of such insurance risks or applicants. The  
3 application of this Article to the types of insurance  
4 enumerated in Class 1 of Section 4 shall in no way limit,  
5 reduce, or impair the protections and remedies already  
6 provided for by Sections 236 and 364 of this Code or any  
7 other provision of this Code.

8 (4) Engaging in any of the acts or practices defined  
9 in or prohibited by Sections 154.5 through 154.8 of this  
10 Code.

11 (5) Making or charging any rate for insurance against  
12 losses arising from the use or ownership of a motor  
13 vehicle which requires a higher premium of any person by  
14 reason of his physical disability, race, color, religion,  
15 or national origin.

16 (6) Failing to meet any requirement of the Unclaimed  
17 Life Insurance Benefits Act with such frequency as to  
18 constitute a general business practice.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-893, eff. 1-1-17.)

20 (215 ILCS 5/500-109 new)

21 Sec. 500-109. Travel insurance marketing.

22 (a) As used in this Section, "fulfillment materials" means  
23 the documentation sent to the purchaser of a travel protection  
24 plan confirming the purchase and providing the travel  
25 protection plan's coverage and assistance details.

1       (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section,  
2 insurance companies offering travel insurance to residents of  
3 this State are subject to Article XXVI of this Code. In the  
4 event of a conflict between this Section and other provisions  
5 of this Code regarding the sale and marketing of travel  
6 insurance and travel protection plans, the provisions of this  
7 Section shall control.

8       (c) All documents provided to consumers prior to the  
9 purchase of travel insurance, including, but not limited to,  
10 sales materials, advertising materials, and marketing  
11 materials, shall be consistent with the travel insurance  
12 policy itself, including, but not limited to, forms,  
13 endorsements, policies, rate filings, and certificates of  
14 insurance.

15       (d) For travel insurance policies or certificates that  
16 contain preexisting condition exclusions, information in  
17 writing about the exclusions shall be located in a conspicuous  
18 place and an opportunity to learn more about the preexisting  
19 condition exclusions shall be provided at any time prior to  
20 the time of purchase, immediately following, but no later than  
21 5 business days following, the purchase, and in the coverage's  
22 fulfillment materials.

23       (e) Unless the insured has either started a covered trip  
24 or filed a claim under the travel insurance coverage, a  
25 policyholder or certificate holder may cancel a policy or  
26 certificate for a full refund of the travel protection plan

1 price from the date of purchase of a travel protection plan  
2 until at least:

3 (1) 15 days following the date of delivery of the  
4 travel protection plan's fulfillment materials by United  
5 States mail or in person; or

6 (2) 10 days following the date of delivery of the  
7 travel protection plan's fulfillment materials by  
8 electronic means.

9 For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this  
10 subsection (e), "delivery" means handing in person fulfillment  
11 materials to the policyholder or certificate holder or sending  
12 fulfillment materials by United States mail or electronic  
13 means to the policyholder or certificate holder.

14 (f) The insurance company shall disclose in the policy  
15 documentation and fulfillment materials whether the travel  
16 insurance is primary or secondary to other applicable  
17 coverage.

18 (g) When travel insurance is marketed directly to a  
19 consumer through an travel insurance company's website or by  
20 others through an aggregator website, the travel insurance  
21 company shall not be subject to Article XXVI of this Code or  
22 any other law if an accurate summary or short description of  
23 coverage is provided on the webpage, so long as the consumer  
24 has access to the full provisions of the policy through  
25 electronic means.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.