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 1
 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 559

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 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 559, AS AMENDED,

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 by replacing the title with the following:

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 "AN ACT concerning insurance."; and

5 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the 6 following:

7 "Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by 8 changing Section 143.17a as follows:

9 (215 ILCS 5/143.17a) (from Ch. 73, par. 755.17a)

10 Sec. 143.17a. Notice of intention not to renew.

11 a. No company shall fail to renew any policy of insurance, to which Section 143.11 applies, except for those 12 13 defined in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (h) of Section 143.13, unless it shall send by mail to the named insured at 14 least 60 days advance notice of its intention not to renew. 15 The company shall maintain proof of mailing of such notice on 16 one of the following forms: a recognized U.S. Post Office 17 18 form or a form acceptable to the U.S. Post Office or other commercial mail delivery service. An exact and unaltered 19 copy of such notice shall also be sent to the insured's 20 21 broker, if known, or the agent of record and to the mortgagee

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1 or lien holder at the last mailing address known by the 2 company. However, where cancellation is for nonpayment of 3 premium, the notice of cancellation must be mailed at least 4 10 days before the effective date of the cancellation.

5 This Section does not apply if the company has b. 6 manifested its willingness to renew directly to the named 7 insured. Provided, however, that no company may increase the 8 renewal premium on any policy of insurance to which Section 9 143.11 applies, except for those defined in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (h) of Section 143.13, by 30% or more, nor 10 11 impose changes in deductibles or coverage that materially alter the policy, unless the company shall have mailed or 12 delivered to the named insured written notice of 13 such increase or change in deductible or coverage at least 60 days 14 15 prior to the renewal or anniversary date. The increase in 16 premium shall be the renewal premium based on the known the date of the quotation compared to the 17 exposure as of 18 premium as of the last day of coverage for the current year's 19 policy, annualized. The premium on the renewal policy may be subsequently amended to reflect any change in exposure or 20 21 reinsurance costs not considered in the quotation. An exact 22 and unaltered copy of such notice shall also be sent to the 23 insured's broker, if known, or the agent of record. If the company intends to increase the premium on a policy by 30% or 24 25 more and the renewal date is less than 60 but more than 30 26 days away, then the company must extend the current policy under the same terms, conditions, and premium to allow 60 27 days notice of renewal and provide the actual renewal premium 28 quotation and any change in coverage or deductible on the 29 30 policy. Proof of mailing or proof of receipt may be proven by 31 a sworn affidavit by the insurer as to the usual and 32 customary business practices of mailing notice pursuant to this Section or may be proven consistent with Illinois 33 Supreme Court Rule 236. The-company-shall-maintain-proof-of 34

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mailing-or-proof-of-receipt-whichever-is-required.

2 c. Should a company fail to comply with the notice requirements of this Section, the policy shall terminate only 3 4 as provided in this subsection. In the event of a nonrenewal, if a notice of nonrenewal is not provided at least 31-days, 5 6 but-less-than 60 days prior to expiration of the policy, the 7 policy shall be extended for an additional year a-period-of 8 60-days-or-until-the-effective-date-of-any-similar--insurance 9 procured-by-the-insured,-whichever-is-less, on the same terms and conditions as the policy sought to be terminated. In the 10 11 event notice is provided less than 31 days prior to the expiration of the policy, the policy shall be extended for a 12 period of one year or until the effective date of any similar 13 insurance procured by the insured, whichever is less, on the 14 15 same terms and conditions as the policy sought to be 16 terminated unless the insurer has manifested its willingness 17 to renew at a premium which represents an increase not exceeding 30%. The-premium-for-coverage-shall-be-prorated--in 18 19 accordance--with--the--amount-of-the-last-year's-premium,-and 20 the-company--shall--be--entitled--to--this--premium--for--the 21 extension--of--coverage--and-such-extension-may-be-contingent 22 upon-the-payment-of-such-premium.

d. Renewal of a policy does not constitute a waiver or
estoppel with respect to grounds for cancellation which
existed before the effective date of such renewal.

e. In all notices of intention not to renew any policy
of insurance, as defined in Section 143.11 the company shall
provide a specific explanation of the reasons for nonrenewal.
(Source: P.A. 89-669, eff. 1-1-97.)

30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 31 becoming law.".