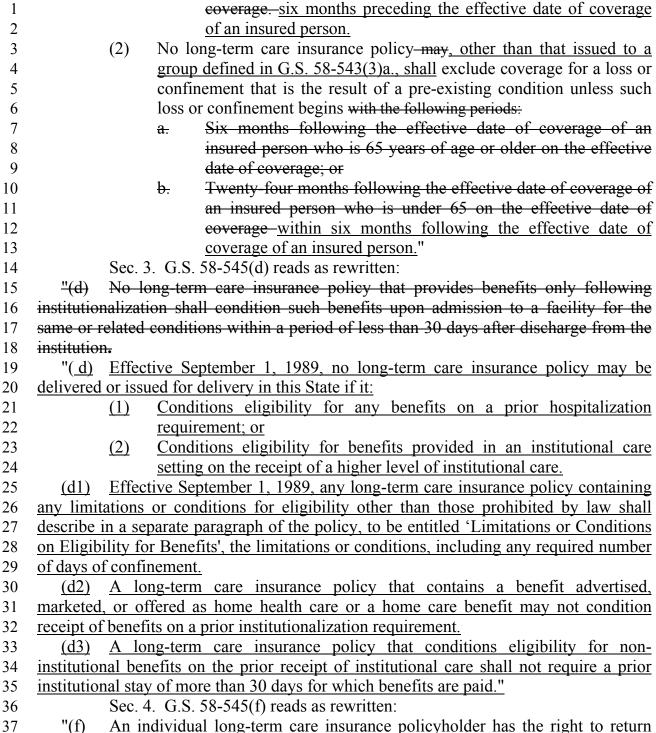
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 503* Insurance Committee Substitute Adopted 4/20/89

Short Ti	tle: Lor	ng-Term Care Insurance. (Public
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Referred	l to:	
		March 20, 1989
		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN AC	Г ТО ІМ	IPROVE COVERAGE UNDER LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE.
The Gen	eral Ass	sembly of North Carolina enacts:
	Section	on 1. G.S. 58-545(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
	"(<u>3)</u>	Provide coverage for skilled nursing care only or provide significantly
		more coverage for skilled care in a facility than coverage for lower
		levels of care."
	Sec. 2	. G.S. 58-545(c) reads as rewritten:
"(c)	Pre-ex	xisting condition:
	(1)	No long-term care insurance policy, other than that issued to a group
		defined in G.S. 58-543(3)a., or certificate shall use a definition of 'pre-
		existing condition' that is more restrictive than the following: 'pre-
		existing condition' means the existence of symptoms that would cause an
		ordinarily prudent person to seek diagnosis, care or treatment, or-a
		condition for which medical advice or treatment was recommended by,
		or received from a provider of health care services, within the following
		limitation periods:
		a. Six months preceding the effective date of coverage of an
		insured person who is 65 years of age or older on the effective
		date of coverage; or
		b. Twenty-four months preceding the effective date of coverage of
		an insured person who is under age 65 on the effective date of



"(f) An individual long-term care insurance policyholder has the right to return the policy within 10-30 days of its delivery and to have the premium refunded if, after examination of the policy, the policyholder is not satisfied for any reason. Individual long-term care insurance policies shall have a notice prominently printed on the first page of the policy or attached thereto stating in substance that unless the policyholder has received benefits under the policy, the policyholder has the right to return the policy within 10-30 days of its delivery and to have the premium refunded if, after examination of the policy, the policyholder is not satisfied for any reason."

1	Sec. 5. G.S. 58-546(a)(11) reads as rewritten:
2	"(11) 'Intermediate care facility' shall be defined in accordance with the
3	terms of G.S. 131E-176(14) G.S. 131E-176(14b)."
4	Sec. 6. G.S. 58-546 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
5	"(c) All long-term care insurance policies must be filed with and approved by the
6	Commissioner before they can be used in this State and are subject to the provisions of
7	Article 33 of this Chapter."
8	Sec. 7. This act applies to all new and renewal long-term care insurance
9	policies, as defined in G.S. 58-543(4) and (5), that are delivered or issued for delivery in
10	this State on and after the effective date of this act.
11	Sec. 8. This act shall become effective September 1, 1989.