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HOUSE BILL 1386

Short Title: Accident Prevent. Course Reduction.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wainwright; and Bowman.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUM  
3 DISCOUNTS OF AT LEAST TEN PERCENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO  
4 COMPLETE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article 36 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by  
7 adding a new section to read:

8 **"§ 58-36-66. Private passenger motor vehicle insurance premium rate reduction**  
9 **for completion of accident prevention course.**

10 (a) The classification plan promulgated pursuant to G.S. 58-36-65 shall provide  
11 for a reduction in premium rates of at least ten percent (10%) for liability and physical  
12 damage coverages to those insureds 55 years of age or older who successfully complete  
13 motor vehicle accident prevention courses approved by the Commissioner of Motor  
14 Vehicles. Those insureds shall qualify for the reduction for a three-year period after the  
15 policy issuance or renewal that follows the completion of the course. Each insured shall  
16 successfully complete an approved course every three years to be eligible for the  
17 reduction.

18 (b) Upon successfully completing the approved course, each insured shall be  
19 issued by the course's sponsor a certificate approved by the Commissioner of Motor  
20 Vehicles, which shall be evidence of qualification for the reduction in rates. No  
21 reduction in rates shall be allowed for a self-instructed course, for any course that does  
22 not provide actual classroom instruction for a minimum number of hours as determined  
23 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or for any course required to be taken by

1 virtue of a court order, by a Division of Motor Vehicles order or regulation, or by  
2 statute.

3 (c) The North Carolina Rate Bureau shall promulgate a revision to the  
4 classification plan to reflect the provisions of this section. This revision shall be subject  
5 to the filing, hearing, disapproval, review, and appeal procedures before the  
6 Commissioner and the courts as provided for rates and classification plans. The Bureau  
7 shall make a filing no later than September 1, 1993, and the revision shall become  
8 effective January 1, 1994.

9 (d) Insurers that write nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle insurance may  
10 deviate from the reduction promulgated by the Bureau and approved by the  
11 Commissioner to provide a greater discount as approved by the Commissioner.

12 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to rates used on motor vehicle  
13 insurance policies reinsured by the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Reinsurance Facility  
14 under Article 25A of this Chapter."

15 Sec. 2. This act shall apply only to nonfleet private passenger motor vehicle  
16 insurance policies that are issued or renewed on and after January 1, 1994.

17 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Division of  
18 Motor Vehicles the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year  
19 to implement the accident prevention program in Section 1 of this act.

20 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.