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SENATE BILL 118

Short Title: Accident Preven. Course Reduction.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue; Albertson, Allran, Ballantine, Blust, Carpenter, Carrington, Clark, Conder, Cooper, Dalton, Dannelly, East, Forrester, Foxx, Garwood, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Jenkins, Jordan, Kinnaird, Ledbetter, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Pitt, McDaniel, Miller, Odom, Phillips, Plyler, Reeves, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, Shaw of Guilford, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Pensions and Retirement and Insurance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUM DISCOUNTS
2 OF AT LEAST TEN PERCENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO COMPLETE
3 ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES.
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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 for**
9 **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

1 successfully complete an approved course every three years to be eligible for the
2 reduction.

3 (b) Upon successfully completing an approved course, each insured shall be issued
4 a completion certificate by the course's sponsor, on a form approved by the
5 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, which shall be the only acceptable evidence of
6 qualification for the reduction in rates.

7 No reduction in rates shall be allowed for:

8 (1) Self-instructed courses;

9 (2) Courses that do not provide actual classroom instruction for the
10 minimum number of hours prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor
11 Vehicles; or

12 (3) Any course required to be taken pursuant to:

13 a. A court order;

14 b. A Division of Motor Vehicles order or regulation; or

15 c. A statutory mandate.

16 (c) The North Carolina Rate Bureau shall promulgate a revision to the
17 classification plan to reflect the provisions of this section. The revision shall be subject
18 to the filing, hearing, disapproval, review, and appeal procedures before the
19 Commissioner and the courts as provided for rates and classification plans. The Bureau
20 shall make a filing no later than September 1, 1997, and the revision shall become
21 effective January 1, 1998.

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

25 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to rates used on motor vehicle
26 insurance policies reinsured by the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Reinsurance Facility
27 under Article 37 of this Chapter."

28 Section 2. This act shall apply only to nonfleet private passenger motor
29 vehicle insurance policies that are issued or renewed on and after January 1, 1998.

30 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.