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(Automobile insurance--nonrenewal)

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SPONSOR(S): Cardinale

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SENATE: Commerce

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SENATE: March 18, 1996

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P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 240, *approved September 5, 1997*
Senate No. 862 (*Second Reprint*)

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2 and amending P.L.1968, c.158.

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8 as follows:

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14 (b) In case of nonpayment of premium;

15 provided that, notwithstanding the failure of an insurer to comply
16 with this section, the policy shall terminate on the effective date of any
17 other insurance policy with respect to any automobile designated in
18 both policies.

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20 after having been insured at the standard rate level, the insurer shall
21 mail or deliver to the named insured, at the address shown in the
22 policy, at least ¹[60] ²[30, but not more than 45, ¹] 60² days' advance
23 notice of its intention to renew at the non-standard rate level.

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25 respect to grounds for cancellation which existed before the effective
26 date of such renewal.

27 (cf: P.L.1968, c.158, s.4)

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EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AIN committee amendments adopted May 5, 1997.

² Senate floor amendments adopted June 26, 1997.

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3 Requires auto insurers to give 60 days' notice of policy nonrenewal.

SENATE, No. 862

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 26, 1996

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1 insurance policy. This notice provision applies to regular nonrenewals
2 and to those internal nonrenewals by insurers which result in insureds
3 being nonrenewed when an insurer shifts these insureds from policies
4 at the standard rate level to policies at the non-standard rate level.

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[Passed Both Houses]

[Second Reprint]

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ASSEMBLY INSURANCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 862

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 1997

The Assembly Insurance Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments, Senate Bill No. 862.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides that automobile insurers must give named insureds at least 60 days' advance notice of nonrenewal of an automobile insurance policy. In addition, the bill provides that an insurer must give at least 30, but not more than 45, days' advance notice of renewal to named insureds who qualify for the insurer's non-standard rate plan after having been insured in the insurer's standard rate plan.

As amended, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1785 (1R).

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 862

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 1996

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 862.

This bill provides that automobile insurers must give named insureds at least 60 days' advance notice of nonrenewal of an automobile insurance policy. This is currently required by regulation. In addition, the bill provides that an insurer must give at least 60 days' advance notice of renewal to named insureds who qualify for the insurer's non-standard rate plan after having been insured in the insurer's standard rate plan. Currently, the regulations provide for at least 30 days' advance notice.

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 862

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator CARDINALE)

ADOPTED: JUNE 26, 1997

This amendment changes the number of days back to 60 for
advance notice to renew.