

under section 321.45, subsection 4, is subject to a penalty of ten dollars. A certificate of title shall not be issued to the mobile home dealer until the penalty is paid.

Sec. 5. Section 321.104, subsection 6, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

6. For a dealer to sell or transfer a mobile home without delivering to the purchaser or transferee a certificate of title, or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate properly assigned to the purchaser, or to transfer a mobile home without disclosing to the purchaser the owner of the mobile home in a manner prescribed by the department pursuant to rules, or to fail to certify within seven days to the proper county treasurer the information required under section 321.45, subsection 4, or to fail to apply for and obtain a certificate of title for a used mobile home, titled in Iowa, acquired by the dealer within fifteen days from the date of acquisition as required under section 321.45, subsection 4.

Sec. 6. Section 322B.6, Code 1987, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Failing to apply for and obtain from a county treasurer a certificate of title for a used mobile home, titled in Iowa, acquired by the dealer within fifteen days from the date of acquisition, as required under section 321.45, subsection 4.

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CHAPTER 131

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

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AN ACT relating to the regulation of long-term care insurance.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514G.1 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the public interest, to promote the availability of long-term care insurance, to protect applicants for long-term care insurance from unfair or deceptive sales or enrollment practices, to establish standards for long-term care insurance, to facilitate public understanding and comparison of long-term care insurance policies, and to facilitate flexibility and innovation in the development of long-term care insurance coverage.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 514G.2 SCOPE.

This chapter applies to policies delivered or issued for delivery in this state on or after the effective date of this Act. This chapter does not supersede the obligations of entities subject to this chapter to comply with the substance of other applicable insurance laws not in conflict with this chapter, except that laws and rules designated and intended to apply to medicare supplement insurance policies shall not be applied to long-term care insurance. A policy which is not advertised, marketed, or offered as long-term care insurance or nursing home insurance need not meet the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 514G.3 SHORT TITLE.

This chapter may be known and cited as the "Long-Term Care Insurance Act".

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 514G.4 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

1. "Long-term care insurance" means an insurance policy, insurance contract, insurance certificate, or rider, which is advertised, marketed, offered, or designed to provide coverage for not less than twelve consecutive months for each covered person on an expense incurred, indemnity, prepaid, or other basis; for one or more necessary or medically necessary diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, or personal care service, provided in a

setting other than an acute care unit of a hospital; and includes group and individual policies or riders whether issued by insurers, fraternal benefit societies, nonprofit health, hospital, and medical service corporations, prepaid health plans, health maintenance organizations, or any similar organization. "Long-term care insurance" does not include an insurance policy which is offered primarily to provide basic medicare supplement coverage, basic hospital expense coverage, basic medical-surgical expense coverage, hospital confinement indemnity coverage, major medical expense coverage, disability income protection coverage, accident only coverage, specified disease or specified accident coverage, or limited benefit health coverage.

2. "Applicant" means either of the following:

a. A person seeking to contract for an individual long-term care insurance policy for the benefit of that person.

b. The proposed certificate holder of a group long-term care insurance policy.

3. "Certificate" means a certificate issued under a group long-term care insurance policy, which policy has been delivered or issued for delivery in this state.

4. "Commissioner" means the insurance commissioner.

5. "Group long-term care insurance" means a long-term care insurance policy which is delivered or issued for delivery in this state and issued to any of the following:

a. One or more employers or labor organizations, or to a trust, or to the trustees of a fund established by one or more employers or labor organizations, or a combination thereof, for employees or former employees or a combination thereof or for members or former members or a combination thereof, of the labor organizations.

b. A professional, trade, or occupational association for its members or former or retired members, or a combination thereof, if the association is both:

(1) Composed of individuals all of whom are or were actively engaged in the same profession, trade, or occupation.

(2) Maintained in good faith for purposes other than obtaining insurance.

c. An association, a trust, or the trustee of a fund established, created, or maintained for the benefit of members of one or more associations.

d. A group other than as described in paragraphs "a" through "c", subject to a finding by the commissioner that all of the following are true:

(1) The issuance of a group policy is not contrary to the best interest of the public.

(2) The issuance of the group policy would result in economies of acquisition or administration.

(3) The benefits are reasonable in relation to the premiums charged.

6. "Policy" means a policy, contract, subscriber agreement, rider, endorsement delivered or issued for delivery in this state by an insurer, fraternal benefit society, nonprofit health, hospital, or medical service corporation, prepared health plan, health maintenance organization, or any similar organization.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 514G.5 LIMITS OF GROUP LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE.

Group long-term care insurance coverage shall not be offered to a resident of this state under a group policy issued in another state to a group described in section 514G.4, subsection 5, paragraph "d", unless this state or another state having statutory and regulatory long-term care insurance requirements substantially similar to those adopted in this state has made a determination that long-term care insurance requirements have been met.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 514G.6 LIMITATIONS ON ASSOCIATIONS.

1. Prior to advertising, marketing, or offering a policy within this state, an association or a trust or the trustee of a fund established, created, or maintained for the benefit of members of one or more associations, or the insurer of the association or associations, shall file evidence with the commissioner that the association has at the outset a minimum of one hundred persons and has been organized and maintained in good faith for purposes other than that of obtaining insurance; has been in active existence for at least one year; and has a constitution and bylaws which provide all of the following:

a. The association must hold regular meetings not less than annually to further the purposes of the members.

b. Except for credit unions, the association must collect dues or solicit contributions from members.

c. The members must have voting privileges and representation on the governing board and committees.

2. Thirty days after such filing the association or associations will be deemed to satisfy such organizational requirements, unless the commissioner makes a finding that the association or associations do not satisfy those organizational requirements.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 514G.7 DISCLOSURE AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE.

1. RULES. The commissioner may adopt rules for full and fair disclosure of the terms and benefits of a long-term care insurance policy, including but not limited to rules setting forth the manner, content, and required disclosures for the sale of long-term care insurance policies, terms of renewability, initial and subsequent conditions of eligibility, nonduplication of coverage provisions, coverage of dependents, preexisting conditions, termination of insurance, probationary periods, limitations, exceptions, reductions, elimination periods, requirements for replacement, recurrent conditions, and definitions of terms.

2. PROHIBITIONS. A long-term care insurance policy shall not:

a. Be cancelled, nonrenewed, or otherwise terminated on the grounds of the age or the deterioration of the mental or physical health of the insured individual or certificate holder.

b. Contain a provision establishing a new waiting period in the event existing coverage is converted to or replaced by a new or other form within the same company, except with respect to an increase in benefits voluntarily selected by the insured individual or group policyholder.

3. PREEXISTING CONDITIONS.

a. A long-term care insurance policy or certificate shall not use a definition of "preexisting condition" which is more restrictive than the following: "Preexisting condition" means the existence of symptoms which 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 limitation periods specified below:

(1) Six months preceding the effective date of coverage of an insured person who is sixty-five years of age or older on the effective date of coverage.

(2) Twenty-four months preceding the effective date of coverage of an insured person who is under age sixty-five on the effective date of coverage.

b. A long-term care insurance policy shall not exclude coverage for a loss or confinement which is the result of a preexisting condition unless the loss or confinement begins within the shortest applicable period specified below:

(1) Six months following the effective date of coverage of an insured person who is sixty-five years of age or older on the effective date of coverage.

(2) Twenty-four months following the effective date of coverage of an insured person who is under age sixty-five on the effective date of coverage.

c. The commissioner may extend the limitation periods in paragraphs "a" and "b" of this subsection to specific age group categories in specific policy forms, upon findings that the extension is in the best interest of the public.

d. The definition of "preexisting condition" does not prohibit either of the following:

(1) An insurer from using an application form designed to elicit the complete health history of an applicant.

(2) An insurer from underwriting in accordance with that insurer's established underwriting standards based on the answers on an application conforming with subparagraph (1).

4. PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION. A long-term care insurance policy which provides benefits only following institutionalization shall not condition the benefits upon admission to

a facility for the same or related conditions within a period of less than thirty days after discharge from the institution.

5. **RULES.** The commissioner may adopt rules establishing loss ratio standards for long-term care insurance policies provided that a specific reference to long-term care insurance policies is contained in the rules.

6. **RIGHT TO RETURN AFTER EXAMINATION.**

a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", an individual long-term care insurance policyholder has the right to return the policy within ten 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 must have a notice prominently printed on the first page of the policy or attached to the first page stating in substance that the policyholder has the right to return the policy within ten days of its delivery and to have the premium refunded if, after examination of the policy, the policyholder is not satisfied for any reason.

b. A person insured under a long-term care insurance policy issued pursuant to a direct response solicitation has the right to return the policy within thirty days of its delivery and to have the premium refunded if, after examination, the insured person is not satisfied for any reason. Long-term care insurance policies issued pursuant to a direct response solicitation must have a notice prominently printed on the first page or attached to the first page stating in substance that the insured person has the right to return the policy within thirty days of its delivery and to have the premium refunded if, after examination of the policy, the insured person is not satisfied for any reason.

7. **OUTLINE OF COVERAGE.** An outline of coverage shall be delivered to an applicant for an individual long-term care insurance policy at the time of application. In the case of direct response solicitations, the insurer shall deliver the outline of coverage upon the applicant's request, but regardless of request shall deliver the outline no later than at the time of policy delivery. An outline of coverage must include all of the following:

- a. A description of the principal benefits and coverage provided in the policy.
- b. A statement of the principal exclusions, reductions, and limitations contained in the policy.
- c. A statement of the renewal provisions, including any reservation in the policy of a right to change premiums.
- d. A statement that the outline of coverage is a summary of the policy issued or applied for, and that the policy should be consulted to determine governing contractual provisions.

8. **CERTIFICATES.** A certificate issued pursuant to a group long-term care insurance policy which is delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall include all of the following:

- a. A description of the principal benefits and coverage provided in the policy.
- b. A statement of the principal exclusions, reductions, and limitations contained in the policy.
- c. A statement that the group master policy determines governing contractual provisions.

9. **COMPLIANCE REQUIRED.** A policy shall not be advertised, marketed, or offered as long-term care or nursing home insurance unless it complies with this chapter.

Sec. 8. **NEW SECTION. 514G.8 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.**

Rules adopted pursuant to this chapter must be in accordance with the provisions of section 505.8.

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