SENATE FILE 115 BY GREEN

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the expenses of bringing certain dispute
- 2 of denial of coverage actions under property and casualty
- 3 insurance.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 515.136A Property and casualty insurance claims — appeals — costs.

3 If a policyholder brings an action under a policy of 4 property and casualty insurance to dispute a denial of coverage 5 regarding insured real property and prevails in the action, the 6 insurer shall be required to pay, in addition to damages, all 7 reasonable costs and expenses of the policyholder, including 8 costs of inspections, adjusters, appraisers, engineers, 9 reasonable attorney fees, and any other expenses reasonably 10 attributable to the action.

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EXPLANATION

12The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with13the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill provides that if a policyholder brings an action 15 under a property and casualty insurance policy to dispute a 16 denial of coverage on the policyholder's insured real property, 17 and prevails in the action, the insurer is required to pay, 18 in addition to damages, all reasonable costs and expenses of 19 the policyholder, including costs of inspections, adjusters, 20 appraisers, engineers, reasonable attorney fees, and any other 21 expenses reasonably attributable to the action.

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