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**SENATE BILL 134**

Short Title: Curb Underwriting Abuses. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Johnson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY  
POLICYHOLDERS FROM CERTAIN UNDERWRITING ABUSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Definition. – As used in this act, "residential property and casualty insurance" shall mean insurance against loss to residential real property with not more than four housing units located in this State or any contents thereof or valuable interest therein and other insurance coverages written in connection with the sale of such property insurance.

**SECTION 2.** Measures for Combating Underwriting Abuse. – Until the effective date of the permanent rules that the Commissioner of Insurance is required to adopt pursuant to Section 4 of this act, the Commissioner shall implement the measures for combating underwriting abuse set forth in Section 3 of this act.

**SECTION 3.** Implementation. – Insurers writing residential property and casualty insurance policies in this State shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) With respect to new business, the insurer shall take no more than 90 days from the effective date of the policy to make any underwriting investigation other than review of the initial application and to bill the insured for proper rating and classification. The insurer shall not deny a claim based on underwriting a risk after the effective date of the policy and the presentment of a claim.
- (2) With respect to renewal business, an insurer shall not bill for any additional premium after the renewal quotation is made (for any condition which existed at the time of renewal).

**SECTION 4.** Rule Adoption. – The Commissioner of Insurance shall adopt permanent rules applicable to insurers writing residential property and casualty insurance policies in this State consistent with Section 3 of this act. Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-19(4), the rules adopted by the Council, pursuant to this section, shall be substantively identical to the provisions of Section 3 of this act.

**SECTION 5.** Effective Date and Sunset. – This act becomes effective October 1, 2023, and expires when permanent rules adopted as required by Section 4 of this act become effective.

