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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN	ACT	concerning
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2 Credit Insurance - Refusal to Issue Policies Based on Age - Prohibited

- 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting insurers that deliver or issue for delivery in the State
- 4 policies of credit life insurance, credit health insurance, or credit involuntary
- 5 unemployment insurance from refusing to issue a policy to an applicant based
- solely on the applicant's age; and generally relating to credit life, credit health,
- 7 and credit involuntary unemployment insurance.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Insurance
- 10 Section 13-104
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 15 Article Insurance
- 16 13-104.
- 17 (A) Each policy of credit life insurance, credit health insurance, or credit
- 18 involuntary unemployment benefit insurance shall be:
- 19 (1) delivered or issued for delivery in the State only by an authorized
- 20 insurer; and
- 21 (2) issued only through a holder of a license, certificate of authority, or
- 22 certificate of qualification issued by the Commissioner.
- 23 (B) AN INSURER THAT DELIVERS OR ISSUES FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE
- 24 POLICIES OF CREDIT LIFE INSURANCE, CREDIT HEALTH INSURANCE, OR CREDIT
- 25 INVOLUNTARY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MAY NOT REFUSE TO ISSUE A POLICY
- 26 TO AN APPLICANT BASED SOLELY ON THE APPLICANT'S AGE.

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 1 2 effect October 1, 2005.