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SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

INSURANCE RATES. Prohibits insurance rate determinations based on risks classified due to the fact that the insured is a widow or widower. (8/1/20)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1454(A), relative to rating standards and methods; to prohibit
3	the determination of rate classifications based on the status of the insured being a
4	widow or widower; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 22:1454(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§1454. Rating standards and methods
8	A. Rates shall not be inadequate or unfairly discriminatory in a competitive
9	market. Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory in a
10	noncompetitive market. Risks may be classified using any criteria except that no risk
11	shall be classified on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin, or the status
12	of the insured being a widow or widower.
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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<u>Present law</u> requires that insurance rates not be inadequate or unfairly discriminatory in a competitive market. Requires that rates not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory in a noncompetitive market. Authorizes classification of risks using any criteria but prohibits risk classifications on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains these provisions but further prohibits risk classifications made on the basis of the status that the insured is a widow or widower.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 22:1454(A))