

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 29(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/8/23**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE MCCABE**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act prohibiting certain insurance decisions based solely on a person's political**  
2 **party or a person's status as an elected official."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 21.36 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 21.36.520. Decisions based on political party or elected official status.**

6 (a) A person transacting insurance in this state may not, solely because of a person's  
7 political party or a person's status as an elected official,

8 (1) refuse to issue or renew insurance coverage;

9 (2) limit the scope of insurance coverage;

10 (3) cancel an existing policy of insurance;

11 (4) deny a covered claim; or

12 (5) increase the premium, policy fees, or rates charged on an insurance  
13 policy.

14 (b) The provisions of (a) of this section do not apply if the refusal, limitation,

1 cancellation, denial, or increase is

2 (1) based on sound underwriting or actuarial principles reasonably  
3 related to actual or anticipated loss experience; or

4 (2) required or authorized by law or regulation.

5 (c) In this section,

6 (1) "elected official" means a member of the legislature, the governor,  
7 the lieutenant governor, a constitutional convention delegate, a borough or city mayor,  
8 or a member of a borough or city assembly, council, or school board;

9 (2) "political party" has the meaning given in AS 15.80.010.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to an insurance policy or contract issued,  
13 delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.