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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Governor's Action: April 12, 2011, Signed

Summary: Automobile insurer

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/19/2011 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C01-19-11.docx))

 1/19/2011 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C01-19-11.docx))

 2/2/2011 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers, Bales, Anderson, Pinson

 2/2/2011 House Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-02-11.docx))

 2/3/2011 Scrivener's error corrected

 2/8/2011 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). Hart, King, Crawford, RL Brown, Bikas, Brady, Sandifer, Sabb, Brantley, Forrester, Atwater, JR Smith, Hardwick, Hearn, and Parker ([House Journal‑page 67](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-08-11.docx))

 2/9/2011 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-09-11.docx))

 2/9/2011 House Roll call Yeas‑111 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-09-11.docx))

 2/10/2011 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 36](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-10-11.docx))

 2/15/2011 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-15-11.docx))

 2/15/2011 Senate Referred to Committee on **Banking and Insurance** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-15-11.docx))

 2/23/2011 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Banking and Insurance** ([Senate Journal‑page 30](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-23-11.docx))

 3/23/2011 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C03-23-11.docx))

 3/23/2011 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑3 ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C03-23-11.docx))

 3/24/2011 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C03-24-11.docx))

 4/6/2011 Ratified R 24

 4/12/2011 Signed By Governor

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(A8, R24, H3373)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 38‑77‑112, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF AN AUTOMOBILE INSURER FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO WRITE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AN APPLICANT OR EXISTING POLICYHOLDER, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS SECTION.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Automobile insurer not required to write coverage for existing policyholder**

SECTION 1. Section 38‑77‑112 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 38‑77‑112. An automobile insurer is not required to write coverage for automobile insurance as defined in Section 38‑77‑30 for an applicant or existing policyholder. An insurer or producer shall retain, for at least three years, a record of its refusals of coverage including the reason for the refusal and shall furnish this information upon the request of the Director of the Department of Insurance or his designee.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 6th day of April, 2011.

Approved the 12th day of April, 2011.

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