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LEGISLATIVE BILL 535

Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to life insurance; to provide for notice to
- 2 assignees of default and lapse and termination; to define a term;
- 3 and to provide for applicability.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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- 1 Section 1. (1) No policy of life insurance issued or delivered in
- 2 this state and subject to an assignment made in this state shall
- 3 terminate or lapse by reason of default in payment of any premium due on
- 4 such policy, unless a notice of pending lapse and termination of such
- 5 policy has been provided by the insurer to any known assignee having an
- 6 <u>interest in the life insurance policy, at least thirty days prior to the</u>
- 7 effective date of such lapse and termination.
- 8 (2) Notice of the lapse and termination pursuant to this section
- 9 shall be provided electronically by the insurer to any assignee which has
- 10 requested notice pursuant to subsection (3) of this section. The insurer
- 11 shall be permitted to charge the policy owner directly or against the
- 12 policy for the reasonable cost of complying with this subsection, but in
- 13 no event to exceed two dollars and fifty cents for each notice.
- 14 (3) An assignee of a policy of life insurance under an assignment
- 15 made in this state may request the insurer to give such assignee notice
- 16 of default in payment of any premium due on such policy at least thirty
- 17 days prior to the effective date of any lapse and termination of such
- 18 life insurance policy. The request shall be made before default in
- 19 payment of premium due on such policy and shall be in writing, be mailed
- 20 to the home office of the insurer, specify the name and address at which
- 21 such notice shall be provided electronically by the insurer to the
- 22 assignee, specify the name of the insured, and specify the policy number.
- 23 Upon termination of the assignee's rights under the assignment, the
- 24 assignee shall promptly mail a release of the assignment to the home
- 25 office of the insurer.
- 26 (4) For purposes of this section, a life insurance policy includes,
- 27 <u>but is not limited to, an individual life insurance policy and a group</u>
- 28 life insurance policy.
- 29 <u>(5) This section shall not apply to nonrenewal and shall not be</u>
- 30 <u>construed to affect the contractual rights of assignees.</u>