

HOUSE No. 2850

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 27, 1958.

The committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 103 of the Resolves of 1956 and continued under Chapter 80 of the Resolves of 1957) for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the activities of accident and health insurance companies, the issuance of credit life, health and accident insurance to creditors in connection with finance contracts and other related matters (Senate, No. 556, App. B), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2850).

For the committee,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE ENTIRELY THE RIGHT OF AN INSURER TO CANCEL AN ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS POLICY, TO RESTRICT THE RIGHT OF AN INSURER TO REFUSE RENEWAL TO THE PREMIUM DUE DATE ON OR AFTER AND NEAREST THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLICY, AND TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF NOTICE REQUIRED FOR NON-RENEWAL FROM FIVE TO A LONGER PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 108 of chapter 175 of the General Laws
2 (Ter. Ed.), as amended, is hereby further amended by striking
3 out that portion of subsection 3 (a) (3) which reads:—

4 “A policy which contains a cancellation provision may add,
5 at the end of the above provision, the following:—subject to
6 the right of the insurer to cancel in accordance with the can-
7 cellation provision hereof.

8 “A policy in which the insurer reserves the right to refuse
9 any renewal shall have, at the beginning of the above provi-
10 sion:— Unless not less than five days prior to the premium
11 due date the insurer has delivered to the insured or has mailed
12 to his last address as shown by the records of the insurer written
13 notice of its intention not to renew this policy beyond the period
14 for which the premium has been accepted.”

15 and inserting in place thereof the following:— A policy in
16 which the insurer reserves the right to refuse renewal shall have,
17 at the beginning of the above provision:— Unless not less than
18 thirty days prior to the premium due date the insurer has de-
19 livered to the insured or has mailed to his last address as shown
20 by the records of the insurer written notice of its intention not
21 to renew this policy beyond the period for which the premium
22 has been accepted.

1 SECTION 2. Section 108 of chapter 175 of the General Laws
2 (Ter. Ed.), as amended, is hereby further amended by re-
3 designating subsections 3 (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), as subsections 3
4 (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), respectively, and adding the following
5 as subsection 3 (c): — (c) Each such policy in which the insurer
6 reserves the right to refuse renewal on an individual basis shall
7 provide, in substance, in a provision thereof or in an endorse-
8 ment thereon or in a rider attached thereto, that subject to the
9 right to terminate the policy upon nonpayment of premium
10 when due, such right to refuse renewal shall not be exercised
11 before the renewal date occurring on, or after and nearest, each
12 anniversary, or in the case of lapse and reinstatement at the
13 renewal date occurring on, or after and nearest, each anniversary
14 of the last reinstatement, and that any refusal of renewal shall
15 be without prejudice to any claim originating while the policy
16 is in force. The preceding sentence shall not apply to accident
17 insurance only policies.

1 SECTION 3. Section 108 of chapter 175 of the General Laws
2 (Ter. Ed.), as amended, is hereby further amended to delete
3 from subsection 3 (b), the sub-paragraph (8) captioned "Can-
4 cellation" and to re-number sub-paragraphs (9), (10) and (11)
5 of said subsection 3 (b): — (8), (9) and (10), respectively.

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the subject of the study. It discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study. This includes a description of the data sources, the sampling method, and the statistical methods used to analyze the data. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study. This includes a description of the findings and an interpretation of the results. The final part of the report is a conclusion and a list of references.

The results of the study show that there is a significant relationship between the variables studied. The findings suggest that the independent variable has a positive effect on the dependent variable. This relationship is supported by the statistical analysis, which shows a strong positive correlation. The study also found that there are several factors that influence the relationship between the variables. These factors include the age of the participants, the duration of the study, and the level of education. The study has several limitations, including a small sample size and a cross-sectional design. Despite these limitations, the study provides valuable insights into the relationship between the variables studied. Further research is needed to explore this relationship in more detail and to identify the underlying mechanisms. The study has several implications for practice and policy. It suggests that interventions aimed at reducing the independent variable may lead to a decrease in the dependent variable. This finding has important implications for the development of effective interventions and policies. The study also highlights the need for further research in this area. The findings provide a solid foundation for future studies and suggest that there is still much to be learned about the relationship between the variables studied.