

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1835

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, April 23, 1975.

The committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 118) of Daniel J. Foley for legislation to provide for certain regulation between insurers and agents; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 121) of Daniel J. Foley for legislation to provide for certain regulation between insurers and agents, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1835).

For the Committee.

DANIEL J. FOLEY

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REGULATION BETWEEN INSURERS AND AGENTS.

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

1 Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by add-  
2 ing after Section 162B the following new section:

3 *Section 162C:* No insurer issuing or delivering in the com-  
4 monwealth either motor vehicle policies as defined in section  
5 34A and Section 340 of Chapter 90 or homeowner insurance  
6 policies insuring individuals against any, some or all of the  
7 risks of loss to personal dwellings or the contents thereof or  
8 the personal liability pertaining thereto, shall demand or make  
9 mandatory upon any agent so licensed in the commonwealth  
10 any system of direct billing to the insured by the insurer with  
11 respect to such policies unless such system shall be approved,  
12 accepted and endorsed by any such agent in writing on a form  
13 prescribed by the commissioner.

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15 motor vehicle policies as defined in Section 34A and Section  
16 340 of Chapter 90 or homeowner insurance policies insuring  
17 individuals against any, some or all of the risks of loss to per-  
18 sonal dwellings or the contents thereof or the personal liability  
19 pertaining thereto shall, with respect to such policies, cancel  
20 an agent's book of business with such insurer in its entirety  
21 or in part following an agent's decision not to accept a direct  
22 billing proposal advanced by the said insurer wherein such can-  
23 cellation can be attributed to the agent's decision not to accept  
24 a system of direct billing to the insured.