105TH CONGRESS H.R. 1024

To establish requirements for the cancellation of automobile insurance policies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. Mink of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

To establish requirements for the cancellation of automobile insurance policies.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SALES OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.
- 4 No State shall authorize the sale of automobile insur-
- 5 ance policies unless such policies are subject to cancella-
- 6 tion in accordance with section 2.
- 7 SEC. 2. CANCELLATION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLI-
- 8 CIES.
- 9 A paid-up policy of automobile insurance may be can-
- 10 celed only if—

- 1 (1) a written notice of cancellation is mailed or 2 delivered to the last known mailing address of the 3 named insured as shown in the records of the in-4 surer at least 180 days before the effective date of 5 the cancellation;
 - (2) the insurer shows that the named insured had the insured's driver's license suspended or revoked; or
- 9 (3) the insurer shows that the name insured 10 has been convicted of, or forfeited bail for, any ac-11 tion arising out of or in connection with the oper-12 ation of a motor vehicle that is grounds for suspen-13 sion or revocation of a driver's license.

14 SEC. 3. RENEWAL OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.

- 15 An insurer shall mail or deliver to an insured a writ-16 ten notice of non-renewal of an automobile insurance pol-
- 17 icy at the last known mailing address of the named in-
- 18 sured as shown in the records of the insurer at least 180
- 19 days before the expiration of the policy.

20 SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT.

- 21 (a) Insurer.—An insurer which violates section 1,
- 22 2, or 3 shall with respect to the insured involved in such
- 23 violation—

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- 24 (1) accept an application or written request for
- automobile insurance coverage at a rate and on the

1	same terms and conditions as are available to its
2	insureds under the insurer's automobile insurance
3	coverage;
4	(2) reinstate the automobile insurance coverage
5	for such insured to the end of the applicable policy
6	period.
7	(b) Others.—Any person who violates section 1, 2,
8	or 3 shall be subject to—
9	(1) a cease and desist order issued in accord-

9 (1) a cease and desist order issued in accord-10 ance with section 5 of the Federal Trade Commis-11 sion Act (15 U.S.C. 45); or

(2) a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.

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