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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT GROUP CREDIT A

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT GROUP CREDIT ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE MAY BE ISSUED TO A CREDITOR TO INSURE DEBTORS OF THE CREDITOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. G.S. 58-51-80(b) reads as rewritten:

- "(b) No policy or contract of group accident, group health or group accident and health insurance shall be delivered or issued for delivery in this State unless the group of persons thereby insured conforms to the requirements of the following subdivisions:
 - (1) Under a policy issued to an employer, principal, or to the trustee of a fund established by an employer or two or more employers in the same industry or kind of business, or by a principal or two or more principals in the same industry or kind of business, which employer, principal, or trustee shall be deemed the policyholder, covering, except as hereinafter provided, only employees, or agents, of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to employment, or agency, for amounts of insurance based upon some plan which will preclude individual selection. The premium may be paid by the employer, by the employer and the employees jointly, or by the employee; and where the

- relationship of principal and agent exists, the premium may be paid by the principal, by the principal and agents, jointly, or by the agents. If the premium is paid by the employer and the employees jointly, or by the principal and agents jointly, or by the employees, or by the agents, the group shall be structured on an actuarially sound basis.
- (1a) Under a policy issued to an association or to a trust or to the trustee or trustees of a fund established, created, or maintained for the benefit of members of one or more associations. The association or associations shall have at the outset a minimum of 500 persons and shall have been organized and maintained in good faith for purposes other than that of obtaining insurance; shall have been in active existence for at least five years; and shall have a constitution and bylaws that provide that (i) the association or associations hold regular meetings not less than annually to further purposes of the members; (ii) except for credit unions, the association or associations collect dues or solicit contributions from members; and (iii) the members, other than associate members, have voting privileges and representation on the governing board and committees. The policy is subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The policy may insure members of the association or associations, employees of the association or associations, or employees of members, or one or more of the preceding or all of any class or classes for the benefit of persons other than the employee's employer.
 - b. The premium for the policy shall be paid from funds contributed by the association or associations, or by employer members, or by both, or from funds contributed by the covered persons or from both the covered persons and the association, associations, or employer members.
 - c. Repealed by Session Laws 1997-259, s. 8.
- (1b) Under a policy issued to a creditor as defined in G.S. 58-57-5 who shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure debtors as defined in G.S. 58-57-5 of the creditor to provide indemnity for payments becoming due on a specific loan or other credit transaction as defined in G.S. 58-51-100, with or without insurance against death by accident, subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The debtors eligible for insurance under the policy shall be all of the debtors of the creditor whose indebtedness is repayable in installments, or all of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to the indebtedness or to the purchase giving rise to the indebtedness. The policy may provide that the term "debtors" shall include the debtors of one or more subsidiary corporations, and the debtors of one or more affiliated corporations, proprietors or partnerships if the business of the

1		policyholder and of such affiliated corporations, proprietors or
2		partnerships is under common control through stock ownership.
3		contract or otherwise.
4	<u>b.</u>	The premium for the policy shall be paid from the creditor's
5		funds, from charges collected from the insured debtors, or from
6		both. A policy on which part or all of the premium is to be
7		derived from the collection from the insured debtors or
8		identifiable charges not required of uninsured debtors shall not
9		include, in the class or classes of debtors eligible for insurance,
10		debtors under obligations outstanding at its date of issue without
11		evidence of individual insurability unless the group is structured
12		on an actuarially sound basis. A policy on which no part of the
13		premium is to be derived from the collection of such identifiable
14		charges must insure all eligible debtors, or all except any as to
15		whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the
16		insurer.
17	<u>c.</u>	The policy may be issued only if the group of eligible debtors is
18		then receiving new entrants at the rate of at least 100 persons
19		yearly, or may reasonably be expected to receive at least 100 new
20		entrants during the first policy year, and only if the policy
21		reserves to the insurer the right to require evidence of individual
22 23		insurability if less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the new
23		entrants become insured.
24	<u>d.</u>	Premiums for this coverage shall be actuarially equivalent to the
25		rates authorized under Article 57 of Chapter 58 of the General
26		Statutes for credit accident and health insurance.
27	(2), (3) Repe	ealed by Session Laws 1997-259, s. 8."
28	Section 2. T	This act is effective on and after July 1, 2000.