

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 5, 2022

Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to insurance for victims of a hate crime

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 3114
2 to read as follows:

3 § 3114. Hate crimes; coverage refusal. (a) For purposes of this
4 section, "insured" means a current policyholder or a person or entity
5 that is covered under an insurance policy.

6 (b) This section shall apply to policies of insurance if the insured
7 or proposed insured is:

8 1. an individual;

9 2. a religious organization;

10 3. an educational organization; or

11 4. any other nonprofit organization that is organized and operated for
12 religious, charitable or educational purposes.

13 (c) An insurer issuing policies subject to this section shall not
14 cancel, refuse to issue, refuse to renew, or increase the premium of a
15 policy solely on the basis that one or more claims have been made
16 against any policy during the preceding sixty months for a loss that is
17 the result of a hate crime as defined pursuant to article four hundred
18 eighty-five of the penal law committed against the person or property
19 insured if the insured provides evidence to the insurer that the act
20 causing such loss is identified as a hate crime on a police report.

21 (d) An insurer may cancel, refuse to renew, increase the premium of,
22 or change the terms or benefits of an insurance policy due to other
23 factors that are not prohibited by this section.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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