

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2018 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4576**

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[Introduced February 13, 2018; Referred  
to the Committee on Banking and Insurance then the  
Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §33-11-4c, relating to insurance unfair trade practices; prohibiting use of a  
 3 person's credit history in certain insurance transactions.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 11. UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES.**

**§33-11-4c. Use of credit history prohibited in certain transactions.**

1 With respect to insurance policies for passenger motor vehicles or commercial vehicle  
 2 insurance lines, no person may:

3 (1) Refuse to underwrite, cancel, refuse to renew a risk or increase a renewal premium  
 4 based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant for insurance or an insured person;

5 (2) Rate a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant for insurance  
 6 or an insured person in any manner, including, but not limited to, the provision or removal of a  
 7 discount, assigning an applicant or insured person to a rating tier, or placing an applicant or  
 8 insured person with an affiliated company; or

9 (3) Require a particular payment plan based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of  
 10 the applicant for insurance or the insured person.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the use of a person's credit history in certain insurance transactions involving passenger motor vehicles or commercial vehicle insurance lines.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.