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To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2613
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN INSURER ADVERTISES AN INSURANCE
2 POLICY IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, THE INSURER NEED ONLY PROVIDE AN
3 ENGLISH WRITTEN INSURANCE POLICY, SO LONG AS THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE
4 ADVERTISEMENT CLEARLY STATES THAT THE INSURANCE POLICY IS ONLY
5 AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH; TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASE OF DISPUTES, THE
6 INSURANCE POLICY IS CONTROLLING AND THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE
7 ADVERTISEMENT SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MODIFY THE INSURANCE
8 POLICY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. (1) If any insurer advertises an insurance
11 policy, or the availability of a foreign language informational
12 sheet, or the availability of a translation of an insurance policy
13 in a language other than English, the insurer need only provide an
14 English written insurance policy, so long as the advertisement
15 clearly states that the insurance policy is only available in
16 English. Notwithstanding the use of a language other than English
17 in advertisements, in the case of a dispute, the insurance policy
18 is controlling and any advertisements for insurance policies,
19 informational sheets, or translations shall not be construed to
20 modify or change the insurance policy.

21 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
22 insurers to provide insurance related services, such as claim
23 services, in language other than English.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2000.