Tabled COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill No. 2130

BY: Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this act, the term "authorized 15 inspector" means an inspector who is approved by the insurer and 16 who is a home inspector licensed under Section 73-60-1 et seq. 17 (2) An insurer shall not refuse to issue or refuse to renew 18 a homeowner's policy insuring a residential structure with a roof 19 that is less than fifteen (15) years old solely because of the age

20 of the roof.

(3) For a roof that is at least fifteen (15) years old, an
insurer must allow a homeowner to have a roof inspection performed
by an authorized inspector at the homeowner's expense before

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requiring the replacement of the roof of a residential structure as a condition of issuing or renewing a homeowner's insurance policy. The insurer shall not refuse to issue or refuse to renew a homeowner's insurance policy solely because of roof age if an inspection of the roof of the residential structure performed by an authorized inspector indicates that the roof has five (5) years or more of useful life remaining.

(4) For purposes of this section, a roof's age shall be calculated using the last date on which 100 percent (100%) of the roof's surface area was built or replaced in accordance with the building code in effect at that time or the initial date of a partial roof replacement when subsequent partial roof builds or replacements were completed that resulted in 100 percent (100%) of the roof's surface area being built or replaced.

38 (5) An insurer may underwrite any roof based upon age and 39 other factors as long as it offers the insured actual cash value 40 or depreciated cash value. The Commissioner of the Department of 41 Insurance may exempt certain areas of the state from the 42 provisions of this act in accordance with Chapter 34 of Title 83, 43 Mississippi Code of 1972.

44 (6) This act shall apply to homeowners' insurance policies45 issued or renewed on or after June 30, 2024.

46 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 47 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024.

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Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and

inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AN INSURER FROM REFUSING TO ISSUE OR 1 2 REFUSING TO RENEW A HOMEOWNER'S POLICY INSURING A RESIDENTIAL 3 STRUCTURE WITH A ROOF THAT IS LESS THAN FIFTEEN YEARS OLD SOLELY 4 BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF THE ROOF; TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURER SHALL 5 NOT REFUSE TO ISSUE OR REFUSE TO RENEW A HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE 6 POLICY SOLELY BECAUSE OF ROOF AGE IF AN INSPECTION OF THE ROOF OF 7 THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE PERFORMED BY AN AUTHORIZED INSPECTOR 8 INDICATES THAT THE ROOF HAS FIVE YEARS OR MORE OF USEFUL LIFE 9 REMAINING; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE ACT; TO 10 AUTHORIZE AN INSURER TO UNDERWRITE ANY ROOF BASED UPON AGE AND OTHER FACTORS AS LONG AS IT OFFERS THE INSURED ACTUAL CASH VALUE 11 12 OR DEPRECIATED CASH VALUE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.