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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 761
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW INSURANCE COMPANIES TO ADVERTISE IN A FOREIGN
2 LANGUAGE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ENGLISH-WRITTEN INSURANCE POLICY IS
3 CONTROLLING; AS FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. If an insurer advertises an insurance policy, or
6 the availability of a foreign language informational sheet, or the
7 availability of a translation of an insurance policy in a language
8 other than English, the insurer may provide an insurance policy
9 written only in English if the advertisement clearly states that
10 the insurance policy is available only in English. Notwithstanding
11 the use of a language other than English in advertisements, in the
12 case of a dispute, the English-written insurance policy is
13 controlling and any advertisements for insurance policies,
14 informational sheets or translations shall not be construed to
15 modify or change the insurance policy.

16 Nothing in the section shall be construed to require insurers
17 to provide insurance related services, such as claim services, in
18 a language other than English.

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