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(By Senator Jonkovich, No. President et al)

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Senate Bill No. 200

(Senators Tonkovich, Mr. President, Karras, Whitacre, Jones, Chernenko and Shaw, original sponsors)

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AN ACT to amend article twenty, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section eighteen, relating to reduced automobile insurance premiums for persons fifty-five years of age or older.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article twenty, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section eighteen, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20. RATES AND RATING ORGANIZATIONS.

- §33-20-18. Reduction of premium charges for persons fifty-five years of age or older.
 - 1 (a) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for
 - 2 the liability, personal injury protection and collision cov-
 - 3 erages of a motor vehicle insurance policy submitted to
 - 4 or filed with the insurance commissioner shall provide for
 - 5 an appropriate reduction in premium charges as to such

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- 6 coverages when the principal operator and spouse on the covered vehicle is an insured who is fifty-five years of age or older and who has successfully completed a motor vehicle accident prevention course approved by the de-10 partment of motor vehicles. Such reductions of premium 11 rates shall be made in compliance with the provisions of 12 subsections (a) and (b), section three of this article. Any discount used by an insurer shall be presumed appropriate 14 unless credible data demonstrates otherwise.
- 15 (b) The premium reduction required by this section 16 shall be effective for an insured and spouse for a threeyear period after successful completion of the approved 18 course, except that the insurer may require, as a condition 19 of maintaining the discount, that the insured and spouse:
- 20 (1) Not be involved in an accident for which the in-21 sured or spouse is at fault;
- (2) Not be convicted, plead guilty or nolo contendere 23 to a moving traffic violation, or to a traffic related alcohol 24 or narcotics offense; and
- (3) Have maintained a driving record free of violations 26 and liability for accidents for a three-year period prior to course completion.
- (c) Upon successfully completing the approved course, 29 each person shall be issued a certificate by the organiza-30 tion offering the course which shall be used to qualify for 31 the premium discount required by this section.
- (d) This section shall not apply in the event the ap-33 proved course is taken as punishment specified by a court 34 or other governmental entity resulting from a moving 35 traffic violation.
- (e) This reduction in premium charges shall not apply 37 to insurers already giving a reduction in premium charges to persons fifty-five years of age or older which is equal 39 to or greater than the reduction approved by the commis-40 sioner.
- 41 (f) Each participant shall take an approved course 42 every three years to continue to be eligible for the reduction in premiums.

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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