

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §33-17A-6

## §33-17A-6. Discriminatory terminations and declinations prohibited.

No insurer may decline to issue or terminate a policy of insurance subject to this article if the declination or termination is:

- (a) Based upon the race, religion, nationality, ethnic group, age, sex or marital status of the applicant or named insured;
- (b) Based solely upon the lawful occupation or profession of the applicant or named insured, unless the decision is for a business purpose that is not a mere pretext for unfair discrimination: Provided, That this provision does not apply to any insurer, agent or broker that limits its market to one lawful occupation or profession or to several related lawful occupations or professions;
- (c) Based upon the age or location of the residence of the applicant or named insured unless the decision is for a business purpose that is not a mere pretext for unfair discrimination or unless the age or location materially affects the risk;
- (d) Based upon the fact that another insurer previously declined to insure the applicant or terminated an existing policy in which the applicant was the named insured;
- (e) Based upon the fact that the applicant or named insured previously obtained insurance coverage through a residual market insurance mechanism;
- (f) Based upon the fact that the applicant has not previously been insured;
- (g) Based upon the fact that the applicant did not have insurance coverage for a period of time prior to the application; or
- (h) Based solely upon an adverse credit report or adverse credit scoring.