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LEGISLATIVE BILL 228

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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to prohibit certain insurance
- 2 practices relating to a person's status as a living organ donor.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall

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- 2 be unlawful to:
- 3 (a) Decline or limit coverage of a person under any life insurance
- 4 policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care insurance policy
- 5 due to the status of such person as a living organ donor;
- 6 (b) Preclude a person from donating all or part of an organ as a
- 7 condition of receiving a life insurance policy, disability insurance
- 8 policy, or long-term care insurance policy;
- 9 (c) Consider the status of a person as a living organ donor in
- 10 determining the premium rate for coverage of such person under a life
- 11 <u>insurance policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care</u>
- 12 <u>insurance policy; or</u>
- 13 (d) Otherwise discriminate against a person in the offering,
- 14 <u>issuance, cancellation, price, amount of coverage, or any other condition</u>
- 15 of a life insurance policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term
- 16 care insurance policy based solely and without any additional actuarial
- 17 risks upon the status of such person as a living organ donor.
- 18 (2) Any violation of this section shall be an unfair trade practice
- 19 <u>in the business of insurance subject to the Unfair Insurance Trade</u>
- 20 <u>Practices Act.</u>
- 21 <u>(3) For purpose of this section:</u>
- 22 (a) Disability insurance policy means a contract under which an
- 23 entity promises to pay a person a sum of money in the event that an
- 24 illness or injury resulting in a disability prevents such person from
- 25 working;
- 26 (b) Life insurance policy means a contract under which an entity
- 27 promises to pay a designated beneficiary a sum of money upon the death of
- 28 the insured;
- 29 <u>(c) Living organ donor means an individual who has donated all or</u>
- 30 part of an organ and is not deceased; and
- 31 (d) Long-term care insurance policy means a contract for which the

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1 only insurance protection provided under the contract is coverage of

- 2 qualified long-term care services as defined in section 7702B(c) of the
- 3 <u>Internal Revenue Code</u>.