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SENATE BILL 1475

Short Title: Insurance Information Tech. Funds/AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Reeves.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
FOR GREATER PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION
RESOURCES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the Department of Insurance Fund established in G.S. 58-6-25 to the Department of Insurance the sum of five hundred seventy-four thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$574,469) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year for two computing consultants, three applications analysis programmer specialists, contractual services, equipment, supplies, and office accommodations for the Department. The Department shall use these positions, equipment, and contractual services to automate various core insurance functions so that the Department may offer public access to its databases via the Internet, including the ability to:

- (1) Submit consumer complaints electronically and track those complaints throughout the Department process;
- (2) Access Department rules and policy forms of the Department's Divisions of Life and Health and Property and Casualty; and
- (3) Access insurance company financial information in order to help consumers make an informed choice when selecting an insurance company.

- 1 The Department of Insurance shall also use the funds appropriated in this act to provide
- 2 insurance companies a means by which to submit insurance rates electronically.
- 3 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.