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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
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8	Relating to property and casualty insurance, to
9	allow cancellation of a residential roofing contract; to
10	provide the form of cancellation; and to provide exceptions.
11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
12	Section 1. As used in this act, the following terms
13	shall have the following meanings:
14	(1) RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE. A new or existing
15	building constructed for habitation by one to four families,
16	including detached garages.
17	(2) RESIDENTIAL ROOFING CONTRACTOR. A person or
18	entity in the business of contracting or offering to contract
19	with an owner or possessor of residential real estate to
20	repair or replace roof systems.
21	(3) ROOF SYSTEM. A roof covering, roof sheathing,
22	roof weatherproofing, roof framing, roof ventilation system,
23	and insulation.
24	Section 2. (a) A person who has entered into a
25	written contract with a residential roofing contractor to
26	provide goods or services to be paid from the proceeds of a
27	property and casualty insurance policy may cancel the contract

prior to midnight on the fifth tenth business day after the contract has been entered into if the insured has received written notice from the insurer that all or any part of the claim or contract is not a covered loss under the insurance policy. Cancellation shall be evidenced by the insured giving written notice of cancellation to the residential roofing contractor at the address stated in the contract. Notice of cancellation, if given by mail, shall be effective upon deposit into the United States mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the residential roofing contractor.

Notice of cancellation need not take a particular form and shall be sufficient if it indicates, by any form of written expression, the intention of the insured not to be bound by the contract.

- (b) Before entering a contract as provided in subsection (a), the residential roofing contractor shall do all of the following:
- (1) Furnish the insured a statement in boldface type of a minimum size of 10 points, in substantially the following form:

"You may cancel this contract at any time before midnight on the <u>fifth tenth</u> business day after you have <u>entered into this contract if you have</u> received written notification from your insurer that all or any part of the claim or contract is not a covered loss under the insurance policy. This right to cancel is in addition to any other rights of cancellation which may be found in state or federal

1 law or regulation. See attached notice of cancellation form
2 for an explanation of this right."

(2) Furnish each insured a fully completed form in duplicate, captioned "NOTICE OF CANCELLATION," which shall be attached to the contract but easily detachable, and which shall contain in boldface type of a minimum size of 10 points the following statement:

"NOTICE OF CANCELLATION"

"If you are notified by your insurer that all or any part of the claim or contract is not a covered loss under the insurance policy, you may cancel the contract by mailing or delivering a signed and dated copy of this cancellation notice or any other written notice to [name of contractor] at [address of contractor's place of business], at any time prior to midnight on the fifth tenth business day after you have entered into this contract if you have received such notice from your insurer.

"I HEREBY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION

20 "Date

22 "_____

23 Insured's Signature"

(c) In circumstances in which payment may be made from the proceeds of a property and casualty insurance policy, a residential roofing contractor shall not require any payments from an insured until the five-ten-day cancellation

period has expired. If, however, the residential roofing contractor has performed any emergency services, acknowledged by the insured in writing to be necessary to prevent damage to the premises, the residential roofing contractor shall be entitled to collect the amount due for the emergency services at the time they are rendered. Any provision in a contract as provided in subsection (a) that requires the payment of any fee for anything except emergency services shall not be enforceable against any insured who has cancelled a contract pursuant to this section. A residential roofing contractor shall not represent or negotiate, or offer or advertise to represent or negotiate, on behalf of an owner or possessor of residential real estate on any insurance claim in connection with the repair or replacement of roof systems.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
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8 9 10	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment
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