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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law there is no requirement  
9 for a practicing attorney to disclose to a client  
10 whether he or she has a current malpractice  
11 insurance policy.

12 This bill would require that an attorney  
13 licensed in this state make a disclosure, in  
14 writing, to any client regarding whether he or she  
15 possesses a current malpractice insurance policy  
16 prior to entering into an agreement for  
17 professional services with that client.

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19 A BILL  
20 TO BE ENTITLED  
21 AN ACT  
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23 Relating to attorneys; to require that an attorney  
24 licensed in this state make a disclosure, in writing, to any  
25 client regarding whether he or she possesses a current  
26 malpractice insurance policy prior to entering into an

1 agreement for professional services in this state with that  
2 client.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) An attorney licensed in this state  
5 shall not enter into an agreement with, or charge, or collect  
6 a fee from any client in this state for the purpose of  
7 providing professional legal services without first disclosing  
8 whether he or she possesses a current malpractice insurance  
9 policy.

10 (b) The disclosure required by this section shall be  
11 in writing and presented to any potential client prior to  
12 entering into a fee agreement with the client.

13 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
14 first day of the third month following its passage and  
15 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.