

1 HB283
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3 By Representatives Brown (C), Simpson, Stringer, McMillan,
4 Drummond, Jones (S) and Clarke
5 RFD: Insurance
6 First Read: 21-MAR-19

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 Relating to insurance; to add Section 27-31D-2.1 to
9 the Code of Alabama 1975; to require all insurance companies
10 writing homeowners insurance to offer an endorsement that
11 upgrades a home to a fortified standard adopted by the
12 Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) when the insured
13 incurs damage covered by the policy that will require the roof
14 to be replaced; to specify when the endorsement offer shall be
15 made; to require insurance companies to file the endorsement
16 form and accompanying rates at least 90 days before the
17 effective date of this bill; to authorize the Commissioner of
18 Insurance to adopt rules to implement this bill; and to
19 provide an effective date.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Section ~~27-31D-4~~ 27-31D-2.1 is added to
22 the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

23 ~~§27-31D-4~~ 27-31D-2.1.

24 (a) Insurance companies writing homeowners insurance
25 shall offer a fortified bronze roof endorsement to upgrade a
26 non-fortified home, which is otherwise eligible for a
27 fortified standard, to a fortified standard identified in

1 Section 27-31D-2, when the insured incurs damage covered by
2 the policy requiring the roof to be replaced. The endorsement
3 shall upgrade the nonfortified home consistent with the
4 fortified requirements for the geographic area in which the
5 nonfortified home is located.

6 (b) The endorsement offer shall be made at the time
7 of writing a new policy on a nonfortified home and at the time
8 of first renewal of an existing policy on a nonfortified home
9 following the effective date of this section.

10 (c) Insurance companies shall file their endorsement
11 form and accompanying rates for approval by the Department of
12 Insurance at least 90 days before the effective date of this
13 section.

14 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary
15 for the implementation of this section.

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective January
17 1, 2020, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
18 or its otherwise becoming law.

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as amended..... 23-APR-19

Yeas 101, Nays 0, Abstains 0

Jeff Woodard
Clerk