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11	The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Posey) recommended the								
12	following amendment:								
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)								
15	Delete everything after the enacting clause								
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17	and insert:								
18	Section 1. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (1) of								
19	section 624.605, Florida Statutes, to read:								
20	624.605 "Casualty insurance" defined								
21	(1) "Casualty insurance" includes:								
22	(r)1. Debt collectionInsurance that a creditor may								
23	purchase against the risk of financial loss from the use of								
24	debt cancellation products with consumer loans and leases.								
25	Debt cancellation products, such as debt cancellation								
26	contracts, debt suspension agreements, and guaranteed asset								
27	protection contracts, are loan and lease contract terms, or								
28	modifications to loan or lease contracts, under which a								
29	creditor agrees to cancel or suspend all or part of a								
30	customer's obligation to make payments upon the occurrence of								
31	specified adverse events.								
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1 2. Debt cancellation products may be offered by financial institutions, as defined in s. 655.005(1)(h), under 2 the same terms and conditions as depository institutions, as 3 4 defined in 12 U.S.C. s. 1813(c), or federal credit unions, as defined in 12 U.S.C. s. 1752(1), and such agreements do not 5 constitute insurance for purposes of the Florida Insurance 6 7 Code. Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 627.553, Florida 8 Statutes, is amended to read: 9 10 627.553 Debtor groups. -- The lives of a group of 11 individuals may be insured under a policy issued to a creditor or its parent holding company, or to a trustee or trustees or 12 13 agent designated by two or more creditors, which creditor, holding company, affiliate, trustee or trustees, or agent 14 15 shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure debtors of the 16 creditor or creditors, subject to the following requirements: (3) The amount of insurance on the life of any debtor 17 shall at no time exceed the amount owed by her or him which is 18 19 repayable in installments to the creditor or \$50,000, 20 whichever is less, except that loans not exceeding 1 year's duration shall not be subject to such limits. However, on 21 22 such loans not exceeding 1 year's duration, the limit of 23 coverage shall not exceed \$50,000 with any one insurer. 2.4 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 627.679, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 25 627.679 Amount of insurance; disclosure.--2.6 27 (1)(b) The total amount of credit life insurance on the 28 29 life of any debtor with respect to any loan or loans covered 30 in one or more insurance policies shall at no time exceed the amount of the indebtedness \$50,000 with any one creditor, 31 2 4:54 PM 04/18/06 s2522d-bi24-the Florida Senate - 2006

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1 except that loans not exceeding 1 year's duration shall not be subject to such limits, and on such loans not exceeding 1 2 year's duration, the limits of coverage shall not exceed 3 4 \$50,000 with any one insurer. Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 627.681, Florida 5 Statutes, is amended to read: 6 7 627.681 Term and evidence of insurance.--(2) The term of credit disability insurance on any 8 9 debtor insured under this section shall not exceed the term of 10 indebtedness 10 years, and for credit transactions that exceed 11 60 months, coverage shall not exceed 60 monthly indemnities. Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 12 13 14 15 16 And the title is amended as follows: Delete everything before the enacting clause 17 18 19 and insert: 20 A bill to be entitled 21 An act relating to insurance; amending s. 22 624.605, F.S.; defining insurance for debt cancellation products for purposes of the 23 2.4 Florida Insurance Code; providing that debt cancellation products offered by financial 25 institutions do not constitute insurance for 26 purposes of the insurance code; amending ss. 27 627.553 and 627.679, F.S.; revising limitations 28 29 on certain amounts of life insurance on a debtor; amending s. 627.681, F.S.; revising a 30 31 limitation on the term of credit disability 3 04/18/06 4:54 PM s2522d-bi24-the

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