

CHAPTER 702

S.B. No. 26

AN ACT

relating to insurance premium discounts for vehicles with antitheft devices.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 2, Article 5.03-2, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. DISCOUNT *REQUIRED* ~~PERMITTED~~. (a) An insurer who delivers or issues for delivery in this state comprehensive insurance coverage on a motor vehicle shall, on receipt of written verification from the insured that the insured motor vehicle is equipped with a qualifying antitheft device, ~~may~~ grant a discount in the amount provided by Subsection (c) of this section in the premiums charged for the comprehensive insurance for the motor vehicle if the motor vehicle is equipped with an antitheft device that qualifies under this article.

(b) An insurer shall, on receipt of written verification from the insured that the insured motorcycle is equipped with a qualifying antitheft device, ~~may~~ grant a discount in the premiums charged for comprehensive insurance for a motorcycle or motorbicycle in an amount greater than a Category I or Category II discount if the State Board of Insurance, by rule, authorizes additional discounts based on the installation of additional antitheft devices that are designed for use on motorcycles or motorbicycles.

(c) The discounts under this article shall be set by the State Board of Insurance.

SECTION 2. Section 6A, Article 5.03-2, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6A. CATEGORY V DISCOUNT. A Category V discount *shall, on receipt of written verification from the insured that the insured motor vehicle is equipped with a qualifying stolen vehicle recovery system, [may]* be granted for a motor vehicle that qualifies under Category IV and is equipped with a stolen vehicle recovery system.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 21, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 21, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 16, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.