

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 SB1751

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Michael E. Hastings

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 155/18.1

Amends the Title Insurance Act. In provisions concerning choice of title insurance company, provides that it is the public policy of the State that consumers obligated to pay for title insurance services are afforded the opportunity to make an informed decision and, in so doing, have the option to consult with legal counsel before title insurance payment obligations are effective.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Title Insurance Act is amended by changing

 Section 18.1 as follows:
- 6 (215 ILCS 155/18.1)
- Sec. 18.1. Choice of title insurance company. declared to be the public policy of this State that parties to 8 9 a contract for the sale of residential real property who are obligated to provide and pay for title insurance have the 10 right to choose the title insurance company and title 11 insurance agent that will provide such title insurance. No 12 13 lender or producer of title business, as the term is defined in 14 this Act, shall, as a condition of making a loan, providing services of any kind, including, but not limited to, services 15 16 as a broker, agent, lender, attorney, or otherwise, require a party to a contract for the sale of residential real property 17 who is obligated by that contract to furnish and pay for title 18 19 insurance at their expense, to procure title insurance from a 20 title insurance company or title insurance agent other than a 21 title insurance company or title insurance agent that is 22 chosen by the party paying for the title insurance. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, it is 23

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- 2 to pay for title insurance services are afforded the
- 3 opportunity to make an informed decision and, in so doing,
- 4 have the option to consult with legal counsel before title
- 5 insurance payment obligations are effective.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 95-570, eff. 8-31-07.)