

Amend CSSB 14, by inserting a new ARTICLE in the bill, appropriately numbered, to read as follows:

ARTICLE _____. RATING TERRITORIES

SECTION ____01. Chapter 5, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subchapter U to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER U. RATING TERRITORIES FOR CERTAIN LINES

Art. 5.171. RATING TERRITORIES. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, an insurer may not use a rating territory that is smaller than a county unless the county is subdivided and the rate for any sub-territory within that county is not greater than 15 percent higher than the rate used in any other sub-territory in the county.

(b) For residential property insurance, the commissioner may allow a greater rate difference on the basis of weather-related exposure to loss.

(c) The commissioner may allow greater rate differences for personal automobile insurance only in the manner prescribed by commissioner rule.