

SENATE BILL No. 81

January 28, 2003, Introduced by Senators BASHAM, LELAND and CHERRY and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled
"The insurance code of 1956,"
(MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 2229.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2229. (1) If an insurer refuses to pay an insured for
2 loss or damage incurred and covered under an automobile or home
3 insurance policy because the insurer suspects the insured was
4 involved in arson or theft concerning the loss or damage, the
5 insurer shall notify the fire or law enforcement authority with
6 jurisdiction in the locale where the loss or damage occurred of
7 the insurer's suspicions.

8 (2) If an insured prevails after trial in an action to
9 recover under an insurance policy where the insurer had refused
10 to pay based on suspected arson or theft, the court shall award
11 to the insured all costs and expenses in bringing the action

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1 including, but not limited to, reasonable and actual attorney
2 fees and court costs.