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### **Sectional Analysis**

#### **House Bill 20, Version I**

*“An Act relating fees for paper documents; relating to unfair trade practices; and providing for an effective date.”*

#### **Section 1: Page 1, lines 4-12**

Section 1 amends AS 21.36 by adding a new section, AS 21.36.530, which prohibits insurers from charging an additional fee or different rate for individuals who prefer to receive paper copies of invoices, statements and other documents.

This section does not, however, prevent an insurer from charging a fee for providing duplicate copies of any documents previously provided.

#### **Section 2: Page 1, lines 13-14, & page 2, lines 1-6**

Section 2 amends AS 45.45 by adding a new section, AS 45.45.940, which prohibits businesses from charging an additional fee or a different rate for individuals who prefer to receive paper copies of invoices, statements and other documents.

This section does not, however, prevent a business from charging a fee for providing duplicate copies of any documents previously provided.

Section 2 defines “business” by the meaning given in AS 43.70.110, which states a business is “a for profit or nonprofit entity engaging or offering to engage in a trade, a service, a profession, or an activity with the goal of receiving a financial benefit in exchange for the provision of services, or goods or other property.”

#### **Section 3: Page 2, lines 7-8**

Section 3 adds to the list of unlawful business acts and practices in Title 45 to include violations of AS 45.45.940, established in Section 2 of this bill.

#### **Section 4: Page 2, line 9**

Section 4 provides an effective date of January 1, 2027, for the provisions of this act.