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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to federal regulation of the

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insurance industry.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the McCarran-Ferguson Act, enacted in 1945, exempts the insur-

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ance industry from federal antitrust laws and allows insurance companies to

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fix prices; and

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WHEREAS this antitrust exemption results in fixed rates for many types

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of insurance; and

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WHEREAS repeal of the exemption from antitrust regulation would still

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allow the insurance industry to exchange past cost data and allow accurate

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forecasting of future claims; and

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WHEREAS, even if the exemption were repealed, the individual states

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would continue to be able to regulate insurance rates and competition and

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could continue to allow anticompetitive activity by insurance companies as

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an expressed state policy; and

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WHEREAS both the National Conference of State Legislatures and the

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National Association of Attorneys General have passed resolutions calling

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for repeal of the insurance industry exemption from antitrust laws; and

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WHEREAS a significant portion of the insurance industry has indicated

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support for changes in the immunity granted by the McCarran-Ferguson Act;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States

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Congress is respectfully requested to amend the McCarran-Ferguson Act in

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order to subject the insurance industry to antitrust regulation.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald

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Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-

1 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honor-
2 able Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the
3 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
4 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
5 tion in Congress.