

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii Insurance Law.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately numbered and to read as follows:

“Sec. 431- Policyholder and other suits against insurer. Where an insurer has contested its liability under a policy and is ordered by the courts to pay benefits under the policy, the policyholder, the beneficiary under a policy, or the person who has acquired the rights of the policyholder or the beneficiary under the policy shall be awarded, in addition to the benefits under the policy, reasonable attorney’s fees together with the costs of suit.”

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 30, 1974.)

*Edited accordingly.