

Subject Life Insurance and Suicide

Authors Tabke

Analyst Larie Ann Pampuch (larie.pampuch@house.mn.gov)

Date February 27, 2023

Overview

This bill allows a life insurance policy to not issue a death benefit if an insured completes suicide within one year (versus current law which allows for the death benefit to be withheld if the insured completes suicide within two years) of the issuance of the policy.

Summary

Section	Description
---------	-------------

1	Suicide provisions.
---	----------------------------

Allows a life insurance policy to exclude a death benefit if an insured dies within one year of the issuance of the policy. Requires that this exclusion be clearly stated in the policy. Requires a policy that includes this exclusion to refund premiums paid for the coverage if the death benefit is denied due to this exclusion.

Effective date. This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to policies issued on or after that.

2	Definitions.
---	---------------------

Requires a life insurance policy to state that if an insured completes suicide within one year, depending on the policy, the beneficiaries will only receive a refund of the premiums that were paid.