## 1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025) POLICY COMMITTEE 3 RECOMMENDATION FOR 4 HOUSE BILL NO. 1084 By: Tedford 5 6 7 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 8 9 An Act relating to insurance; providing definitions; prohibiting certain assignment of benefits; declaring certain assignments null and void; providing 10 exceptions; clarifying procedures and penalties for violation; clarifying unprohibited activity; 11 providing for codification; and providing an 12 effective date. 1.3 14 15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1230 of Title 36, unless there 18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 19 A. For purposes of this act: 20 "Assignment agreement" means any instrument by which post-21 loss benefits under an auto, or residential or commercial property 22 insurance, including, but not limited to, any right of action 23 against the insurer or any proceeds acquired from the insurer, are

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assigned, transferred, or acquired in any other manner, in whole or

- in part, to or from a person providing services, including, but not
  limited to, communicating with an insurer on an insured's behalf or
  inspecting, estimating, protecting, repairing, restoring, or
  replacing the property or mitigating against further damage to the
  property; and
  - 2. "Person" means:
    - a. a natural person,
    - b. any type or form of corporation, company, partnership, proprietorship, association, or other legal entity, and
    - c. a government, governmental subdivision or agency, or other governmental body.
  - B. 1. A person shall not solicit or accept an assignment, in whole or in part, of any post-loss insurance benefit for property damage under an auto collision or comprehensive policy, residential property insurance policy, or commercial property insurance policy. An assignment agreement is against public policy and is null and void, and any contract entered in violation of this section shall be void and unenforceable.
  - 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection do not apply to any of the following:
    - a. an assignment, transfer, pledge, or conveyance granted to a federally insured financial institution,

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1 mortgagee, or a subsequent purchaser of the property, 2 or b. liability coverage under an auto, residential, or 3 4 commercial property insurance policy. C. Violation of subsection B of this section is considered an 5 unfair or deceptive trade practice. Any person found to have 6 7 violated the provisions of subsection B of this section shall be 8 subject to the procedures and penalties as other unfair or deceptive 9 trade practices outlined in Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. 10 D. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit an 11 attorney from collecting an attorney fee for an action related to a property insurance claim. 12 1.3 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an 14 insured from authorizing or directing payment to, or paying, a 15 person for services, materials, or any other thing which may be, or 16 is, covered under an insurance policy. 17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025. 18 19 60-1-12590 02/11/24 ΜJ 20 2.1 22 23 24