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SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO.

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Introduced by: Representatives Peters, Buckingham, Gillespie, Klaudt, and Lange and
Senators Gant, Apa, Earley, and Moore

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding investigations of the
2 Division of Insurance.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 58-4-44 be amended to read as follows:

5 58-4-44. The director may investigate any person doing insurance business. The director
6 may withhold from public inspection any examination or investigation report for so long as ~~he~~
7 the director deems such withholding to be necessary for the protection of the person examined
8 or investigated against unwarranted injury or to be in the public interest. The director shall
9 complete any investigation in a timely manner. Any investigation not completed within twenty-
10 four months shall be presented to the secretary of revenue and regulation. If, after sixty days,
11 the secretary has not completed the investigation, the secretary shall forward the matter to the
12 attorney general who shall review the file and make recommendations to the secretary for the
13 purpose of ensuring final action is taken concerning the investigation. If the Division of
14 Insurance has given notice of a pending investigation to any person or legal entity, the division
15 shall notify any such person or legal entity that the investigation is closed or final action has



1 been taken.

2 Section 2. That § 58-4A-16 be amended to read as follows:

3 58-4A-16. The Division of Insurance shall annually report to the Legislature concerning the
4 activities of the insurance fraud prevention unit including the number ~~and~~, type, and outcome
5 of cases investigated, the ~~outcome of such investigations~~ number and type of cases that have
6 been pending without final action for more than twelve months, and the costs and expenditures
7 incurred during such investigations.