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HOW IS YOUR HOME & AUTO INSURANCE DETERMINED?

QUEEN'S PARK – In the Ontario legislature yesterday, Jerry Ouellette, MPP Oshawa rose in the house to question Premier McGuinty on concerning acts that are occurring within the insurance industry.

The concern is that postal codes and/or credit scoring are being used to deny people insurance and/or for determining insurance. Credit scoring is determined by how much credit you owe on your credit cards or how many mortgages and debt load you have.

“This is not allowed for auto insurance, but what's taking place is that individuals who are applying for household insurance are asked to provide their credit score to determine household insurance,” said Ouellette, “and when they deny access to insurance company providers, they're being denied auto insurance, so constituents tell me.”

When requesting an insurance quote online, many companies will not give the quote unless the consumer agrees to a credit check. If the consumer refuses, they can call the insurance companies. Typically, they still do not receive a quote until a mail-in application has been completed.

“When the five-year auto insurance review was submitted to Minister Duncan, Ministry of Finance, the very recommendation that would give the Superintendent of the FSCO (Financial Services Commission of Ontario) the authority to prevent credit scoring, is the very one that is being ignored,” added Ouellette, “I am very disappointed that the government has once again failed to protected the consumer.”

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