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Agents of Montana

Big “I” Capitol Report

The 2019 Montana Legislative Session had its first hearings on Monday, January 14th. This session, the association has brought John Iverson on board as the Big “I” Lobbyist. John and Kerri are working in conjunction with the Big “I” Legislative committee to identify and monitor insurance related bills.

The Big “I” Legislative Committee held their first conference call to evaluate introduced bills that may have an impact on our industry, our customers and our agency operations. The committee is also reviewing potential issues and possible legislation along with numerous bill draft requests that have been filed. We will continually monitor them throughout the session.

2019 Montana Big “I” Legislative Committee

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More information on the Legislative Committee can be found on [our website](#).

During the session we will provide updates on specific bills impacting our industry and possible agency operations through legislative bulletins. If you would like to receive our bulletin please send your email address to Connie Jacobson at subscribe@iiamt.org.

As in the past, this bulletin provides you with a summary of current insurance related bills.

HOUSE BILLS

Bill#	LC#	Short Title	LINKS		Introduced by	By Request of
HB28	LC0128	Establish fireworks tax to assist with workers' comp for volunteer firefighters~ *Heard 01.15.19 (H) Taxation	text	status	Fern	Local Govnt Interim Committee

HB62	LC0239	Amend nonresident auto insurance requirements or Non-resident auto exemption~ *Heard 01.14.19 (H) Transportation	text	status	Grubbs	State Auditor
HB64	LC0243	Revise life and health guaranty association laws~ *Hearing Scheduled 01.21.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	Grubbs	State Auditor
HB65	LC0244	Revise laws related to service of process with the insurance commissioner~ Scheduled hearing 01.21.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	M Regier	State Auditor
HB66	LC0248	Revise or repeal insurance laws relating to the State Auditor~ *Hearing Scheduled 01.21.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	Moore	State Auditor
HB74	LC0238	Revise laws related to restitution for insurance consumers or Insurance Restitution Authority~ Heard 01.15.19 (H)Business & Labor	text	status	Vinton	State Auditor
HB75	LC0247	Clarify the State Auditor's authority re market conduct, other exams~ Heard 01.16.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	Dooling	State Auditor
HB85	LC0249	Revising laws relating to insurance entity organizational filings or SOS Registration Transfer~ Heard 01.16.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	DeVries	State Auditor
HB90	LC0240	Generally revise securities regulatory laws or Revise Security Laws~ Heard 01.16.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	Gunderson	State Auditor
HB91	LC0245	Revise laws related to independent review organizations~ *Hearing Scheduled 01.18.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	Ricci	State Auditor
HB92	LC0246	Generally revise insurance laws~ Housekeeping bill/clean up bill *Hearing Scheduled 01.18.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	Dooling	State Auditor

HB141	LC1786	Revise insurance laws regarding uninsured, underinsured motorists *Hearing Scheduled 01.23.19 (H) Transportation	text	status	A Olsen	A Olsen
HB152	LC1144	Revise laws related to surprise medical bills~ *Hearing Scheduled 01.24.19 (H) Human Services	text	status	K Kelker	K Kelker
HB163	LC0648	Allow insured certificates of deposit for security for deposits of public funds *Hearing Scheduled 01.29.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	T Welch	J Welborn
HB214	LC2168	Revise laws relating to the State Fund MSF Board Apptment changes *Heard 01.16.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status	V Ricci	V Ricci

SENATE BILLS

Bill#	LC#	Short Title	LINKS		Introduced by...	By Request of....
SB18	LC0130	Establish workforce housing tax credits~ *Hearing Scheduled 01.23.19 (S) Taxation	text	status	MacDonald	Local Govnt Interim Committee
SB23	LC0560	Require accommodations to employer-mandated vaccinations to be uniformly offered~ Hearing not scheduled (S) Judiciary	text	status	K Regier	K Regier
SB27	LC0142	Revise insurance laws relating to temporary waterproof coverings and exclusions~ *Hearing Scheduled 01.14.19 (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status	Fitzpatrick	Fitzpatrick
SB29	LC0126	Require workers' comp for all volunteer firefighters~ *Heard 01.16.19 (S) Local Government	text	status	Thomas	Local Govnt Interim Committee

SB38	LC0127	Allow emergency care providers to offer community health care~ *Heard 01.16.19 (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	text	status	MacDonald	Local Govnt Interim Committee
SB39	LC0241	Revise surplus lines insurance requirements~ *Heard 01.15.19 Passed 2nd Reading Third Reading 01.18.19	text	status	Fitzpatrick	State Auditor
SB54	LC0237	Revise laws governing multiple employer welfare arrangements~ or AHP/MEWA *Heard 01.15.19 (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status	Thomas	State Auditor
SB55	LC0242	Generally revise captive insurance laws~ *Heard 01.15.19 (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status	Salomon	State Auditor
SB61	LC0309	Revise Prescription Drug Registry~ *Heard 01.16.19 (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety	text	status	MacDonald	Board of Pharmacy
SB71	LC0250	Regulate health insurers' administration of pharmacy benefits for consumers~ *Hearing Scheduled 02.01.19 (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status	Olszewski	State Auditor
SB78	LC0279	Require workers' comp insurers to provide notice to worker of claim closure~ *Hearing Cancelled (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status	McNally	Dept of Labor & Industry
SB125	LC1442	Establish the Montana reinsurance association and program~ *Hearing Schedule 01.24.19 (S) Business, Labor & Economics	text	status	M McNally	McNally/Governor
SB126	LC1597	Revise workers' comp solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities *Hearing scheduled 01-23-19 (S) Business, Labor & Economics	text	status	F Thomas	F Thomas