



# Big “I” Capitol Report

January 28 2015 - To date we've seen the most insurance related bills introduced in the House and the Senate. The updated list of bills and bill drafts includes legislation that may have some impact on the insurance industry.

- The bills highlighted in **yellow** have been added since the last legislative bulletin.
- The bill number in the left column is an active link to the actual bill language.
- The second column contains a short description of the Bill and current status.
- The bills that are most significant are in **“bold”** with the current status in **“red”**.

## House Bills

<a href="#">HB 17</a>	<p><b>Requires worker’s compensation insurers to provide loss runs to policyholders</b></p> <p>This bill will be killed upon introduction. Representative Tom Berry will introduce another bill that addresses loss runs for workers compensation, property and casualty and health insurance.</p>
<a href="#">HB 45</a>	<p>Prohibits genetic information discrimination in all insurance</p> <p>Heard in committee on 1/20/15; no committee vote yet</p>
<a href="#">HB 53</a>	<p>Permits discounts to military or veterans by P&amp;C carriers</p> <p>Passed House and transmitted to Senate; hearing not scheduled</p>
<a href="#">HB 57</a>	<p>Strengthen security protections against financial abuse</p> <p>Passed House and transmitted to Senate; hearing not scheduled</p>
<a href="#">HB 74</a>	<p>Requires data breach notice to attorney general and insurance commissioner</p> <p>Passed House and transmitted to Senate; hearing not scheduled</p>

<a href="#">HB 78</a>	<p><b>Clarifies vehicle owner’s privacy rights for event data recorders</b></p> <p>Hearing held; Big I and industry representatives opposed bill as drafted; met with Insurance Department and assisted in rewrite of bill. Will support in new form. Waiting for committee executive action</p>
<a href="#">HB 90</a>	<p>Revise worker’s compensation law regarding claims examiners and fee schedules</p> <p>Passed House and transmitted to Senate; hearing not scheduled</p>
<a href="#">HB 94</a>	<p><b>Allows for combined coverage policies in surplus lines</b></p> <p>Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in House; awaiting Senate committee hearing</p>
<a href="#">HB 95</a>	<p>Revises public adjuster laws</p> <p>Passed House and transmitted to Senate; hearing not scheduled</p>
<a href="#">HB 103</a>	<p>Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and security laws; Housekeeping bill</p> <p>Passed House and transmitted to Senate; hearing not scheduled</p>
<a href="#">HB 118</a>	<p><b>Allows for electronic delivery of policies</b></p> <p>Heard on 1/19/15; awaiting committee action</p>
<a href="#">HB 119</a>	<p>Update insurance laws to meet NAIC accreditation</p> <p>Heard on 1/22/15; awaiting committee action</p>
<a href="#">HB 204</a>	<p>Revising laws relating to liability waivers and releases</p> <p>Heard in House Judiciary on 1/21/15; awaiting committee action</p>
<a href="#">HB 207</a>	<p>Prohibiting disclosure of media from electronic communications services</p> <p>Heard in House Judiciary on 1/22/15; awaiting committee action</p>
<a href="#">HB 240</a>	<p><b>Allows for policy fees in surplus lines</b></p> <p>Heard in committee on 1/23/15; Passed out of committee 18-1 vote</p>

*End of House Bills*

## Senate Bills

<a href="#">SB 3</a>	Revise worker's compensation impairment level for vocational rehab benefits Tabled in committee
<a href="#">SB 4</a>	Authorize temporary appointment in vacancy of worker's compensation judge Passed Senate and referred to House Business and Labor Committee
<a href="#">SB 52</a>	Revise captive insurance laws Heard in committee; remains in 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading process
<a href="#">SB 83</a>	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC Heard in committee; awaiting action
<a href="#">SB 84</a>	Revise claims considerations in insurance policies Heard in committee; awaiting action
<a href="#">SB 99</a>	Revise Insure Montana small business health insurance laws Heard in committee on 1/23/15; awaiting action
<a href="#">SB 103</a>	<b>Provide presumptive disease coverage for paid firefighters</b> Hearing not scheduled at this time; hearing cancelled 2 times
<a href="#">SB 123</a>	<b>Revises regulatory authority over the Montana State Fund</b> Heard on 1/21/15; awaiting action
<a href="#">SB 132</a>	Requiring insurers to provide disclosure for aftermarket motor vehicle parts Heard in committee on 1/26/15; awaiting action
<a href="#">SB 184</a>	Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance Committee voted in favor; to be heard on Senate floor

*End of Senate Bills*

## Drafts Not Yet Assigned Bill Numbers

<a href="#">LC 35</a>	<p><b>Revises laws related to the Montana State Fund</b></p> <p>Important bill for industry</p>
<a href="#">LC 248</a>	<p>Allows for medical recovery related to worker's compensation</p> <p>Awaiting bill language</p>
<a href="#">LC 477</a>	<p>Create OSHA laws applicable to private employers</p> <p>Awaiting assignment of bill number</p>
<a href="#">LC 533</a>	<p>Revising worker's compensation and occupational health and safety assessments</p> <p>Awaiting assignment of bill number</p>
<a href="#">LC 588</a>	<p>Revise terms for treating physician in worker's compensation cases</p> <p>Awaiting assignment of bill number</p>
<a href="#">LC 747</a>	<p>Generally revise worker's compensation laws</p> <p>No bill language yet; review once bill language provided</p>
<a href="#">LC 935</a>	<p><b>Clarify loss runs insurance laws</b></p> <p>Bill intended to replace HB 17</p>
<a href="#">LC 1023</a>	<p>Revises laws related to insurance estimates</p> <p>Awaiting bill language</p>
<a href="#">LC 1455</a>	<p>Revises taxes and fees for professional liability insurance</p> <p>Awaiting bill number</p>
<a href="#">LC 1457</a>	<p>Revise laws relating to repairs of motor vehicles</p> <p>Awaiting bill number</p>
<a href="#">LC 1620</a>	<p>Laws revising workers compensation laws related to emergency workers</p> <p>Awaiting bill language</p>

*End of Draft Bills*