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2017 Outcomes for Insurance-enacted Legislation

Bill #	Title - Effective Date	Quick Topic
<u>HB 73</u>	Treats air ambulance memberships as insurance. Effective 4/20/2017	Air Ambulance
<u>HB 120</u>	Revises insurance laws to retain National Association of Insurance Commissioners' accreditation. New sections of law related to corporate governance disclosure goes into effect Jan. 1, 2018. Sections revising existing laws on such issues as a health organization's risk-based capita and examinations by the insurance commissioner, go into effect Oct. 1, 2018.	NAIC
<u>HB 137</u>	General housekeeping bill for insurance and securities laws administered by the State Auditor's Office. Various effective dates (passage and approval (April 4, 2017) for certain sections and Oct. 1, 2017, for others.)	Housekeeping
<u>HB 138</u>	Revise licensing of general insurance agent laws to allow for appointment by affiliation, among other changes. Effective Feb. 20, 2017. (passage and approval)	Insurance agent appointment by affiliation
<u>HB 142</u>	Revise insurance law to give mental health coverage parity with physical health. Delayed effective date of Jan. 1, 2018.	Health insurance - mental health parity
<u>HB 145</u>	Adopts National Association of Insurance Commissioners' model legislation regarding annuities	NAIC
<u>HB 346</u>	Allow a fiscal agent to be designated as an employer for workers' compensation insurance. Allows third party recipient of funds, as in veteran service providers, to hire employees and be considered the employer even though the client of the fiscal agent directs the work tasks. Effective Oct. 1, 2017.	Work Comp - fiscal agent of veteran as employer
<u>HB 449</u>	Revises the definition of wages in workers' compensation insurance to specify that lodging, rent, or housing is considered part of an employee's remuneration as further specified by rule, which is to address the geographic proximity of available housing and other reasonable factors affecting the valuation.. Effective Oct. 1, 2017.	Work comp wage definition regarding lodging to be clarified by rule
<u>SB 44</u>	Provides process to hold patients harmless from balance billing by air ambulances. Effective 4/25/2017	Air Ambulance - hold harmless
<u>SB 58</u>	Prohibits the use of \$0 claims for insurance policy cancellation or nonrenewal. Effective Oct. 1, 2017. Signed into law.	No zero-dollar claim basis for cancellation
<u>SB 77</u>	Revise terms of title insurance in tax deed laws. Effective Oct. 1, 2017.	Title insurance
<u>SB 129</u>	Require insurance coverage of teledentistry. Effective Jan. 1, 2018.	Health insurance - teledentistry

<u>SB 142</u>	Revise laws related to volunteer emergency personnel and worker's compensation insurance to require notification if coverage provided. Effective Oct. 1, 2017.	Work Comp - notification as to volunteer coverage
<u>SB 167</u>	Generally revise laws pertaining to insurance offenses. Changes or adds penalties for various types of insurance fraud, theft, or hiding of assets related to insurance reporting. Treats all forms of insurance fraud or theft similarly, removing some issues from the unfair trade practices part of insurance law. Effective 5/19/2017	Insurance fraud and other offenses
<u>SB 222</u>	Revise insurance laws relating to annuity surrender fees to set a 10-year limit on surrender charges unless a separate premium deposit is later added that was not part of the original annuity contract. Effective for contracts signed on or after April 10, 2017.	Insurance annuities
<u>SB 245</u>	Generally revises Montana captive insurance laws to allow captives to have a certificate of dormancy, with an altered fee schedule. Effective 5/5/2017	Captive insurance
<u>SB 291</u>	Revise lien filings for certain air ambulance bills. Effective 5/5/2017	Air Ambulance
<u>SB 292</u>	Revise credit reporting laws for air ambulance debt from balance billing. Retroactive applicability for bills for which complaint recorded. Effective 5/5/2017	Air Ambulance
<u>SB 312</u>	Allows Dept. of Labor and Industry to adopt prescription drug formularies by rule under MAPA initially but not under MAPA for automatic updates. The prescription drug formulary is to be used for workers' compensation. Effective July 1, 2017.	Work comp prescription drug formulary
<u>SJR 27</u>	Study Montana's workers' compensation insurance.	Work comp study