

LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY UPDATE



FINAL STATUS OF AIF BILLS DURING THE 2000 SESSION

The following bills are those that AIF had a position on during the 2000 session.

HB 1 Unemployment/Employer's Tax Rates by Rep. Dave Bitner (R-Port Charlotte)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Directs Unemployment Compensation Division to reduce employers' tax rates for the year 2001; provides exceptions; provides reduced initial tax rate for certain employers for year 2001.

.HB 3 Florida Building Code/Counties by Alex Villalobos (R-Miami)

Died in the House Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Exempts certain counties from certain windstorm standards of the Florida Building Code under certain circumstances for certain purposes.

HB 31 Infertility Health Insurance by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Davie)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Requires coverage by health insurance policies, group, franchise, and blanket health insurance policies health maintenance contracts for diagnosis and treatment of infertility limitations, definitions and exception for certain religious organizations; excludes payments for donor eggs or certain medical services; provides for applications.

HB 43 Vehicles Driving with Unsecured Load by Rep. Alex Villalobos (R-Miami)

Died on the House Calendar

SUMMARY: Provides for criminal penalties for failure to secure loads on vehicles under certain circumstances; provides minimum penalty and mandatory hearing for violations of certain provisions; provides that portion of fines collected for violation of specified provision shall be used to educate public about hazards of driving with unsecured loads.

HB 47 Public Health Care Employees Safety by Susan Kosmas (D-New Smyrna Beach)

Died in the House Judiciary Committee

SUMMARY: Requires that Health Department adopt blood borne pathogen standard for public employees; requires use of needless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection; requires that incidents of exposure be recorded in sharps injury log; requires that department compile list of needless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection to assist employers in complying with department's standard.

HB 67 Intangible Personal Property Taxes by Rep. Mike Fasano (R-New Port Richey)

Passed both the House and the Senate.

SUMMARY: Increases exemption from annual tax Senator John Grant (R-Ted to natural persons.

HB 93 Insurance for Autism Spectrum Disorder by Rep. Larry Crow (R-Palm Harbor)

Died in the House Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Requires health insurer or HMO that offers major medical coverage to include coverage for treating autism spectrum disorder; authorizes insurer or HMO to confirm diagnosis or review appropriateness of treatment plan; provides that act does not affect licensure of health care professional or impair right to reimbursement of health care provider.

HB 119 Culpable Negligence by Rep. Nancy Argenziano (R-Dunnellon)

Died in the House Judiciary Committee

SUMMARY: Specifies offense of culpable negligence causing public financial injury; specifies elements of offense; provides penalties; requires certain notice in certain state contracts; specifies that failure to provide such notice constitutes defense to offense; provides for prosecuting such offenses; specifies conditions under which person cannot be found guilty of such offense.

HB 135 Citizen Participation in Government Act by Rep. Mike Fasano (R-New Port Richey)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Creates the Citizen Participation in Government Act; prohibits Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation by governmental entities because certain persons or entities exercise certain constitutional rights; provides for expedited resolution of motions regarding SLAPP suits; authorizes courts to award actual damages, including costs and attorney fees; requires reporting of SLAPP suits to the Attorney General.

HB 147 Prescription Insurance Equity by Rep. Steven Effman (D-Sunrise)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Creates Equity in Prescription Insurance and Contraceptive Coverage Act; requires certain health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts to provide coverage for prescription oral contraceptives; applies certain requirements for group coverage regarding prescription oral contraceptives to small employer carriers issuing health benefit plans.

HB 149 HMO Prohibited Contract Provisions by Rep. Alex Villalobos (R-Miami)

Died in messages.

SUMMARY: Provides that HMO's subscriber contract shall not contain any provision prohibiting or restricting contracted physician's ability to provide inpatient hospital services to subscriber; provides that HMO shall not deny payment to contract provider for medically necessary inpatient hospital services provided to provider's patients which are covered under HMO's provider contract.

HB 187 Intangible Personal Property Taxes by Rep. Bob Starks (R-Casselberry)

Died in the House General Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY: Reduces rate of Intangible Personal Property tax; reduces rates of tax on securities in Florida Futures Investment Fund to conform; exempts accounts receivable from tax as of specified date; deletes exemption from tax to conform.

HB 263 Sales Tax Exemption by Rep. Bob Starks (R-Casselberry)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Provides exemption from tax on sales, use, and other transactions for sales or leases to all organizations exempt from federal income tax under specific provision of Internal Revenue Code; removes and revises various specific exemptions to conform; provides for application of provisions regarding temporary exemption certificates to newly organized organizations exempt under specific provision.

HB 267 Tax Exemption for Molds Used in Plastic Polymers by Rep. Rob Wallace (R-Tampa)

Died in the House Finance and Taxation Committee

SUMMARY: Provides tax exemption for molds used to produce products made of plastic polymers.

. HB 291 Managed Care Organization Accountability Act by Rep. Eleanor Sobel (D-Hollywood)

Died in the House Judiciary Committee.

SUMMARY: Creates Managed Care Organization Accountability Act of 2000; provides for responsibility to patients; provides duty to exercise ordinary care when making health care treatment decisions; provides for liability; provides certain defenses in actions against health insurance carrier, HMO, or managed care entity.

HB 357 Health Insurance Policies by Rep. Bill Sublette (R- Orlando)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Authorizes insurer to issue certain health insurance policies or certificates which do not include specified provisions; provides that mandated health benefits may be excluded from any such policy or certificate; requires that policy or certificate issued under act include specified notice.

HB 393 Children's Cancer Insurance Coverage by Rep. Sandra Murman (R-Tampa)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Requires health insurance coverage for certain costs regarding certain child cancer treatment programs.

HB 397 Health Insurance Policy Forms by Rep. Pat Patterson (R- Deland)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Modifies rate filing requirements for approval of health insurance policy forms by Department of Insurance; provides guidelines for determining when benefits are considered reasonable in relation to premium charged for purposes of disapproval of such forms by department.

HB 399 Newborn Hearing Screening by Rep. Manuel Prieguez (R-Miami)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Provides requirements for screening newborns for hearing impairment; provides for education of parents of newborns; provides for certain insurance and managed care coverage; provides for referral for ongoing services.

HB 433 Pharmacists Licensure by Endorsement by Rep. Adam Putnam (R-Bartow)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Authorizes licensure of pharmacists by endorsement and provides requirements therefor, including fee.

HB 463 Employee Health Care Access Act by Rep. George Albright (R-Ocala)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Requires small employer carriers to begin to offer and issue all small employer benefit plans on specified date; deletes requirement that basic and standard small employer benefit plans be issued; provides additional requirements for determining premium rates for benefit plans; provides for application to plans provided by certain small employer carriers under certain circumstances.

HB 473 Motor Vehicle Emission Testing by Rep. Curt Levine (D-Boca Raton)

Laid on the table.

SUMMARY: Provides for elimination of all motor vehicle emission testing in counties which have reached their required air attainment standards as required by Department of Environmental Protection.

HB 495 Fair Pay Act of 2000 by Rep. Anthony Hill (D-Jacksonville)

Died in the House Governmental Operations Committee

SUMMARY: Creates the Fair Pay Act of 2000; provides additional duty of Florida Commission on Human Relations; clarifies language regarding discrimination against individuals in compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment which constitutes unlawful employment practice; provides for specified wage disclosure, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements; provides for relief and damages for violation of requirements.

HB 499 Ad Valorem Taxation by Rep. Kelley Smith (D-Palatka)

Died in the House Community Affairs Committee

SUMMARY: Removes provisions which require that, in assessment of real property, improvements or portions not substantially completed on January 1 shall have no value placed thereon, and that, in assessment of tangible personal property, construction work in progress shall have no value placed thereon until substantially completed.

HB 513 Utility Sales Tax by Rep. Rob Wallace (R-Tampa)

Died in the House Finance and Taxation Committee

SUMMARY: Reduces rate of tax on charges for telecommunication service and for electrical power or energy; amends specified provisions to conform.

HB 523 Health Insurance Policies and Eye Exams by Rep. Tracy Stafford (D-Wilton Manors)

Died in the House Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Requires certain health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts to provide for one routine eye examination and medically necessary followup for certain children.

HB 587 Sales Tax Exemptions - Machinery by Rep. Mike Fasano (R-New Port Richey)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Includes specialty chemicals and bioaugmentation products within exemption for equipment and machinery used for pollution control in connection with manufacture of items of tangible personal property for sale; provides that machinery and equipment used by expanding facility engaged in spaceport activities or by certain facilities are totally exempt from tax in any year in which tax liability thereon exceeds a specified amount.

HB 609 Osteoporosis and Health Insurance by Rep. Eleanor Sobel (D-Hollywood)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Expands required health insurance coverage for osteoporosis-related matters.

HB 617 Unemployment Compensation by Rep. Willie Logan (D-Opa-locka)

Died in the House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY: Provides definition and application of alternative base period for unemployment compensation.

HB 637 Unemployment Compensation and Domestic Violence by Rep. Marjorie Turnbull (D-Tallahassee)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Provides that being victim of domestic violence which results in separation from work constitutes good cause for purposes of eligibility for unemployment compensation.

HB 673 Clinical Laboratory Services by Rep. Bill Posey (R-Rockledge)

Died in the House Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Requires certain insurers and health maintenance organizations to cover and pay for certain clinical laboratory services under certain circumstances.

HB 687 Employee Health Care Access Act by Rep. Frank Farkas (R-St. Petersburg)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Requires small employer carriers to begin to offer and issue all small employer benefit plans on specified date; deletes requirement that basic and standard small employer health benefit plans be issued; provides additional requirements for determining premium rates for benefit plans; provides for application to plans provided by certain small employer carriers under certain circumstances.

HB 695 Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge by Rep. David Bitner (R-Port Charlotte)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Relates to reducing the alcoholic beverage surcharges on liquor, wine, cider, and beer sold for consumption on premises, increases portion of surcharge which is transferred to Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund, eliminates said surcharges effective September 1, 2001.

HB 723 Health Insurance Organ Donation by Rep. George Crady (D-Yulee)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Pertains to health insurance organ donation; requires certain health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts to provide coverage for organ donations for transplant recipients.

HB 747 Medical Necessity by Rep. Larcenia Bullard (D-Miami)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Construes treatments or medications requested or prescribed by licensed physician to be medically necessary for certain purposes.

HB 819 Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection by Rep. Jim Fuller (R-Jacksonville)

Died in the Senate Transportation Committee

SUMMARY: Repeals specified provisions; provides for inspection of motor vehicle exhaust emissions.

HB 913 Adverse Determinations in Medicine by Rep. Bob Casey (R-Gainesville)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Revises definitions of terms "practice of medicine" and "practice of osteopathic medicine" to include within scope of such practices rendering of adverse determination; restricts rendering of adverse determinations by certain managed care organizations to certain physicians regarding certain services; requires notifications of adverse determinations by such organizations to include information concerning appeal process for such determinations.

HB 917 Voting by Absentee Ballot by Rep. Tracy Stafford (D-Wilton Manors)

Passed both the House and Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Provides alternative procedure for voting by absentee ballot; revises requirement establishing composition of election boards; eliminates requirement that poll workers be trained at formal classes; provides for deputy sheriff to be present at each polling place.

HB 1073 Sale Tax Act by Rep. Jim Fuller (R-Jacksonville)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 587.

SUMMARY: Revises the sales tax exemption for industrial machinery and equipment purchased for use in manufacturing or spaceport activities in new or expanding businesses; revises the time period during which such machinery and equipment must be purchased with respect to the exemption for new businesses; removes a provision that specifies that the exemption for expanding businesses applies only to taxes in excess of funds.

HB 1105 Tax Exemption: Farm/Forest Equipment by Rep. Adam Putnam (R-Bartow)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Revises application of the partial sales tax exemption for self-propelled, power drawn, or power-driven farm equipment used exclusively on farm or in a forest in specified activities; includes rental or lease of such equipment in such exemption.

HB 1117 Child-Support and Workers' Compensation by Rep. Addie Greene (D-Mangonia Park)

Died in the House Family Law and Children Committee

SUMMARY: Requires judges of compensation claims to consider interests of worker and worker's family when approving settlements of workers' compensation claims; requires recovery of any child-support arrearage from those settlements; specifies that exemptions from creditors' claims on workers' compensation claims or settlements do not extend to claims of child support.

HB 1165 Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge Exemption by Rep. Rick Minton (D-Fort Pierce)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 695

SUMMARY: Provides an exemption from the alcoholic beverage surcharge to certain nonprofit and veterans' organizations.

HB 1425 Solid Waste Management by Rep. Rodolfo Garcia (R-Hialeah)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Prohibits local governments from displacing private waste collection companies under certain circumstances; limits local authority over contracts between recovered material dealers and source-separated material generators; authorizes solid waste fee waivers; relates to hazardous waste facility permits; provides for special district ad valorem taxes and assessments; provides for citrus juice processing facility air pollution, construction and operations permits.

HB 1469 Prescription Drug Insurance by Rep. Lori Edwards (D-Auburndale)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to insurance coverage for drugs; prohibits insurance from excluding coverage for certain drugs; requires health maintenance organizations to comply with requirements.

HB 1523 Health Insurance Unfair Methods by Rep. Bill Sublette (R-Orlando)

Died in the House Insurance Committee.

SUMMARY: Specifies an additional unfair method of competition and unfair or deceptive act or practice for health insurance plans and health maintenance organizations.

HB 1571 Small Employer Health Alliances by Rep. Frank Farkas (R-St. Petersburg)

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Provides for insuring small employers under policies issued to small employer health alliances.

HB 1589 Joint Negotiations By Health Care Providers by Rep. Al Lawson (D-Tallahassee)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Relates to joint negotiations by health care providers with health care insurers; creates the Health Care Provider Joint Negotiation Act; distinguishes between fee and nonfee related terms; specifies procedures.

HB 1749 Final Decisions Regarding Subscribers' Treatment by Rep. Stacy Ritter (D-Coral Springs)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee.

SUMMARY: Relates to health maintenance contracts; provides that such contracts must give subscribers and their physicians the right to make final decisions regarding the subscribers' treatment.

HB 1823 Natural Hormone Replacement Therapy by Rep. Addie Greene (D-Mangonia Park)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to Natural Hormone Replacement Therapy; provides intent; requires managed care providers and medical insurers to reimburse patients who choose such therapy.

HB 1935 Calculate Estimated Tax Liability by Rep. Allan Bense (R-Panama City)

Died in the House Finance and Taxation Committee.

SUMMARY: Relates to tax on sales, use, and other transactions; reduces the percentage used by a dealer to calculate estimated tax liability.

HB 1953 Telehealth Services To Patients by Rep. Mike Fasano (R- New Port Richey)

Died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

SUMMARY: Requires separate licensure to provide telehealth services to patients in this state.

HB 1959 Health Maintenance Contracts by Rep. Kenneth Gottlieb (D-Miramar)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Requires health maintenance contracts to give subscribers the right to choose their physicians.

HB 2029 Health Care Coverage by Rep. Elaine Bloom (D-Miami Beach)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee.

SUMMARY: Prescribes requirements for determining whether a health insurance policy provides benefits that are reasonable in relation to premium rates.

HB 2061 Commission on Mandated Health Benefits by House Insurance Committee

Died in the House Governmental Operations Committee.

SUMMARY: Relates to mandated health benefits; creates the Advisory Commission on Mandated Health Benefits; specifies the purpose and membership of the commission.

HB 2177 Aircraft Exemption from the Statute of Repose by Rep. John Cosgrove (R-Miami)

Died in the House Judiciary Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to the statute of repose; exempts aircraft and their component parts from the statute of repose.

HB 2339 Patient Protection Act of 2000 by Rep. Tom Feeney (R-Oviedo)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Patient Protection Act of 2000. Deletes certificate-of-need requirement for licensure of Medicare-certified home health agencies; pertains to State Health Plan; licensing of home health agencies by AHCA; Medicare-certified home health agencies; assessment on hospitals to fund public Medical Assistance; benefits for hospital outpatient services; nursing home certification; hospice care; HMO subscriber protections; and more.

HB 2343 Health Maintenance Organizations by Rep. Renier Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami)

Died in the House Health Care Services Committee

SUMMARY: Provides for translating contracts, certificates, and member handbooks into other languages under certain circumstances; requires certain disclosures to comply with language translation requirements.

HB 2433 Taxation Time Period for Certain Departments by the House Finance and Taxation Committee

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Relates to taxation; specifies the time period within which the Department of Revenue and Department of Business and Professional Regulation may determine and assess the amount of certain taxes, penalties, or interest due beginning July 1, 2002.

HB 2441 Reinsurance Premiums by the House Insurance Committee

Died on the House Calendar.

SUMMARY: Relates to workers' compensation; clarifies the legislative intent that the terms "net premiums written" and "net premiums collected", include ceded reinsurance premiums in accord with original intent.

SB 4 Florida Building Code Exemption by Senator Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Miami)

Laid on the table; refer to HB 219.

SUMMARY: Provides that certain counties are exempt from the Florida Building Code adopted by the Building Commission to extent necessary to enforce more stringent windstorm standards than standards provided by the Building Code.

SB 6 Health Insurance Policies by Senator Buddy Dyer (D-Orlando)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Authorizes insurer to issue certain health insurance policies or certificates which do not include specified provisions; provides that mandated health benefits may be excluded from any such policy or certificate; requires that policy or certificate issued under act include specified notice.

SB 56 Vehicles Driving with Unsecured Load by Senator Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Miami)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee

SUMMARY: Provides for criminal penalties for failure to secure loads on vehicles under certain circumstances; provides minimum penalty and mandatory hearing for violations of certain provisions; provides that portion of fines collected for violation of specified provision shall be used to educate public about hazards of driving with unsecured loads.

SB 60 Intangible Personal Property Taxes by Senator Tom Lee (R-Brandon)

Laid on the table; refer to HB 67.

SUMMARY: Reduces rate of Intangible Personal Property tax; reduces rates of tax on securities in Florida Futures Investment Fund to conform; exempts accounts receivable from tax as of specified date; deletes exemption from tax to conform.

SB 76 Health Insurance and Contraceptive Drugs by Senator Patsy Ann Kurth (D-Malabar)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.

SUMMARY: Creates Equity in Prescription Insurance and Contraceptive Coverage Act; requires certain health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts to provide coverage for prescription oral contraceptives; applies certain requirements for group coverage regarding prescription oral contraceptives to small employer carriers issuing health benefit plans.

SB 162 Practice of Medicine by Senator Anna Cowin (R-Leesburg)

Died on the Senate Calendar.

SUMMARY: Provides that rendering of adverse determination by HMO or prepaid health clinic constitutes practice of medicine by medical director of organization or clinic; provides requirements for medical director of HMO or prepaid health clinic regarding adverse determinations made by organization or clinic.

SB 164 Insurance for Autism Spectrum Disorder by Senator Jim Scott (R-Ft. Lauderdale)

Died in messages .

SUMMARY: Requires health insurer or HMO that offers major medical coverage to include coverage for treating autism spectrum disorder; authorizes insurer or HMO to confirm diagnosis or review appropriateness of treatment plan; provides that act does not affect licensure of health care professional or impair right to reimbursement of health care provider.

SB 168 Pharmacists Licensure by Endorsement by Senator Burt Saunders (R-Naples)

Died in messages.

SUMMARY: Authorizes licensure of pharmacists by endorsement; provides requirements.

SB 236 Unemployment Compensation by Senator Buddy Dyer (D-Orlando)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee.

SUMMARY: Provides definition and application of alternative base period for unemployment compensation.

SB 260 Unemployment/Employer's Tax Rates by Senator John Senator John McKay (R-Bradenton)

Died in the Senate Commerce and Economic Opportunities Committee

SUMMARY: Extends for additional year temporary reduction in certain contribution rates for specified employers; extends for specified period temporary increase in maximum weekly and yearly benefit amounts for unemployment compensation benefits.

SB 270 Elections by Senator James Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 917.

SUMMARY: Provides alternative procedure for voting by absentee ballot; eliminates requirement that election boards be composed of three inspectors and a clerk; provides for deputy sheriff to be present at each polling place.

**SB 282 Managed Care Entities by Senator Ron Silver (D-North Miami Beach)
03/07/2000**

Laid on the table; refer to CS/CS/SB 2154

SUMMARY: Provides for liability of managed care entities to subscribers in health care plan for damages for harm approximately caused by failure to exercise ordinary care; provides non-applicability to workers' compensation insurance coverage; requires Agency for Health Care Administration to establish and certify independent review organizations; provides for notice to subscribers of their right to appeal adverse determination to independent review organization.

SB 284 Culpable Negligence by Senator Walter Campbell (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Specifies offense of culpable negligence causing public financial injury; specifies elements of offense; provides penalties; requires certain notice in certain state contracts; specifies that failure to provide such notice constitutes defense to offense; provides for prosecuting such offenses.

SB 286 Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge by Senator Steven Geller (D-Hallandale)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/CS/SB 770

SUMMARY: Provides exemption from alcoholic beverage surcharge to certain nonprofit and veterans' organizations.

SB 306 Citizen Participation in Government Act by Senator Tom Lee (R-Brandon)

Laid on the table; refer to HB 135.

SUMMARY: Creates the Citizen Participation in Government Act; provides procedures for judiciary to respond to lawsuits regarding constitutional right to petition government for redress of grievances.

SB 364 Primary Elections Contests by the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee

Died on Senate Calendar.

SUMMARY: Allows all electors to vote in certain primary election contests.

SB 366 Political Campaigns by the House Ethic and Elections Committee

Died on the Senate Calendar.

SUMMARY: Clarifies that certain persons who make independent expenditures that expressly advocate election or defeat of candidates or approval or rejection of issues must file periodic expenditure reports; allows certain individuals to make anonymous independent expenditures; authorizes certain individuals to engage in anonymous political advertising.

SB 388 Taxation by the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Provides exemption from tax on sales, use, and other transactions for sales or leases to all organizations exempt from federal income tax under specific provision of Internal Revenue Code; removes and revises various specific exemptions to conform; provides for application of provisions regarding temporary exemption certificates to newly organized organizations exempt under specific provision.

SB 390 Aviation Fuel Tax by the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

Died in messages.

SUMMARY: Relates to aviation fuel tax; rescinds repeal of alternative tax rate.

SB 410 Actions for Product Liability by Senator Howard Forman (D-Hollywood)

Died in the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Services Committee

SUMMARY: Repeals statute of repose on actions brought to recover for harm caused by products having specified expected useful life; repeals exceptions and exemptions from such statute.

SB 424 Managed Care Organization Accountability Act by Senator Walter Campbell (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Creates Managed Care Organization Accountability Act of 2000; provides for responsibility to patients; provides duty to exercise ordinary care when making health care treatment decisions; provides for liability; provides certain defenses in actions against health insurance carrier, health maintenance organization (HMO), or managed care entity.

SB 706 Health Maintenance Organizations by Senator John Laurent (R-Bartow)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/CS/CS/SB 1508.

SUMMARY: Defines term Clean Claim; provides prerequisites to HMO's contesting such claim; provides procedures and penalties for failure to pay part or all of clean claim; provides for Agency for Health Care Administration to review all provider grievances alleging that HMO has violated specified provision; provides for appointment of review panel and specifies its membership.

SB 736 Children's Cancer Insurance Coverage by Senator John Grant (R-Tampa)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Provides definitions; requires health insurance coverage for certain costs regarding certain child cancer treatment programs; provides for application; provides construction.

SB 762 Health Management Organization Contracts by Senator Patsy Ann Kurth (D-Malabar)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Provides that health management organization contracts must give subscribers and their physicians right to make final decisions regarding subscribers treatment.

SB 770 Alcoholic Beverages and Surcharge by Senator Jack Latvala (R-Palm Harbor)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Reduces surcharges on liquor, wine, cider, and beer sold for consumption on premises; provides exemption from surcharge to certain nonprofit organizations; increases portion of surcharge which is transferred to Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund; provides for future repeal of provision which imposes surcharges on alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on premises.

SB 788 Managed Care Organization Accountability Act by Senator Steven Geller (D-Hallandale)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Creates the Managed Care Organization Accountability Act of 2000; provides legislative intent and definitions; provides for responsibility to patients; provides duty to exercise ordinary care when making health care treatment decisions; provides for liability; provides certain defenses in actions against health insurance carrier, health management organization, or managed care entity; provides severability.

SB 864 Health Maintenance Contracts by Senator Ron Klein (D-Boca Raton)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Requires such contracts to allow subscribers to choose their physicians.

SB 866 HMOs and In-Patient Hospital Services by Senator Jim King (R-Jacksonville)

Died on the Senate Calendar.

SUMMARY: Prohibits HMO from restricting provider's ability to provide in-patient hospital services to subscriber; requires payment for medically necessary in-patient hospital services.

SB 996 Clinical Laboratory Services and Health Insurance by Senator Charles Clary (R-Destin)

Died in the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

SUMMARY: Requires certain insurers and HMOs to cover and pay for certain clinical laboratory services under certain circumstances.

SB 1010 Assessment of Real Property by Senator George Kirkpatrick (R-Gainesville)

Died in the Senate Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs Committee

SUMMARY: Removes provisions which require that, in assessment of real property, improvements or portions not substantially completed on January 1 shall have no value placed thereon, and that, in assessment of tangible personal property, construction work in progress shall have no value placed thereon until substantially completed.

SB 1032 Child Support and Workers' Compensation Claims by Senator Daryl Jones (D-Miami)

Died on the Senate Calendar

SUMMARY: Requires judges of compensation claims to consider interests of worker and worker's family when approving settlements of workers' compensation claims; requires recovery of any child-support arrearage from those settlements; specifies that exemptions from creditors' claims or workers' compensation payments or settlements do not extend to claims of child support; provides that gross income includes all workers' compensation benefits and settlements.

SB 1034 Premises Liability Actions by Senator John Grant (R-Tampa)

Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee

SUMMARY: Provides presumption in premises liability actions; provides exception; limits civil liability of owners, occupiers, or controllers of business premises for criminal attacks by certain persons which occur on specified areas of business premises.

SB 1058 Jobs for Florida's Graduates by Senator Jim Horne (R-Orange Park)

Died in the Senate Education Committee

SUMMARY: Deletes time-period limitation for Jobs for Florida's Graduates school to work program; deletes provisions regarding endowment fund, and regarding program outcome goals regarding time-period limitation; deletes provisions regarding distribution of earnings on endowment fund; deletes provisions regarding startup funding; revises annual report requirements; repeals specified provisions regarding future legislative review and temporary pilot apprenticeship program.

SB 1070 Tax Administration by Senator Jim Horne (R-Orange Park)

Laid on the table; refer to HB 2433

SUMMARY: Specifies the time period; determines and assesses amount of certain taxes, penalties or interest due beginning July 1, 2002; provides that the Elections Commission for collecting violation of specified provisions; requires quarterly, semi-annual or annual returns on tax gross receipts for utility services under certain conditions.

SB 1086 Health Insurance Policies Eye Exams by Senator Mandy Dawson (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Requires health and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for certain eye examinations and medically necessary follow-up visits for specified minors; requires health maintenance contracts that cover certain minors to provide coverage for certain eye examination and medically necessary follow-up visits.

SB 1092 Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection by Senator Ron Klein (D-Boca Raton)

Died on the Senate Calendar

SUMMARY: Repeals specified provisions, which provide for inspection of motor vehicle exhaust emissions.

SB 1106 Violation of the Election Code by Senator James Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)

Died in messages.

SUMMARY: Provides that a person who agrees, conspires, combines, or confederates with another person to commit violation of the Election Code is punishable as if he or she committed violation; provides that person who knowingly aids, abets, or advises another person who has violated code, with intent for that person to avoid detection, arrest, or prosecution, is punishable in like manner as principal offender.

SB 1178 Clinical Trial Participation by Senator Tom Lee (R-Brandon)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Prohibits certain health insurers and HMOs from denying qualified individuals from participating in approved clinical trials; requires said insurers and HMOs to provide coverage to qualified individuals for certain costs regarding approved clinical trials; provides for reimbursement of patient costs; requires out-of-state group policies to provide coverage for certain costs regarding approved clinical trials.

SB 1290 Solid Waste Management by Senator Jim King (R-Jacksonville)

Died on the Senate Calendar.

SUMMARY: Provides for the regulation of solid-waste management services provided by local governments and private companies.

SB 1310 Taxation by Senator Jim Horne (R-Orange Park)

Died on the Senate Calendar.

SUMMARY: Reduces the percentage that dealers are to use to calculate their estimated sales tax liability.

SB 1338 Telecommunications by Senator Jim Horne (R-Orange Park)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Provides legislative intent relating to the taxation of telecommunications services.

. SB 1340 Sale Tax by Senator James Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

SUMMARY: Includes specialty chemicals and bioaugmentation products within the sales tax exemption for equipment and machinery used for pollution control in connection with the manufacture of items of tangible personal property for sale.

SB 1342 Sale Tax by Senator John Grant (R-Tampa)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

SUMMARY: Reduces the rate of the tax on charges for telecommunication service and for electrical power to energy.

SB 1416 Motor Vehicle Inspection Senator Ron Klein (D-Boca Raton)

Died in the Senate Transportation Committee

SUMMARY: Provides for the elimination of all motor vehicle emission testing in counties which have reached their required air attainment standards as required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

SB 1428 Newborn Hearing and Screening by Senator Mandy Dawson (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 399.

SUMMARY: Provides requirements and procedures for the screening of newborns for hearing impairment.

SB 1458 Sales Tax Exemption by Senator Jim King (R-Jacksonville)

Died in messages.

SUMMARY: Revises the sales tax exemption for industrial machinery and equipment purchased for use in manufacturing or spaceport activities in new or expanding business; provides a sales tax exemption for machinery, equipment, materials, and tangible personal property for use in research and development; extends the exemption for materials and labor used in the repair of industrial machinery and equipment.

SB 1478 Health Insurance Coverage for Infertility by Senator Steven Geller (D-Hallandale)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.

SUMMARY: Requires health insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment of infertility under certain circumstances.

SB 1508 Health Maintenance Organizations by Senator Virginia Brow-Waite (R-Spring Hill)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Revises provision in relation to provider billing.

SB 1512 Creation of the Campaign Finance Reform Act by Senator Ron Klein (D-Boca Raton)

Died on the Senate Calendar.

SUMMARY: Creates the Campaign Finance Reform Act; revises the definitions of political committee, contribution, expenditure and political advertisement.

SB 1552 Sales Tax on Research Property by Senator John Grant (R-Tampa)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

SUMMARY: Repeals the application of the tax on the purchase, rental, or repair of property used in research and development.

SB 1580 Health Care Act by Senator Walter Campbell (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Requires health maintenance organizations to provide for the resolution of grievances brought by subscribers; provides that a health maintenance organization has the duty to exercise ordinary care when making treatment decisions.

SB 1658 Mental Health Insurance by Senator William Myers (R-Hobe Sound)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Relates to health insurance; provides that the current requirement for group insurers to offer coverage for mental health conditions does not apply to serious mental illness.

SB 1664 Funding for Treating Social Anxiety Disorder by Senator Howard Forman (D-Hollywood)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to pay for medically necessary treatment of social anxiety disorder.

SB 1714 Campaign Financing by Senator Jack Latvala (R-Palm Harbor)

Died in messages.

SUMMARY: Relates to campaign financing; specifies that certain endorsements are not contributions or expenditures; prohibits contributions made during a certain period preceding the first primary election through the general election which exceeds a specified amount.

SB 1836 Health Insurance by Senator Mandy Dawson (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Withdrawn

SUMMARY: Requires health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts to provide for one routine eye examination for certain children by a licensed ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist selected by the patient.

SB 1868 Tax on Farm Equipment by Senator Pat Thomas (D-Quincy)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 1105

SUMMARY: Reduces the rate of tax on self-propelled, power-drawn, or power-driven farm equipment over a specified period.

SB 1882 Natural Hormone Replacement Therapy by Senator Mandy Dawson (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to natural hormone replacement therapy; requires managed care providers and medical insurers to reimburse patients.

SB 1884 Health Insurance by Senator Mandy Dawson (D-Ft. Lauderdale)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Prohibits health insurance policies, group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies, and health maintenance contracts, that provide for payments for early intervention services for children from birth to three years of age, from applying such payments against any maximum annual or lifetime limits specified in the policies or contracts.

SB 1890 Pain Management and Palliative Care by Senator Ron Klein (D-Boca Raton)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Revises the Florida Patient's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to include pain management and palliative care within those medical services for which a patient has a right to request or refuse as treatment.

SB 1894 Sales Tax on Machinery and Equipment by Senator James Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

SUMMARY: Provides a sales tax exemption for machinery and equipment used by an expanding facility engaged in spaceport activities or by certain expanding manufacturing.

SB 1900 Managed Care Organizations by Senator Virginia Brown-Waite (R-Spring Hill)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/CS/SB 2154

SUMMARY: Creates the Managed Care Organization's Patient's Bill of Rights; provides legislative findings and intent; ensures that quality health care and health benefits are provided to the people of this state.

SB 2008 Excluding Coverage by Insurers/Health Organization by Senator Jim King (R-Jacksonville)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to insurance; prohibits insurers and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for any drug prescribed for the treatment of chronic, disabling, or life-threatening illness because it is not federally approved.

SB 2086 Small Employer Health Alliances by Senator Jim King (R-Jacksonville)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Relates to small employer health alliances; provides for insuring small employers under policies issued to small employer health alliances.

SB 2118 Employer's Tax Rates by Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami)

Died in the Senate Commerce and Economic Opportunities Committee

SUMMARY: Directs the Division of Unemployment Compensation of the Department of Labor and Employment Security to reduce employer's tax rates for the year 2001.

SB 2152 Health Insurance by Senator Jack Latvala (R-Palm Harbor)

Died in the Senate Rules and Calendar Committee

SUMMARY: Provides for membership and duties of the conference; provides duties of legislative committees that have jurisdiction over health insurance matters.

SB 2154 Health Care by Senator Jack Latvala (R-Palm Harbor)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 2339

SUMMARY: Allows defendant health care providers or their representatives to interview certain other health care providers.

SB 2156 Health Insurance Definition by Senator Betty Holzendorf (D-Jacksonville)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to health insurance; defines the mandated health benefit.

SB 2234 Health Care Services by Senator Burt Saunders (R-Naples)

Laid on the table; refer to CS/SB 706

SUMMARY: Relates to health care services; provides that authorization for a covered service provided by an HMO's physician, employee, or contractee is binding on the HMO and payment may not be denied.

SB 2402 Exemption From Taxes For Repair and Labor Charges by Senator James Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)

Died in messages.

SUMMARY: Provides that that the exemption in s. 212.08(7) (eee) for certain repair and labor charges applies to industries classified under SIC Code 35.

SB 2462 Exemption for Certain Molds and Dies by Senator Charles Bronson (R-Satellite Beach)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; provides an exemption for certain molds and dies.

SB 2492 Licensure to Provide Telehealth Services by Senator Virginia Brown-Waite (R-Spring Hill)

Died in the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

SUMMARY: Requires separate licensure to provide telehealth services to patients in this state.

SB 2522 Office of Health Care Consumer Advocate by Senator Ron Silver (D-North Miami Beach)

Died in the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee.

SUMMARY: Provides legislative intent to create an Office of Health Care Consumer Advocate.

SB 2532 Workers' Compensation Net Premiums by Senator Pat Thomas (D-Quincy)

Passed both the House and the Senate; pending Governor action.

SUMMARY: Clarifies legislative intent that terms net premiums written and net premiums collected as used in Workers' Compensation law, include ceded reinsurance premiums in accord with original intent; clarifies legislative intent that term major contributing cause as used in law be interpreted in accord with original intent.

SB 2534 Tax Exemptions of Nonresidual Fuel by Senator James Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)

Died in the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; provides an exemption for use of a specified percentage of nonresidual fuel to produce electrical or steam energy.

SB 2612 Mandated Health Insurance Benefits Conference by Senator James Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)

Died in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to health care; creates the Mandated Health Insurance Benefits and Providers Estimating Conference; provides for membership and duties of the conference.

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