



Independent Insurance
Agents of Montana

Big “I” Capitol Report

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Things are in full swing at the 2019 Montana Legislative Session, with bills being introduced every day. There are hearings almost daily that affect you and your clients in one way or another. Your legislative committee continues meeting via conference call every week, reviewing introduced bills and discussing issues that might come before the legislature. The committee’s insight and technical support is critical to your representation up on the “Hill” every day.

Please remember that your Association continues to be very active representing you during the session. However, the most important and affective representation of you, your agency/business, and your clients, is one-on-one contact from a grass roots basis with your legislator.

Use the links below to view the current bill text or see the detailed bill information page (status).

HOUSE BILLS

Bill#	Short Title	LINKS	
HB28	Establish fireworks tax to assist with workers' comp for volunteer firefighters~ *Tabled in Committee 01.18.19	text	status
HB62	Amend nonresident auto insurance requirements or Non-resident auto exemption~ *Passed both houses as of 01.30.19	text	status
HB64	Revise life and health guaranty association laws~ *3rd reading Senate 01.30.19	text	status
HB65	Revise laws related to service of process with the insurance commissioner~ *Heard 01.21.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status

HB66	Revise or repeal insurance laws relating to the State Auditor~ *(H) Business & Labor 3rd reading Senate 01.30.19	text	status
HB74	Revise laws related to restitution for insurance consumers or Insurance Restitution Authority~ 3rd reading Senate 01.30.19	text	status
HB75	Clarify the State Auditor's authority re market conduct, other exams~ (H) Business & Labor Tabled in Committee 01.29.19	text	status
HB85	Revising laws relating to insurance entity organizational filings or SOS Registration Transfer~ 2nd reading Senate 01.30.19	text	status
HB91	Revise laws related to independent review organizations~ *2nd reading Senate 01.30.19	text	status
HB92	Generally revise insurance laws~ Housekeeping bill/clean up bill *Heard 01.18.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status
HB141	Revise insurance laws regarding uninsured, underinsured motorists *Heard 01.23.19 (H) Transportation	text	status
HB152	Revise laws related to surprise medical bills~ *Heard 01.24.19 (H) Human Services	text	status
HB214	Revise laws relating to the State Fund MSF Board Apptment changes *Heard 01.24.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status
HB252	Require vehicle insurance to cover original equipment manufacture parts *Hearing Scheduled 01.31.19 (H) Business & Labor	text	status
HB313	Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers' compensation cases	text	status

SENATE BILLS

Bill#	Short Title	LINKS	
SB18	Establish workforce housing tax credits~ *Heard 01.23.19 (S) Taxation	text	status
SB23	Require accommodations to employer-mandated vaccinations to be uniformly offered~ *Passed Senate 01.29.19	text	status
SB27	Revise insurance laws relating to temporary waterproof coverings and exclusions~ *Tabled in First House Committee (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status
SB29	Require workers' comp for all volunteer firefighters~ *Transmitted to House 01.29.19	text	status
SB39	Revise surplus lines insurance requirements~ *(H) Hearing Scheduled 02.07.19	text	status
SB54	Revise laws governing multiple employer welfare arrangements~ or AHP/MEWA *(H) Hearing Schedule 02.05.19	text	status
SB55	Generally revise captive insurance laws~ *Hearing Scheduled 01.29.19 (S) Finance and Claims	text	status
SB61	Revise Prescription Drug Registry~ *Bill Passes Senate 01.29.19	text	status
SB71	Regulate health insurers' administration of pharmacy benefits for consumers~ *Hearing Scheduled 02.01.19 (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status
SB78	Require workers' comp insurers to provide notice to worker of claim closure~ *Hearing Cancelled (S) Business, Labor & Economic Affairs	text	status
SB125	Establish the Montana reinsurance association and program~ *Heard 01.24.19 (S) Business, Labor & Economics	text	status
SB126	Revise workers' comp solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities	text	status

	*Bill passes Senate 01.29.19		
SB160	Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters *Heard 01.29.19	text	status
SR21	Confirm Governor's appointees to board of hail insurance	text	status