



April 5, 2019

We are 71 days into the 66th Legislative session. The revenue bill transmittal date was April 1st so there is a lot of activity trying to finish up the non-revenue bills as well as get the revenue bills pushed through in the remaining 26 days. We continue to keep an eye on the Worker’s Compensation bills as the Montana State Fund tends to be a focus each session.

As agents, SB 39 will be of note to you when it comes to writing Surplus lines. The \$1,500 requirement has been removed. See bill, pages 5 & 6. The Approved Risk List has also been updated and can be viewed on the Department of Insurance’s website. The Big “I”, Concorde, Big Sky, Great Plains and fellow Big “I” agents collaborated with the Department Insurance to update the ARL as well as help modernize the Surplus Lines code.

Please note, as you read through the attached bill tracker, Chapter Numbers have been assigned. With that said we have had 10 insurance/work comp bills passed. There are also a number of bills that have been transmitted to the Governor for passage or veto.

We will continue to diligently monitored bills related to our industry. Thank you to your government affairs team, John Iverson, Kerri Emmons and our dedicated Big “I” Legislative Committee.

House Bills

Bill#	Short Title	Status	LINKS	
HB28	Establish fireworks tax to assist with workers' comp for volunteer firefighters	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 04.01.19	text	status
HB62	Amend nonresident auto insurance requirements or Non-resident auto exemption	Chapter Number Assigned 02.12.19	text	status
HB64	Revise life and health guaranty association laws	Chapter Number Assigned 02.28.19	text	status
HB65	Revise laws related to service of process with the insurance commissioner	Chapter Number Assigned 03.18.19	text	status
	Revise or repeal insurance laws relating to the State Auditor	Chapter Number Assigned 02.28.19	text	status
HB74	Revise laws related to restitution for insurance consumers or Insurance Restitution Authority	(S) Returned to House Not Concurred in Governor's Proposed Amendments 03.28.19	text	status

HB75	Clarify the State Auditor's authority re market conduct, other exams	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB85	Revising laws relating to insurance entity organizational filings or SOS Registration Transfer	(H) Transmitted to Governor 03.25.19	text	status
HB91	Revise laws related to independent review organizations~	Chapter Number Assigned 02.28.19	text	status
HB92	Generally revise insurance laws Housekeeping bill/clean up bill	Chapter Number Assigned 03.19.19	text	status
HB141	Revise insurance laws regarding uninsured, underinsured motorists	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB152	Revise laws related to surprise medical bills	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB214	Revise laws relating to the State Fund MSF Board Apptment changes	(S) Tabled in Committee-(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 04.02.19	text	status
HB252	Require vehicle insurance to cover original equipment manufacture parts	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB313	Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers' compensation cases	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB344	Require transparency reporting of pharmacy benefit managers	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended--(S) Business, Labor and Economic Affairs 03.21.19	text	status
HB363	Allow for eating disorders under the definition of mental illness	(S) Heard 03.27.19	text	status
HB373	Revising insurance producer affiliation regulatory requirements	Chapter Number Assigned 04.01.19	text	status
HB382	Revise requirements for automobile traffic safety insurance discounts	Chapter Number Assigned 04.01.19	text	status
HB416	Require professional liability coverage for certain real estate licensees	(S) Hearing Scheduled 04.02.19	text	status
HB488	Revising preferred provider agreement laws to remove competitive bids or offers	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB503	Establishing requirements for short-term limited duration insurance	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB562	Revising motor vehicle insurance liability policy coverage requirements prohibit anti stacking bill	(S) Tabled in Committee 03.15.19	text	status
HB563	Clarifying the Montana mental health parity act applies to disability insurance	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status

HB569	Generally revise motor vehicle liability policy minimum limits	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB578	Allow surplus lines insurance to cover certain disability situation	(S) Heard 03.22.19	text	status
HB595	Require coverage of 12 months supply of prescription contraceptives	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
HB658	Generally revise healthcare laws and permanently expand Medicaid	Heard on 04.05.19	text	status
HB757	Generally revise worker's compensation laws	(S) Hearing Scheduled 04.09.19	-	status

Senate Bills

SB23	Require accommodations to employer-mandated vaccinations to be uniformly offered~	(H) Hearing Scheduled 03.18.19	text	status
SB27	Revise insurance laws relating to temporary waterproof coverings and exclusions~	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
SB29	Require workers' comp for all volunteer firefighters	(S) Transmitted to House 01.29.19	text	status
SB39	Revise surplus lines insurance requirements	Chapter Number Assigned	text	status
SB54	Revise laws governing multiple employer welfare arrangements~ or AHP/MEWA	(S) Vetoed by Governor 03.08.19	text	status
SB55	Generally revise captive insurance laws	(H) Hearing Scheduled 04.01.2019	text	status
SB61	Revise Prescription Drug Registry	(H) Heard 03.14.19	text	status
SB71	Regulate health insurers' administration of pharmacy benefits for consumers	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred--(H) Business and Labor	text	status
SB78	Require workers' comp insurers to provide notice to worker of claim closure	(H) 3rd Reading Failed	text	status
SB83	Establishing allowable and prohibited practices for pharmacy benefit managers	Chapter Number Assigned 03.21.19	text	status
SB125	Establish the Montana reinsurance association and program	(H) Referred to Committee--(H) Human Services 03.29.19	text	status
SB126	Revise workers' comp solvency guidelines for self-insured public entities	(H) 2nd Reading Not Concurred 04.03.19	text	status
SB160	Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading 04.05-19	text	status
SB234	Allow department of administration to insure state under plans 1, 2 or 3.	(H) Hear scheduled 04.04.19	text	status

SB237	Provide a tax credit for individual health insured premiums	(S) Tabled in Committee 02.26.19	text	status
SB240	Allow for rescission of insurance contracts under certain circumstances	(H) Tabled in Committee 03.22.19	text	status
SB251	Revise automobile repair law and insurance	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
SB279	Prohibit certain underwriting factors for private passenger insurance	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal 03.01.19	text	status
SB335	Revise insurance laws related to pharmacies & certain health entities	(H) Hearing Scheduled 04.10.19	text	status
SB351	Revise State Fund board composition and term requirements	(S) Committee Report--Resolution Adopted as Amended--(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	text	status
SR21	Confirm Governor's appointees to board of hail insurance	(S) Filed with Secretary of State	text	status
SR36	Confirm Governor's appointees to State Compensation Insurance Fund	(S) Heard 03.12.19	text	status