



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments*

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(H. Insurance as amended by H. Rules and Reference)

Amendments adopted by the House committees add the following provisions to the bill:

Cybersecurity

- Requires insurers to implement an information security program based on the results of a risk assessment in order to safeguard certain business and personal information.
- Requires insurers to develop a formal incident response plan to respond to a cybersecurity event.
- Requires insurers to certify compliance to the Superintendent of Insurance and gives compliant insurers an affirmative defense to certain actions.
- Requires insurers to investigate cybersecurity events.
- Requires insurers to notify certain parties of a cybersecurity event.
- Provides that certain information relating to a cybersecurity event is confidential, privileged, and not subject to disclosure except under limited circumstances.
- Exempts certain small insurers from the information security program requirements and deems HIPAA-compliant insurers as meeting those requirements.

Motor vehicle ancillary product protection contracts

- Merges the motor vehicle tire or wheel road hazard contract provisions in the motor vehicle ancillary product protection (MVAPP) contract provisions.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.

- Adds a contract for key replacement as a type of MVAPP contract.
- Allows MVAPP contracts to provide for incidental payment of indemnity under limited circumstances including towing, rental, and emergency road services.
- Exempts a contract that is only for prepaid routine, scheduled maintenance from the definition of a consumer goods service contract.

Surplus lines insurance

- Authorizes domestic insurers to offer surplus lines insurance products as domestic surplus lines insurers.
- Exempts domestic surplus lines insurers from most insurance laws.
- Allows surplus lines brokers to obtain coverage for a person from a domestic surplus lines insurer.

Cancellation of certain insurance policies

- Allows an insurer to include a notice of cancellation of certain insurance policies for nonpayment of premium with a billing notice.

Regulatory authority of the Superintendent of Insurance

- Specifies that nothing in the Health Care Contract Law provisions relating to the termination of health care contracts is to be construed to expand the regulatory authority of the Superintendent of Insurance over vision care providers.