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HB 2001 – Chapter 19 – insurance; continuing education; definition

Changes the definition of *continuously licensed* to include an expired license or a license placed on inactive status due to military service and applies retroactively to September 13, 2013.

HB 2047 – Chapter 24 – travel insurance producer licensing

Establishes requirements for Limited Lines Travel Insurance (LLTI) producer licenses. Allows a travel retailer to offer and disseminate LLTI, provided the retailer discloses information regarding the insurance terms, claim filing process, review and cancellation process, and contact information of the insurer and producer.

HB 2048 – Chapter 25 – insurance adjusters; portable electronics

Clarifies who may adjust a portable electronics insurance policy. Allows for the cancellation of a portable electronics insurance policy by an enrolled customer and allows an adjuster who is a resident of a state that does not license adjusters, but who is otherwise permitted to adjust portable electronics insurance policies in that state, to apply for a license to adjust portable electronics insurance policies in Arizona.

HB 2050 – Chapter 44 – ASRS membership; section 218 requirements

Eliminates the ASRS eligibility requirement that a member be covered by the state's 218 agreement and repeals the defined contribution plan established by Laws 2013, Chapter 216 for employees ineligible for ASRS or PSPRS. Requires ASRS to enroll previously ineligible employees and allows an employee to purchase a previous period of employment as credit towards ASRS.

HB 2094 – Chapter 26 – *workers' compensation; claim assignment

States that an employee who is entitled to workers' compensation and is permitted to file suit against a third party has one year to pursue the claim or the claim will be assigned to the insurance carrier or self-insured employer.

HB 2121 – Chapter 29 – insurers; licensure; director examination

Makes various changes to statutes which govern the licensure of insurers.

HB 2122 – Chapter 131 [E] – ASRS; election; EORP defined contribution

Clarifies that an elected official who is a current or former member of ASRS must remain within ASRS upon election and makes changes to the Elected Officials Defined Contribution Retirement System Disability Program benefits.

HB 2166 – Chapter 202 – PSPRS contributions; county employers

Permits a county employer under PSPRS that elected to pay a higher level percentage contribution rate to eliminate that rate amount for members hired on or after January 15, 2015. Makes retroactive certain sections of law, in order to allow health subsidies to be excluded from retirees' income for income tax purposes.

HB 2221 – Chapter 52 – workers' compensation; controlled substances

States that an insurance carrier, a self-insured employer, or a claims processing representative is not liable for the payment of any workers' compensation claim unless court action has been taken within two years of the medical service and establishes physician reporting requirements for workers' compensation claims that require the usage of opium-based narcotics in medical treatment.

HB 2329 – Chapter 58 – insurance; notification; cancellation; nonrenewal

Allows an insurer to provide a written notice of nonrenewal or cancellation to the insured by means of first class mail using an intelligent mail barcode tracking method or another similar tracking method used or approved by the US Postal Service.

HB 2331 – Chapter 91 – *life care contracts; in-home care

Expands the definition of *life care contracts* to include a contract to provide a person nursing, medical, or health-related services, boarding and lodging in a long-term care facility, or services in the contract holder's private residence with rights to future access to services, board, and lodging in a long-term care facility for at least one year and outlines requirements for life care contract providers relating to services received by a person in their private residence.

HB 2394 – Chapter 35 – *self-insured employers; deviation; continuation

Continues the 10% deviation rate for calculating taxes or assessments paid by a self-insured employer through calendar year 2020.

HB 2482 – Chapter 95 – interstate insurance product regulation compact

Enacts the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact and establishes Arizona as a compacting state.

HB 2508 – Chapter 153 – insurance; navigator; application counselor; licensure

Establishes licensure requirements for certified application counselors and navigators.

HB 2560 – Chapter 154 – insurance; self-evaluative privilege

Permits a company to conduct an insurance compliance audit and establishes confidentiality privileges for audit findings.

HB 2598 – Chapter 100 – blanket disability insurance; special groups

Expands the types of groups that could obtain a blanket disability insurance policy.

HB 2693 – Chapter 274 – PSPRS; employer liability; death benefits

Requires the PSPRS actuary to calculate Actuarial Present Value of killed-in-the-line-of-duty death benefits for valuation purposes.

SB 1083 – Chapter 180 – ASRS; applicable interest rate; definition

Defines certain terms in ASRS statutes in order to comply with the IRC.

SB 1084 – Chapter 69 – ASRS; long-term disability compensation

Clarifies the definition of *monthly compensation* in ASRS long-term disability statutes. Changes the definition of *monthly compensation* as the amount determined by taking the six pay periods immediately before the date of the member's disability, disregarding the highest two and lowest two compensation amounts, and deriving the median of the two remaining pay periods.

SB 1089 – Chapter 104 – insurance holding companies; enterprise risk

Conforms Arizona insurance statutes governing insurance holding company systems to standards established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and requires a party seeking to divest or acquire a controlling interest in an insurer to file an annual enterprise risk report with DOI. Contains a two-year rulemaking exemption for DOI.

SB 1181 – Chapter 186 – guaranty fund; workers’ compensation

Transfers the rights and obligations related to the payment of workers’ compensation claims from the Special Fund, administered by the ICA, to the Arizona Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Fund (Guaranty Fund), under DOI. Requires the ICA to transfer \$222,848,153 in assets from the Special Fund to the Guaranty Fund for deposit in the Workers’ Compensation Insurance Account no less than 30 days before July 1, 2015.

SB 1222 – Chapter 188 – insurance policies; electronic notices

Authorizes any notice or other required documents in an insurance transaction or those that serve as evidence of insurance coverage to be delivered, stored and presented by electronic means provided that the statutory requirements regarding electronic transactions are met.

SB 1284 – Chapter 190 – public safety officers; omnibus

Expands the Firefighter and Peace Officer Cancer Insurance Program to include corrections officers and allows ADC, ADJC, counties, and municipalities to establish a voluntary cancer insurance policy program. Allows the superior court to redact a peace officer’s personal identifying information upon request, effective January 1, 2015. Allows ADOA to establish an appeals process for the denial of Public Safety Supplemental Benefits Plan claims and extends the repeal date for the Public Safety Supplemental Benefits Plan to October 1, 2017.