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(INSURANCE, Workers' Compensation Insurance & Self-Insurance, continued)

LD	TITLE	SPONSOR	DISPOSITION
721	AN ACT TO LIMIT ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL DATA	DAVIS ARMSTRONG BEAULIEU	(OTPA) PL 1983, c.132

SUMMARY: Requires confidentiality of certain information submitted by self-insurers to the Superintendent of Insurance; tracks language of Freedom of Access law.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-80): Allows self-insurer information to be used by Bureau for proper purposes; based on current law. (ADOPTED)

752	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	BRANNIGAN KELLEHER	CARRYOVER
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SUMMARY: Provides for competitive state fund for workers' compensation insurance; still allows private insurance and self-insurance.

CROSS-REFERENCES: LD 495, LD 497 (and LD 1322, providing for a funded study of alternative funding mechanisms).

1153	AN ACT TO ADJUST THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE RATES CHARGED VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANIES	ROLDE CARROLL, D	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Requires workers' compensation insurance rates for volunteer ambulance companies and volunteer fire departments to be based on the actual earnings of employees in their regular employment.

1158	AN ACT TO CLARIFY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT	HALL	OTPN(1635)
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SUMMARY: Allows workers to establish independent contractor status under the Workers' Compensation Act by signing a written agreement; independent status could still be established by common law rules as well.

1308	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE TO INTERVENE IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE FILINGS	MARTIN, J	(CNTP - 9) (OTPA - 4) H: Indef. PP S:Acc.maj.rpt.
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SUMMARY: Extends jurisdiction of public advocate, created under public utilities law, to workers' compensation insurance ratemaking.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-297): Sunset and appropriation. (Not adopted)

CROSS-REFERENCE: LD 1355, under MISCELLANEOUS INSURANCE BILLS