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HB 1525
SB 150

Rep. Erin Grall and Sen. Danny Burgess have filed legislation eliminating PIP and replacing it with a responsibility-based auto insurance system. The bills in their current form requires \$25k/\$50k/\$10k; med pay offer of between \$5K -\$10K; all and provides a death benefit of \$5k. **Action: Passed Senate Banking & Insurance 10-1; HB 1525 passed House Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee 15-3 on 2/7/22.**

HB 6039
SB 560

Rep. Hinson filed a bill to remove the second part of the wrongful death exception from the medical malpractice laws. Her bill will allow children of adult parents to recover damages.

Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez has filed the Senate companion to Rep. Hinson’s wrongful death exception medical malpractice laws allowing adult children to recover damages for mental pain and suffering in medical negligence suits.

SB 974
HB985

Sen. Grueters filed the Claims Bill & Sovereign Immunity Reform; the bills raise sovereign immunity per person limit to \$1M; removes per incident cap; CPI adjusted annually; allows settlement above limit w/no claims bills; includes sexual abuse language. **Action: Passed Senate Rules 16-1 on 2/23/22, in Senate Appropriations.**

Rep. Beltran filed the House companion. **Action: Passed House Civil Justice Committee 16-1 1/19/22; Passed House Appropriations Committee 23-1 on 1/31/22; passed Judiciary 19-0 2/28/22.**



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HB 6011
SB 262

Rep. Roach has filed his wrongful death exemption bill again. His bill would allow the recovery by parents of an adult child who died due to medical malpractice (does not allow for recovery by adult children for the death of parent). This is a “repealer” bill, which means it cannot be amended. **Action: Passed Judiciary 17-4 2/23/22, on House Special Order Calendar, passed House 102-13 3/2/22, received by Senate, referred to Rules.** Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez has filed the Senate companion to Rep. Roach’s wrongful death bill. The bills are identical in their current form. **Action: Temporarily postponed by Senate Judiciary on 1/31/22.**

HB 539
SB1324

Rep. Trumbull has filed Nursing Home Financial Reporting legislation. House Healthcare Appropriations Subcommittee heard the bill this week and passed it by a unanimous 12-0 vote. **Action: Passed Senate Rules 17-0 2/23/22, on calendar, 2nd RDG.** Sen. Burgess has filed the senate version of the bill. **Action: Passed by Senate Health Policy 10-0 on 2/2/22; now in Senate Rules.**

HB 6035
SB 646

Rep. Mariano has filed her bill to delete the provision that a portion of a punitive damages award against a nursing home must be paid into the Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund. This bill is identical to the bill she filed last session, which passed one committee. Sen. Hooper has filed the companion to Rep. Mariano’s bill on punitive damages award against nursing homes.



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SB 634
HB 677

Sen. Bradley has filed a bill related to Judicial Notice of Satellite Maps. **Action: Passed Senate 39-0 on 2/10/22; in House messages, on House Special Order calendar on 3/3/22.**

Rep. Robinson has filed the House companion. **Action: Passed Judiciary Committee (19-0) on 2/8/22, on calendar 2nd Reading, on House Special Order Calendar 3/3/22.**

SB1768
HB 655

Sen. Book has filed SB 1768 related to statute of limitations for sexual offenders.

Rep. Gottlieb has filed the companion bill in the House.

SB 1418
HB 1475

Sen. Albritton has filed legislation related to soil and groundwater contamination (PFAS). **Action: Temporarily postponed (TP'd) by Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee.**

Rep. McClure has filed the companion bill in the House **Action: Passed Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee 14-0 2/14/2022, passed State Affairs 23-0 on 2/23/22, on House Special Order Calendar 3/3/22.**



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SB 736
HB 583

Sen. Hutson has filed a bill related to construction defects claims. There is not currently a House companion bill. This bad bill is being dubbed the "Negligent Builder Protection Act." It's good for builders, horrible for homeowners. **Action: Passed Senate Judiciary 6-4 11/30/22; Passed Senate Community Affairs Committee 6-2 on 1/12/22; Passed Senate Rules 11-4 on 2/3/22; introduced on Senate floor 2/10/22; passed Senate 26-13 2/17/22, now in House Messages.**

Rep. Yarborough has filed the House companion. **Action: Passed Judiciary 17-2 on 2/23/22, on Calendar, 2nd Reading.**

HB 545
SB 1062

Rep. Beltran has filed Medical Malpractice/Presuit Notice of Intent. The bill authorizes a medical malpractice presuit notice letter to be sent by certified mail return receipt. **Action: Passed Judiciary 17-0 on 2/8/22, on House Second Reading calendar, on House Special Order Calendar 3/3/22; refer to SB 1062.**

Sen. Bradley has filed the Senate companion bill. **Action: Passed Rules Committee 17-0 on 2/10/22, Passed Senate 38-0 on 2/17/22; now in House Messages, on House 3rd Reading Calendar 3/3/22.**

HB 437
SB 986

Rep. Rommel has filed legislation related to the Collaborative Practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. The bill would allow a registered nurse who is certified as registered nurse anesthetist to administer anesthesia in collaboration with specified licensed physicians.

Sen. Diaz has filed the Senate companion.

SB 468
HB 503

Sen. Perry has filed property insurance legislation related to service of process. **Action: Passed Senate 37-0, in House Messages.**

Rep. Gregory has filed the companion bill to Sen. Perry's property insurance bill. These bills have several insurance issues, however the onerous service of process provision has been amended out of both bills. **Action: Passed Commerce 22-0 on 2/23/22, on Calendar 2nd Reading.**



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SB 610
H7021

Sen. Brandes has filed legislation extending the timeframe for which COVID-19-related claims may be brought against health care providers.

The House Judiciary Committee has filed their version of the bill.

SB 804
HB 1239

Sen. Albritton filed the “Modernization of Nursing Home Facility Staffing” legislation on 11/3/21. **Action: Passed Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee 9-4, 2/14/22, Temporarily postponed in Rules on 2/23/22, on Senate Special Order Calendar 3/3/22.**

Rep. Melo has filed the House companions. **Action: Passed Finance & Facilities Committee 14-4 on 2/8/22, Passed HHS 2/23/22, 3rd Reading in House; passed 80-31; in Messages to the Senate.**

SB 7014
HB 7021

COVID-19 Related Claims-Health Care Providers which extends the timeframe for which COVID-19-related claims may be brought against health care providers. **Action: Passed Legislature; signed by officers and sent to the Governor on 2/17/22; Signed into law by the Governor on 2/25/22.**

House Judiciary has filed the House version of the bill. **Action: Took up Senate Bill; passed House 87-31 on 2/10/22. Signed into law by the Governor on 2/25/22.**

SB 1874
HB 959

Sen. Boyd has filed the CFO/DFS Big Agency Bill includes service of process (SOP) language. **Action: Passed Banking and Insurance 10-0 on 1/25/22, on Appropriations Agenda 2/28, on Senate Special Order Calendar 3/4/22.**

Rep. LaMarca has filed the companion bill in the House. **Action: Passed Appropriations 24-0; The House bill was amended with service of process agree to language; expect the senate bill to be identically amended; passed House Commerce Committee, on Calendar, 2nd RDG 19-0 on 2/17/22, Read 3rd time, passed 113-0.**



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SB 1728
HB 1307

Sen. Boyd has filed property insurance legislation. The bill contains roofing schedules/!\$10,000 limit of liability language and Citizens Depopulation. **Action: Passed Agriculture, Environment, and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee 9-1 on 2/16/22, on Appropriations Agenda 2/28/22, Read 3rd time, passed 28-11 3/3/22; now in House Messages.**

Rep. Gregory has filed companion legislation in the House. **Action: Passed by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee 17-0 on 2/2/22; Passed Commerce 18-5 2/23/22, On Calendar, 2nd Reading.**

SB 578
HB 837

Sen. Hooper has filed a bill related to Hurricane Loss Mitigation. The bill deleted construction relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation coverage rates; delays future repeal of the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program. **Action: Passed Banking & Insurance (11-0); Passed Community Affairs 9-0 on 2/2/22; amended to remove a \$2m appropriation to USF to perform a property insurance market study, to include reducing litigation frequency; withdrawn from Appropriations Committee and placed on Senate calendar. Passed by full Senate 37-0 on 3/4/22.**

Rep. Willhite filed the House companion. **Action: Passed Insurance & Banking Subcommittee 16-0 on 2/2/22; now in Commerce Committee, on House Special order calendar 3/1/22; read 3rd time 3/2/22 passed 117-0.**



Red indicates issues FJA opposes or that a bill is headed in the wrong direction.

Yellow indicates issues FJA is neutral on but keeping an eye on.

Green indicates issues FJA is proactively working to advance and are headed in the right direction.

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