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**Signed by Governor*

Highlights

- House of Representatives was in session until 9:25 p.m. on cross-over day (February 25).
- Even though HB 1236 (autism bill) was defeated in House State Affairs Committee, the issue is not dead. We are expecting amendment of another bill.
- HB 1219 (overseas health coverage) sailed through committee and passed the House floor.
- HB 1053 passed out of committee on February 28

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HB 1034 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding unemployment insurance contribution rates.

Sponsor: The Committee on Commerce and Energy at the request of the Department of Labor and Regulation

Summary: This bill is a clean-up of the statutes covering unemployment insurance contribution rates. It extends current rates through December 31, 2019.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed House Commerce and Energy Committee (13-0) on January 16; passed House of Representatives (66-0) on January 22; scheduled for hearing in Senate Commerce and Energy Committee on March 5.

HB 1053 An Act to revise the value of gifts permitted for certain insurance advertising or promotional programs.

Sponsor: Representative Willadsen and Senator Novstrup

Summary: This bill increases the dollar amount of permitted gifts from insurers and insurance producers to insureds from \$25.00 to \$100.00

NAIFA Position: Support

Status: Passed House Commerce and Energy Committee (13-0 consent) on January 23; passed House of Representatives (66-0) on January 24; passed Senate Commerce and Energy Committee (6-0) on February 28.

HB 1085 An Act to revise certain programs to advance health care in South Dakota.

Sponsors: Representatives Beal and Senator Bolin

Summary: This is one of several placeholder bills that has been filed. It provides that programs be revised to advance health care in South Dakota.

NAIFA Position: Monitor carefully

Status: Tabled in House Health and Human Services Committee (13-0) on February 21.

HB 1088 An Act to prohibit the use of certain electronic devices while driving.

Sponsors: Representative Barthel and Senator Sohlt

Summary: This bill changes our texting ban from a secondary offense to a primary offense (Class 2 misdemeanor). It also broadens the definition of mobile electronic devices.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed House Transportation Committee (12-1) on February 5; passed House of Representatives (40-30) on February 6; passed Senate State Affairs Committee (6-0) on February 20; failed Senate (17-17) on February 21; failed Senate Reconsidered (17-14).

HB 1092 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding campaign finance disclosure reports.

Sponsors: Representative Dennert and Senator Schoenbeck

Summary: As amended, this bill requires all candidates running for a legislative or county office with a recognized political party to file a pre-primary report if there is any primary race for that particular office.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Delivered to the Governor on February 27.

HB 1099 An Act to provide for the designation of a caregiver to receive information regarding residents of treatment facilities.

Sponsors: Representative Reed and Senator Smith (VJ)

Summary: This bill authorizes a resident of a treatment facility to designate a caregiver to receive notice of the resident's treatment and aftercare plan. The treatment facility must document the caregiver's information in the resident's record. The treatment facility must also give reasonable notice to the caregiver of the resident's discharge or transfer to a different treatment facility prior to the resident's discharge or transfer.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Health and Human Services Committee (13-0) on February 5; passed House of Representatives (69-1) on February 6; scheduled for hearing in Senate Health and Human Services Committee on March 4.

HB 1124 An Act to require health care facilities that perform mammography to inform mammography patients on breast density.

Sponsors: (numerous sponsors) Representative Howard and Senator Sohlt

Summary: This bill requires any health care facility that performs mammography services to include information on breast density in the mammogram report. If the interpreting physician determines that a patient has extremely dense breasts, the mammogram report must include a notice so advising the patient.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Delivered to the Governor on February 27.

HB 1135 An Act to provide for the use of certain confidential information by the director of the Legislative Research Council.

Sponsors: Representative Haugaard

Summary: This bill requires the state, a department, agency, or political subdivision to provide any documents so requested to be turned over to the director of the LRC. If the documents are confidential, the confidentiality provisions apply to the director. The second section of the bill, which authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose tax returns and accompanying information to the director, was amended out of the bill.

NAIFA Position: Oppose

Status: Motion to amend passed House State Affairs Committee on February 20; scheduled for hearing on February 22; failed House State of Affairs Committee as amended (6-7); deferred to 41st Legislative Day (7-6) in House State Affairs Committee on February 22.

HB 1137 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding pharmacy benefit managers.

Sponsor: Representative Gosch Senator Steinhauer

Summary: The first section of this bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from contractually requiring a pharmacy to collect a cost sharing amount for a consumer that is greater than the actual cost of the drug. The second section of the bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from retroactively adjusting a pharmacy claim, except for limited reasons, such as an audit or error. It was amended extensively in committee to achieve those objectives.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed House Health and Human Services Committee as amended (13-0) on February 7; passed House of Representatives as amended (67-0) on February 13; passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee (6-0 consent) on February 22; passed Senate (35-0) on February 25.

HB 1143 An Act to revise provisions regarding contribution limits to political action committees.

Sponsors: Representative Peterson (Kent) and Senator Langer

Summary: This bill applies the single contribution limit of \$10,000/year to all political action committees controlled by the same person or entity. Under current law political action committees have no campaign contribution limits

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Delivered to the Governor on February 27.

HB 1170 An Act to revise certain healthcare programs and make an appropriation therefor.

Sponsors: Representative Karr

Summary: This is a placeholder bill. It appropriates \$1.00 from the general fund to revise healthcare plans. The state shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay for expenditures. Any appropriated amounts not expended or obligated by June 30, 2019 shall revert to the general fund.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Tabled in House Health and Human Services Committee (13-0) on February 21.

HB 1219 An Act to revise provisions regarding insurance plans.

Sponsors: Representative Schoenfish and Senator DiSanto

Summary: This bill was hoghoused in House Commerce Committee on February 13. It now allows a person to secure health insurance from a surplus lines insurer to provide coverage when the person is traveling abroad.

NAIFA Position: Support

Status: Passed House Commerce and Energy Committee as amended (12-0 consent) on February 22; passed House of Representatives (65-0) on February 25; scheduled for hearing in Senate Commerce and Energy Committee on March 5.

HB 1236 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding health insurance coverage.

Sponsors: Representative Cwach and Senator Heinert

Summary: This bill would expand the mandate for coverage of ABA therapy to individual and small group health insurance plans, effective January 1, 2020. It had a very emotional hearing in committee. This bill is definitely not dead.

NAIFA Position: Soft opposition

Status: Deferred to 41st legislative day (7-4) in House State Affairs Committee on February 20.

HB 1271 An Act to remove exceptions to certain health insurance policies.

Sponsors: Representative Peterson (Sue) and Senator Greenfield (Brock)

Summary: This bill is almost identical to HB 1236. It would extend the mandate for coverage of ABA therapy for autistic children to individual and small group health insurance plans. There is not provision for the effective date.

NAIFA Position: Soft opposition.

Status: Withdrawn at the Request of the Prime Sponsor.

SENATE BILLS

SB 31 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding criminal background checks for assistant behavior analysts and paraprofessionals.

Sponsor: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Department of Social Services

Summary: The bill removes the requirement that assistant behavior analysts and paraprofessionals submit to a criminal background check by the FBI. The DCI background check requirement remains. The reason for the bill is that it is difficult for behavioral analysts to get FBI checks on their assistants or paraprofessionals.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Signed by the Governor on February 8.

SB 36 An Act to revise the membership of the State Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

Sponsor: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Labor and Regulation

Summary: The bill adds a ninth member to the State Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. The ninth member, who is appointed by the Governor, shall serve as chair.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Commerce and Energy Committee (6-1) on January 17; passed Senate (34-0) on January 22; passed House Commerce and Energy Committee (13-0) on February 6; passed House of Representatives (61-6) on February 19.

SB 37 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding association health plans.

Sponsor: Committee on Commerce and Energy at the request of the Department of Labor and Regulation

Summary: This is the Division's association health plan bill. There have not been any opponents to the bill.

NAIFA Position: Support.

Status: Signed by the Governor on February 14.

SB 70 An act to revise provisions regarding hospital liens.

Sponsors: Senator Nelson and Representative Johns.

Summary: This bill requires a hospital to submit a bill for payment of reasonable and necessary charges for treatment of an injured person to the person's health insurer prior to creating a lien. If a lien is created and a health insurer is subsequently identified, the hospital shall submit the bill to the carrier prior to pursuing the lien. A clean-up amendmet was made to the bill in its second committee hearing.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee as amended (6-0 consent) on February 8; passed Senate (34-0) on February 12; passed House Judiciary Committee as amended (11-0 consent) on February 25; passed House of Representatives (68-0) on February 27.

SB 78 An act to exempt certain medical providers from licensure.

Sponsors: Senator Curd and Representative Hansen.

Summary: This bill adds to the current list of exemptions of physicians licensed in another state from licensure in South Dakota a physician who provides medical care to an individual athlete or athletic team.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee (7-0 consent) on January 28; Passed Senate (31-0) on January 29; passed House Health and Human Services Committee (12-0) on February 12; passed House of Representatives (69-0) on February 26.

SB 89 An act to enhance health care in South Dakota.

Sponsors: Senator Bolin and Representative Beal

Summary: This is a placeholder bill. It provides that the Legislature shall pursue opportunities to enhance health care in the state.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee (4-2) on February 22; tabled in Senate (35-0) on February 25.

SB 96 An act to expand application of the tax credit for contributions to a scholarship granting organization.

Sponsors: Senators Schoenbeck and Stalzer and Representatives Hansen and Glanzer

Summary: Former Senator Heineman lobbying for and passed a program that allows insurance companies to receive a credit on premium taxes paid, which dollars to a foundation that provides scholarship monies to lower income students. This bill (1) allows credits to be taken quarterly, and (2) as amended, increases the amount of the credit from 80% to 100%. The \$2 million cap remains in effect.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Education Committee as amended (4-0) on February 14; passed Senate (31-3) on February 20; passed House Education Committee (10-4) on February 27.

SB 120 An Act to modify the time period allowable for certain covenants not to compete.

Sponsors: Senator Greenfield and Representative Peterson (Sue)

Summary: This bill reduces the maximum amount of time for a non-compete covenant from two years to one year. Section 2 of the bill, which applied to captive insurance agents, was deleted in committee.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Commerce and Energy Committee as amended (4-3) on February 12; failed the Senate (16-18) February 21.

SB 123 An Act to provide for the adoption of privacy protection policies.

Sponsors: Senator Russell and Representative Pischke

Summary: This bill requires nonprofit corporations that provide services that require a person's social security number to adopt a privacy protection policy setting forth the manner in which the corporation will protect that information. The Bureau of Information and Telecommunications, in concert with the attorney general, shall develop and post sample policies. It has been amended extensively in Committee. BIT was amended out of the bill. It was amended on the Senate floor to apply only to volunteers.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Commerce and Energy Committee as amended (7-0) on February 19; passed Senate as amended (34-0) on February 21; passed House Judiciary Committee (12-0 consent) on February 27.

SB 131 An Act to accommodate legislation on Medicaid provider reimbursements.

Sponsors: Senators Wiik and Cronin

Summary: This placeholder bill provides a vehicle for legislation affecting Medicaid providers reimbursements. The prime sponsor of the bill asked that this vehicle be kept alive.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Appropriations Committee (9-0) on February 21; tabled in Senate (35-0) on February 25.

SB 134 An Act to accommodate legislation on Medicaid.

Sponsors: Senators Wiik and Cronin

Summary: This placeholder bill provides a vehicle for legislation affecting Medicaid.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Tabled in Senate Appropriations Committee (8-0) on February 14.

SB 136 An Act to provide for the utilization of telehealth by a health care professional.

Sponsors: Senator Curd and Representative Peterson (Kent)

Summary: This bill sets standards/parameters for providers that provide services via telehealth. A minor amendment was made to the bill on the Senate floor.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee (7-0 consent) on January 30; passed Senate as amended (32-1) on February 6; scheduled for hearing in House Health and Human Services Committee on March 6.

SB 137 An Act to provide for the payment of claims for covered services provided by a health care professional via telehealth.

Sponsors: Senator Curd and Representative Peterson (Kent)

Summary: This is the bill we worked on over the past few months with the South Dakota State Medical Association. Health insurers cannot exclude coverage solely because a service is provided by telehealth. The SDSMA has accepted most of our recommendations on the language of this bill. Most significantly, the bill does not mandate payment parity, which we worked diligently to exclude from the bill.

NAIFA Position: Not opposed, in current form.

Status: Passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee (7-0) on January 30; passed Senate (29-4) on February 6; re-referred from House Commerce and Energy to House Health and Human Services Committee; scheduled for hearing on March 5

SB 173 (title amendment) An Act to make an appropriation to fund certain health care innovation grants, to require certain reports, expedite the nursing home rate methodology review, and to declare an emergency.

Sponsors: The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Office of the Governor

Summary: This bill would provide an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to Human Services to be used for nursing home innovation grants and \$1,000,000 for primary and prenatal care innovation grants.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Passed in Joint Appropriations Committee as amended (17-0) on February 27; passed Senate (33-1) on February 28

SB 186 An Act to prohibit the cancellation or nonrenewal of a health insurance policy for a preexisting condition.

Sponsors: Senators Kennedy and Representative Saba

Summary: This bill would prohibit a health insurance policy from being canceled or non-renewed solely based on a preexisting condition of the insured person.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Deferred to 41st Legislative Day (5-2) in Senate Commerce and Energy Committee on February 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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