

Highlights

- SB 37 passed the Senate (34-0) on January 24.
- HB 1053 passed House (66-0) on January 24.
- Filed to date: 81 House bills and 101 Senate bills.
- Deadline for filing unlimited number of bills is January 25.

HOUSE BILLS

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; referred to Senate Commerce and Energy Committee.

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.

SENATE BILLS

SB 8 An Act to provide for statewide resource information system.

Sponsor: Senator Stalzer and Representative Hunhoff at the request of the Access to Mental Health Services Study Committee

Summary: Currently 16 counties in South Dakota provide 2-1-1 telephone service, which provides access to crisis services. This bill would expand 2-1-1 service to all counties in South Dakota. The cost of providing the service statewide is \$800,000. The Committee

Bill Watch

HOUSE BILLS

HB 1034

HB 1053

SENATE BILLS

SB 8

SB 31

SB 36

SB 37

SB 70

SB 78

SB 87

SB 89

Bills that are ~~Struck Through~~ have been killed in some manner, and are not included in this report.

requested a fiscal note on the bill. Ultimately, it will be referred to Appropriations. Now that we know this bill is about telephone services, we will delete it from future reports.

NAIFA Position: No interest

Status: In Committee hearing on January 23, the Senate State Affairs Committee requested a fiscal note from LRC.

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: Passed Senate Health and Human Services (7-0 consent) on January 16; passed Senate (34-0) on January 17; scheduled for hearing in House Judiciary Committee on January 28.

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; referred to House Commerce and Energy.

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. It was amended in committee, so the Big I moved to the "proponent" position. We testified in favor of the bill, as did everyone. There were no opponents.

NAIFA Position: Support.

Status: Passed Senate Commerce and Energy Committee as amended (6-0) on January 17; passed Senate (34-0) on January 24.

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.

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

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: Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 87 An Act to enhance South Dakota.

Sponsors: Senator Bolin and Representative Beal

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

NAIFA Position: Monitor

Status: Referred to Senate State Affairs Committee

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: Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Respectfully submitted:

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