

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas: Barton, Cowan, Gilliam, Krieger, Riley, Tomei, Weidner, Wingard, Holvey
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Exc.: Matthews
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Meeting Dates: 2/18, 3/9, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes that settlement within 60 days of motor vehicle accident does not preclude the payment of additional benefits should further medical treatment be necessary.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Medical treatment required 60 days or more after a motor vehicle accident
- Consumer motivation to accept settlement within 60 days
- Accident victim privacy versus access to public records

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies that settlement for bodily injuries within 60 days of an accident does not preclude the personal injury protection insurer from recovering additional medical benefits from the motor vehicle liability insurer. Removes provision exempting traffic crash exchange reports from public records disclosure.

BACKGROUND: The medical treatment necessary to treat injuries suffered in motor vehicle accidents is not always evident within the first 60 days following the accident. HB 2369-A allows for recovery of additional medical expenses following settlement that occurs within this period.