Legislative Analysis



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RETURN OF INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR EXCESSIVE OR UNFAIRLY DISCRIMINATORY RATES

House Bill 5558

Sponsor: Rep. Shanelle Jackson

House Bill 5559

Sponsor: Rep. Gino Polidori

Committee: Insurance

Complete to 3-19-08

A PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5558 & 5559 AS INTRODUCED 12-12-07

Each bill would amend the Insurance Code to specify that if the commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) disapproves a rate filing because the rates are excessive or unfairly discriminatory, he or she could order a refund of premiums to affected policyholders (as long as the amount is substantial and equals or exceeds the cost of making the refund).

<u>House Bill 5558</u> would apply to automobile and home insurance rates and would amend Section 2114, which allows a person or organization aggrieved by a rate filing to request the commissioner of OFIS to hold a hearing. <u>House Bill 5559</u> would amend Section 2418, which deals with casualty insurance rates, and Section 2618, which deals with fire and inland marine rates.

MCL 500.2114 et al.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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