

**2012insurancebills****SB1134 / HB143 Insurance required for owners of dangerous and vicious dogs.**

**Category** Animals & Animal Husbandry  
**Sponsors** Sen. Beverly Marrero / Rep. G.A. Hardaway  
**Description** Requires that owners of vicious or dangerous dogs obtain minimum insurance coverage of \$25,000 within 60 days of knowing or having reason to know the dog is dangerous to insure the owner from liability for any injuries inflicted by the dog. Specifies which characteristics and under what circumstances a dog is considered dangerous or vicious.  
**Senate Status** 02/28/2011 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.  
**House Status** 04/06/2011 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture Subcommittee.

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**SB540 / HB1251 TN Administrative License Revocation Act.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Jimmy Matlock  
**Description** Authorizes a law enforcement officer charging an individual with driving under the influence and various other crimes involving driving while intoxicated to take possession of the individual's driver's license issued by this state if they test positive for specified alcohol levels, refuse to submit to testing or have submitted to a chemical blood test. Requires a person submitting to a chemical blood test to be issued an interim permit valid for 90 days and requires officers to issue a notice of proposed revocation and request for a hearing to those who tested positive or refused a blood alcohol exam. Requires officers to report specified information to the department within a specified time to be used as prima facie evidence in an administrative hearing. Authorizes the department to conduct hearings to determine if a person's license shall be revoked and provides numerous guidelines regarding evidence, court dates, appeal, written opinions, waiver of right to a hearing, judicial review, notice, and appearance of parties that must be complied with during the administrative process. Grants the person charged the right to petition for stay or reconsideration of the order as well as petition for judicial review in the Davidson county chancery court. Limits revocation periods from three months to one year and requires they run concurrently with any other revocations based on the same occurrence. Provides for procedures to facilitate the return of a persons revoked license who has been acquitted during criminal trial, has had the case dismissed or has entered into a plea agreement, as well as requiring the revocation be removed from the persons driving record. Allows an officer anywhere from 90 to 120 days, dependent on the charge, to file the charges related to the revocation or the driver may request the administrative process cease and their driver's license returned. Allows persons charged to apply for a restricted license based on specified circumstances and driver history. Sets requirements for a person to have their license reinstated following revocation including fees, proof of insurance, and evidence of financial responsibility. (19 pp.)  
**Senate Status** 04/26/2011 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary.  
**House Status** 04/12/2011 - House General Subcommittee of Judiciary deferred to 4/20/11.

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**SB1204 / HB770 Rules and regulations for automobile clubs and associations.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Judd Matheny  
**Description** Allows the commissioner of the department of commerce and insurance to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to automobile clubs and associations.  
**Senate Status** 02/28/2011 - Referred to Senate Transportation.  
**House Status** 04/05/2011 - Taken off notice in House General Subcommittee of Transportation

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**HB2193 Unemployment compensation - disqualification for benefits.**

**Category** Taxes Unemployment  
**Sponsors** Rep. Curtis G. Johnson  
**Description** Makes ineligible for benefits a claimant who was discharged from his or her most recent job because he or she failed to meet a written agreement to obtain a license or certification by a specified date.  
**Senate Status** None  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB1364 / HB1382 Renewal of contractor license.**

**Category** Professions & Licensure  
**Sponsors** Sen. Lowe Finney / Rep. Craig Fitzhugh  
**Description** Specifies that renewal of contractor license must be performed at least 30 days prior to expiration. Broadly captioned.  
**Senate Status** 04/19/2011 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.  
**House Status** 03/02/2011 - Referred to House Commerce.

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**SB1349 / HB1868 Civil procedure - receipt of notice by insured's spouse.**

**Category** Insurance Health  
**Sponsors** Sen. Jim Summerville / Rep. David Shepard  
**Description** Permits a dependent spouse to acknowledge receipt of notice by written acknowledgement if not as provided under the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure.  
**Senate Status** 04/13/2011 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.  
**House Status** 02/24/2011 - Referred to House Commerce.

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**SB1466 / HB1673 Riding of motorcycle without helmet.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Judd Matheny  
**Description** Allows persons who are 21 years of age and who possess proof of comprehensive medical coverage providing at least \$15,000 in medical benefits for injuries from a crash to ride a motorcycle without a helmet.  
**Senate Status** 01/18/2012 - Taken off notice in Senate Transportation.  
**House Status** 04/12/2011 - House General Subcommittee of Transportation deferred to summer study.

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**SB2478 / HB2170 Commissioner required to purchase uniform liability policy.**

**Category** Education  
**Sponsors** Sen. Jack Johnson / Rep. Charles M. Sargent  
**Description** Requires the Commissioner of Education to purchase a uniform liability policy with minimum coverage in specified areas for the benefit of professional employees, to be acquired upon review and approval by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Referred to Senate Education.  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB2141 Limits joint & several liability in comparative fault cases.**

**Category** Tort Liability  
**Sponsors** Sen. Brian K. Kelsey  
**Description** Bars the use of joint and several liability for allocating damages in cases where separate, independent acts of more than one tortfeasor cause an indivisible injury or cases in which the injury caused by the original tortfeasor is enhanced by a third party rendering aid. Provides that joint and several liability will remain in effect in cases involving the family purpose doctrine. Requires the trier of fact to consider all parties who contributed to the alleged injury or property damage when assessing percentages of fault, including non-parties and parties immune from suit. Provides that in cases governed by worker's compensation law a party immune from suit may not be considered by the trier of fact in allocating fault.  
**Senate Status** 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.  
**House Status** *None*

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**SB2142 Landowner owes no duty of care to trespassers.**

**Category** Tort Liability  
**Sponsors** Sen. Brian K. Kelsey  
**Description** Provides that a landowner owes no duty of care to trespassers and is not subject to civil liability for any injury, property damage, or death suffered by a trespasser while on the landowner's land. Lists circumstances under which a landowner is subject to liability for any injury, death, or property damage suffered by a trespasser based off conditions such as age of the trespasser, intent or reasonable care of the landowner, the degree of danger of the landowner's activity, or a failure to warn. Provides a business owner will not be liable for injuries to a person on the business property caused by criminal conduct of a third party.  
**Senate Status** 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.  
**House Status** *None*

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**SB2659 / HB2179 Education commissioner to purchase liability policy.**

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**Category** Education  
**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick  
**Description** Requires the commissioner of education to purchase a uniform liability policy for the benefit of all professional employees. Requires the policy be approved by the commissioner of finance and administration. Sets specified minimum coverage requirements for the policy obtained.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Senate companion bill introduced. (S: Norris)  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB2149 / HB2238 Local law on health benefits & wages cannot vary from state.**

**Category** Local Government  
**Sponsors** Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Glen Casada  
**Description** Prohibits local government from imposing or mandating, through any form of regulation, the provision of health insurance benefits, minimum wage, or family leave requirements that vary from state imposed requirements. Exempts employees of local governments from this provision. Renders null and void any current regulation in violation of this provision, but preserves any violating contracts entered into prior to the effective date of this act.  
**Senate Status** 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government.  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB2151 / HB2192 Landowner not liable for recreation land use without charge.**

**Category** Tort Liability  
**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Ketrone / Rep. Pat Marsh  
**Description** Rewrites the statute regarding a landowner's duty of care to persons on the land for recreational purposes. Provides that a landowner has no duty of care to keep the land safe for recreational activities or warn of hazardous conditions to those granted permission to use the land without charge. Lists exceptions under which a landowner owes a duty of care to persons invited on the land for recreational activities including circumstances of gross negligence by the owner, the landowner charges or extends the invitation for commercial benefit, or an attractive nuisance is present on the land. Provides that a landowner granting permission to use land for recreational purposes does not assure the land is safe or assume responsibility for damage or injury. Exempts a landowner from any liability for death or injury caused during recreational use of the land permitted by a lessee or occupant, unless the owner has reason to know of such use and fails to make a good faith attempt to prevent it.  
**Senate Status** 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB2468 / HB2197 Liability insurance for persons with two or more DUI's.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Julia Hurley  
**Description** Requires a person with two or more DUI convictions, after January 1, 2013, to maintain twice the amount of liability insurance, deposit of cash, or bond filed with the commissioner of safety in order to comply with financial responsibility laws. or bond filed with the commissioner of safety in order to comply with financial responsibility laws. - Amends TCA Title 55.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB2372 / HB2199 Reduction in premiums for certain insurance policy renewals.**

**Category** Insurance General  
**Sponsors** Sen. Beverly Marrero / Rep. Antonio Parkinson  
**Description** Requires all contracts of insurance issued for delivery in Tennessee after July 1, 2012, to provide for a 10 percent premium reduction for any renewed insurance policy that has not had any claims filed against such policy that resulted in payment by the insurance company for the previous year.  
**Senate Status** 01/18/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**HB2207 Registration of trailers used in business.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Rep. Debra Young Maggart

**Description** Clarifies that trailers used in the furtherance of a business are required to be registered.  
**Senate Status** *None*  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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#### **HB2203 Demolition of vehicles without title.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Rep. Antonio Parkinson  
**Description** Requires demolishers to contact the local law enforcement agency to determine if a motor vehicle has been stolen when purchasing or acquiring a motor vehicle where the demolisher does not also acquire the certificate of title, auction sales receipt, or certificate of authority for disposal of the motor vehicle. present with a certificate of title, auction sales receipt, or certificate of authority to demolish. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 55, Chapter 16.  
**Senate Status** *None*  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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#### **HB2202 Representation of indigent claimants.**

**Category** Workers Compensation  
**Sponsors** Rep. Antonio Parkinson  
**Description** Requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to appoint a department attorney to any indigent claimant in an unemployment benefit appeal upon request when an employer is represented by counsel at appeal. Provides that the employer will pay the costs of a claimant's legal representation if the claimant prevails, otherwise cost comes from the department's existing resources. Broadly captioned.  
**Senate Status** *None*  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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#### **SB2160 / HB2460 Gifts to general assembly members.**

**Category** Campaigns & Lobbying  
**Sponsors** Sen. Stacey Campfield / Rep. Julia Hurley  
**Description** Prohibits gifts to a member of the general assembly, the value of which exceeds \$50.00, and which is also made available to the general public. Provides that the \$50.00 limitation will increase to the nearest \$1.00 amount to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index.  
**Senate Status** 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government.  
**House Status** 01/11/2012 - House companion bill introduced. (H: Hurley)

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#### **SB2469 / HB2217 Tractor trailers to have sign on rear identifying owner.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Julia Hurley  
**Description** Requires all tractor trailers and tractor-semitrailer combinations to have a sign or placard on the rear of the vehicle identifying the owner and the owner's business phone. Specifies that a violation is a Class C misdemeanor, subject to a fine only.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.  
**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Withdrawn in House.

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#### **SB2373 / HB2282 Issuance of certificates of insurance.**

**Category** Insurance General  
**Sponsors** Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Charles M. Sargent  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, creates requirements for issuance of certificates of insurance; clarifies the effect of such certificates; and authorizes oversight by the commissioner of commerce and insurance regarding regulation and assessing fines in relation thereto. - Amends TCA Title 56.  
**Senate Status** 01/18/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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#### **SB2554 / HB2283 Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act.**

**Category** Insurance General  
**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Ketron / Rep. Charles Curtiss  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, enacts the NCOIL model "Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act." - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 66, Chapter 29.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012  
**House Status** 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**HB2300 Preexisting condition exclusions.**

**Category** Insurance Health  
**Sponsors** Rep. Craig Fitzhugh  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, revises statutes concerning preexisting condition exclusions to be consistent with federal law. - Amends TCA Title 56.  
**Senate Status** *None*  
**House Status** *None*

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**HJR526 Online database for auto insurance.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Rep. G.A. Hardaway  
**Description** Directs department of safety to conduct a feasibility study of an online database of persons who have automobile insurance.  
**Senate Status** *None*  
**House Status** *None*

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**HB2320 Termination of health insurance for dependant children.**

**Category** Insurance Health  
**Sponsors** Rep. Craig Fitzhugh  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, changes age for termination of health insurance coverage for dependents from 24 to 26. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7.  
**Senate Status** *None*  
**House Status** *None*

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**SB2193 Working in proximity to high-voltage lines.**

**Category** Workers Compensation  
**Sponsors** Sen. Steve Southerland  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, transfers Title 68, Chapter 103, relative to working in proximity to high-voltage lines, into Title 50, Chapter 3, relative to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, effective July 1, 2012. - Amends TCA Title 50 and Title 68, Chapter 103.  
**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.  
**House Status** *None*

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**SB2212 / HB2350 State insurance plans not subject to certain regulation.**

**Category** Government Organization  
**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, specifies that state insurance plans are not subject to regulation by the department of commerce and insurance or subject to the jurisdiction of the department of health and that no such plan is subject to the insurance laws of this state in Title 56 unless otherwise specifically stated. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 27. (Part of Administration Package 2012)  
**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government.  
**House Status** *None*

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**SB2202 / HB2340 Deposit of securities in clearing corporation.**

**Category** Insurance General  
**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, revises provisions governing deposit of securities in clearing corporation. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 2 and Title 56, Chapter 3. (Part of Administration Package 2012)  
**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.  
**House Status** 01/18/2012 - Referred to House General Subcommittee of Commerce.  
**Note** Farm Bureau bill

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**SB2201 / HB2339 Reciprocity with other states' confidentiality requirements.**

**Category** Insurance General  
**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, revises provisions governing the department's reciprocity with other states confidentiality requirements and confidentiality of NAIC information; adds to the definition of "company action level event" under the Risk-Based Capital for Insurers Act. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 2; Title 56, Chapter 22; Title 56, Chapter 44 and Title 56, Chapter 44. (Part of Administration Package 2012)

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

**House Status** 01/18/2012 - Referred to House Commerce.

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### **SB2228 / HB2366 Recovering benefit overpayments.**

**Category** Labor Law

**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

**Description** Gives the state three more years to collect unintentional overpayment of unemployment benefits. Allows state to set off unemployment compensation debt against federal income tax refund. Imposes monetary penalties for overpaid benefits. (Part of Administration Package 2012)

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

**House Status** 01/17/2012 - Referred to House General Subcommittee of Consumer & Employee Affairs.

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### **SB2236 / HB2374 Requirements for motor vehicle accident reports.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles

**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

**Description** Changes present law by requiring that accident reports submitted by law enforcement to the department of safety must be submitted in electronic, rather than written, format. An accident report submitted by a driver of a vehicle involved in an accident will be submitted in a manner approved by the department. This bill replaces the present law requirement that the department of safety develop and provide accident report forms with a requirement that the department advise suitable persons on the method of submitting accident reports. Authorizes payment of the \$4.00 accident report fee to be paid by means in addition to cash or check. (Part of Administration Package 2012)

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Transportation.

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for House General Subcommittee of Transportation 01/24/12.

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### **SB2238 / HB2376 Documents needed for reinstatement of driver license.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles

**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

**Description** Under current law, any applicant applying for a driver license, instruction permit, intermediate driver license or photo identification license, upon initial issuance or reinstatement, must provide either an original or certified copy of either documentation that the applicant is a U.S. citizen or documentation issued by the U.S. government establishing that the applicant is a lawful permanent resident. This bill specifies that any applicant applying for reinstatement of his or her driver's license on or after July 1, 2012, for which the department of safety already has such documents, would be deemed in compliance with the above requirement, unless otherwise required by law. (Part of Administration Package 2012)

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety.

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for House General Subcommittee of Transportation 01/24/12.

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### **SB2239 / HB2377 TN Small Employer Group Health Coverage Reform Act.**

**Category** Insurance Health

**Sponsors** Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, adds as a purpose under the Tennessee Small Employer Group Health Coverage Reform Act the promotion of the health and wellness of the citizens of this state. - Amends TCA Title 56. (Part of Administration Package 2012)

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

**House Status** *None*

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### **SB2271 / HB2454 Requirements for issuance of certificates of insurance.**

**Category** Insurance General

**Sponsors** Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Charles M. Sargent

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, creates requirements for issuance of certificates of insurance; clarifies the effect of such certificates; and authorizes oversight by the commissioner of commerce and insurance regarding regulation and assessing fines in

relation thereto. - Amends TCA Title 56.

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

**House Status** *None*

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**SB2292 / HB2439 Permits police, clerks to verify insurance electronically.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles

**Sponsors** Sen. Bo Watson / Rep. Vince Dean

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, allows law enforcement and county clerks to electronically verify insurance status of any vehicle; provides that a valid insurance coverage indicator on the vehicle's electronic record shall be acceptable evidence of insurance in lieu of an officer requesting other types of evidence; prohibits issuance or renewal of title or registration unless insurance coverage is electronically verified. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 12; Title 55, Chapter 3; Title 55, Chapter 4 and Title 56.

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

**House Status** *None*

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**HB2442 Bonding company owners must have writing experience.**

**Category** Professions & Licensure

**Sponsors** Rep. Vince Dean

**Description** Adds to the current law requirement that a person applying to own a bonding company have two years experience with a professional bonding company in good standing to require that such experience be as a full-time qualified agent writing bail in this state for a Tennessee professional bonding company in good standing.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** *None*

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**SB2331 / HB2515 Interstate earthquake compact of 1988 - sunset.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Sponsors** Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Jim Cobb

**Description** Sunsets the interstate earthquake compact on June 30, 2017.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 01/25/12.

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for House Government Operations Committee - Consent Calendar 01/25/12.

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**SB2320 / HB2533 Tennessee life and health insurance guaranty assn - sunset.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Sponsors** Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Jim Cobb

**Description** Extends the Tennessee life and health insurance guaranty association on June 30, 2017.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 01/25/12.

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for House Government Operations Committee - Consent Calendar 01/25/12.

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**SB2319 / HB2510 Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact of 2007.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Sponsors** Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Jim Cobb

**Description** Extends the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact of 2007 on June 30, 2017.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for Senate Government Operations Committee 01/25/12.

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for House Government Operations Committee - Consent Calendar 01/25/12.

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**SB2318 / HB2527 Advisory council on workers compensation - sunset.**

**Category** Government Organization

**Sponsors** Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Jim Cobb

**Description** Extends the advisory council on workers' compensation on June 30, 2014.

**Senate Status** 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Government Operations.

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 01/25/12.

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**SB2350 / HB2466 Unlicensed, uninsured motorists - requirement for arrest.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Sponsors** Sen. Mae Beavers / Rep. Joe Carr

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, requires an officer to arrest drivers involved in accidents resulting in serious bodily injury or death when such drivers lack a valid driver license and evidence of financial responsibility; prohibits the issuance of a citation in lieu of arrest in such circumstances. - Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40; Title 55, Chapter 10; Title 55, Chapter 12; Title 55, Chapter 50 and Title 55, Chapter 8.

**Senate Status** 01/18/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

**House Status** *None*

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**SB2467 / HB2498 Financial responsibility imposed for DUI, nonresidents.**

**Category** Criminal Law

**Sponsors** Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Julia Hurley

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, imposes certain financial responsibility requirements on drivers charged with DUI and on nonresidents. - Amends TCA Title 55.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Referred to Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture.

**House Status** *None*

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**SB2634 / HB2497 Health insurance offered in other states permitted in TN.**

**Category** Insurance Health

**Sponsors** Sen. Jack Johnson / Rep. Glen Casada

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, authorizes insurers to offer individuals health insurance policies in Tennessee that have been approved for issuance in other states. - Amends TCA Title 56.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012

**House Status** *None*

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**HB2608 Bonding of scrap jewelry and metal dealers.**

**Category** Banking & Credit

**Sponsors** Rep. Kevin Brooks

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, requires certain pawnbrokers and scrap jewelry and metal dealers to be bonded. - Amends TCA Title 38 and Title 45.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**HB2602 Accident reports - damage in excess of \$400.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles

**Sponsors** Rep. Vance Dennis

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, deletes provision that requires accident report if a person is injured or killed or the amount of damage is in excess of \$400 - Amends TCA Section 55-12-104.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB2632 / HB2622 Liability insurance requirements for motor carriers.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles

**Sponsors** Sen. Jack Johnson / Rep. Charles M. Sargent

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, directs the department of safety to ensure the liability insurance requirements are equally applied to all motor carriers. - Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 8; Title 7, Chapter 51; Title 55, Chapter 4; Title 55, Chapter 3; Title 56, Chapter 7; Title 65, Chapter 15 and Title 67, Chapter 4.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012

**House Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the House.

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**SB2557 Recovering of noneconomic damages - lack of insurance.**

**Category** Insurance Automobiles

**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Ketron

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, limits the noneconomic damages a person may recover in a car accident if that person owns or operates a vehicle without financial responsibility. - Amends TCA Title 29; Title 39; Title 55, Chapter 12 and Title 56, Chapter 7.

**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012

**House Status** *None*

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**SB2548 / HB2798 Insurance claims involving roof damage.**

**Category** Insurance General  
**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Ketron / Rep. Phillip Johnson  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, requires certain roofing contractors and agents to make certain disclosures to solicited persons where an insurance claim has been made or is anticipated for the provision of roofing goods or services. - Amends TCA Title 47; Title 56 and Title 62.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012  
**House Status** 01/19/2012 - House companion bill introduced. (H: )

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**SB2542 / HB2672 Gun ownership by applicant or insured.**

**Category** Insurance Health  
**Sponsors** Sen. Stacey Campfield / Rep. Jeremy Faison  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, prevents health care practitioners or facilities from asking a patient about gun ownership, possession or storage unless certain factors are present and prevents insurance companies from discriminating against an applicant or insured based upon gun ownership. - Amends TCA Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012  
**House Status** None

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**SB2541 / HB2661 Riding of motorcycle without helmet - 21 years or older.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Judd Matheny  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, removes the requirement that any driver or passenger of a motorcycle 21 years of age or older wear a motorcycle helmet. - Amends TCA Section 55-9-302.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012  
**House Status** None

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**SB2540 / HB2662 No helmet required for motorcycle drivers 21 and over.**

**Category** Transportation Vehicles  
**Sponsors** Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Judd Matheny  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, permits motorcycle drivers and passengers, 21 years or older, to refrain from wearing a crash helmet with a health care coverage limit of at least \$15,000. - Amends TCA Section 55-9-302.  
**Senate Status** 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012  
**House Status** None

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**HB2706 Sole proprietors exempted from certain fees.**

**Category** Workers Compensation  
**Sponsors** Rep. Mike Turner  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, exempts sole proprietors from paying certain fees assessed by the secretary of state's office in relation to workers compensation. - Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 6.  
**Senate Status** None  
**House Status** None

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**SB2648 Life insurance plan for education employees.**

**Category** Education  
**Sponsors** Sen. Ken Yager  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, allows county boards of education to use the county's centralized purchasing system to provide a life insurance plan for employees. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 8 and Title 49.  
**Senate Status** None  
**House Status** None

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**SB2597 Permitting preference or distinction in certain policies.**

**Category** Insurance General  
**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Ketron  
**Description** State Summary: As introduced, authorizes an insurer to make, offer, or permit a preference

or distinction in certain insurance policies based on membership in certain groups that are actuarially justified and not excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory; authorizes the commissioner of commerce and insurance to examine such insurers for compliance. - Amends TCA Section 56-5-315 and Title 56, Chapter 8.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** *None*

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**SB2596 Filings by commercial risk insurers.**

**Category** Insurance General

**Sponsors** Sen. Bill Ketron

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, exempts certain insurers of commercial risk insurance from filing with the commissioner of commerce and insurance all rates, supplementary rate information, policy forms and endorsements; requires such insurers to place a written disclaimer of such exemption in the policy or application. - Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 5.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** *None*

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**HB2796 Drug testing - persons filing for unemployment benefits.**

**Category** Workers Compensation

**Sponsors** Rep. Jim Cobb

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, requires drug testing of persons filing new claims for unemployment benefits. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 50.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** *None*

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**HJR579 Constitutional amendment - health insurance for youths.**

**Category** Insurance Health

**Sponsors** Rep. Mike Turner

**Description** Requires the general assembly to pass laws that require persons 18 years of age and younger to have health insurance.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** *None*

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**HB2829 Immunity from civil liability - ice-skating rink operators.**

**Category** Tort Liability

**Sponsors** Rep. Richard Montgomery

**Description** State Summary: As introduced, grants immunity from civil liability to an operator of an ice-skating rink who complies with certain responsibilities. - Amends TCA Title 29.

**Senate Status** *None*

**House Status** *None*

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