

ILHIC KEY BILLS – 1-29-21

Bill Number	Bill Description/Action	ILHIC Position	Status
HB 33 (Mason)	With respect to individuals who are participating in a substance use treatment or recovery support program, the proposed legislation seeks to prohibit life insurers from canceling, terminating, or “refusing to renew” an individual’s life insurance policy due to their participation; considering that participation in the underwriting or application process; or denying a claim due to a beneficiary’s participation in those programs. The provisions are specific to those individuals in active recovery/treatment programs and do not prohibit these considerations when applied across broader physical and mental health considerations, or individuals who are not in active recovery/treatment programs.	OPPOSE	House Rules
HB 53 (Andrade)	Provides that employers that rely solely upon artificial intelligence to determine whether an applicant will qualify for an in-person interview must gather and report certain demographic information to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Requires the Department to analyze the data and report to the Governor and General Assembly whether the data discloses a racial bias in the use of artificial intelligence.	MONITOR	House Rules
HB 61 (Costa Howard)	The provisions require coverage of prescription inhalants and require (instead of make permissive) a health insurer or managed care plan from denying or limiting coverage refills for prescription inhalants to enable persons to breathe when suffering from asthma or other life-threatening bronchial ailments if those restrictions are contrary to what has been prescribed and considered medically appropriate.	OPPOSE	House Rules
HB 62 (Flowers)	Creates the Health Care For All program establishing single payer health insurance in IL.	OPPOSE	House Rules
HB 74 (Flowers)	Establishes paid family leave requiring employers with 50 or more employees to provide 6 weeks of paid leave.	MONITOR	House Rules
HB 117 (Guzzardi)	Expands the Secure Choice Savings Program to apply to sole proprietors and employers (rather than employers with fewer than 25 employees) and allows for automatic increases in contributions. The provisions also expand the penalties levied on employers for failure to comply with the requirements of the Act.	OPPOSE	House Rules
HB 135 (Mussman)	Authorizes the IL Department of Public Health to issue a standing order for contraceptives and authorizes a pharmacist to dispense hormonal	OPPOSE	House Rules

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	contraceptives. The legislation requires health insurers to cover patient care services related to the dispensing of hormonal contraceptives for pharmacists.		
HB 146 (Morgan)	Authorizes the Director of Insurance to actively approve individual and small group ACA health plan rates and may disapprove any rate deemed “unreasonable.” The Director must act on the rates within 60 days or else they are deemed approved.	OPPOSE	House Rules
HB 213 (Conroy)	Creates the Eating Disorder Treatment Parity Task Force within the DOI to review reimbursements to eating disorder treatment providers in IL, as well as out-of-state providers of similar services. The Task Force currently does not provide for industry representation, but requires the group to “work cooperatively with the insurance industry. . . to identify the high costs of medical complications, disability, and loss of life associated with eating disorders and to determine whether disparities in insurance reimbursement is limiting access to a full range of evidence-based treatment providers in the State.”	OPPOSE (Due to lack of industry representation on the Task Force)	House Rules
HB 228 (Mayfield)	Prohibits an insurer or producer from making a distinction or otherwise discriminating between persons, reject an applicant, cancel a policy, or demand or require a higher rate of premium for reasons based SOLELY upon the basis that an applicant or insured has been convicted of a felony.	PENDING – Determining if amendatory language is needed	House Rules
HB 241 (Jones)	Allows pre-licensure courses for producers to be completed via webinar (in addition to the classroom setting).	SUPPORT	House Rules
HB 242 (Jones)	Requires the IL Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association to submit a plan of operation and any amendments thereto to the Director of Insurance within 200 days (instead of 180 days).	MONITOR	House Rules
HB 295 (Manley)	As introduced, the provisions currently require insurers to issue an irrevocable assignment of benefits to a funeral home in an amount not to exceed the purchase price of a funeral or burial expense policy. The language is intended to address a current issue with Medicaid beneficiaries seeking eligibility and avoidance of current asset limitations. Current law allows exemptions in assets up to a certain dollar amount in addition to exemptions for final expense policies that must be irrevocably assigned. ILHIC is working with HFS, the IL Funeral Directors Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys to determine language that appropriately addresses the problem.	PENDING – Amendatory language is expected	House Rules

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HB 317 (Jones)	Requires an air ambulance service or other entity that directly or indirectly, whether through an affiliated entity, agreement with a third-party entity, or otherwise, solicits air ambulance membership subscriptions, accepts membership applications, or charges membership fees to be regulated as insurance under the Insurance Code.	MONITOR	House Rules
HB 339 (Batinick)	Removes the 181-day, non-renewable limitation on short-term, limited duration health insurance policies.	SUPPORT	House Rules