

## **ILIC Legislative Committee – Call Summary**

July 26, 2019

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY – CHANGES:**

Senator John Mulroe, Vice-Chair of the Senate Insurance Committee, was appointed as Cook County Circuit Judge effectively resigning his Senate seat on June 21. Representative Bob Martwick has since been appointed to serve out Mulroe's remaining term (Martwick will have to run for Senate re-election in 2020). It is not yet known if Senator Martwick will take over for Mulroe on the Senate Insurance Committee (a new vice chair will likely be named).

### **CYBERSECURITY/DATA PRIVACY:**

ILIC has followed up with the Department to request a meeting to discuss pursuit of the NAIC cybersecurity model law (with industry suggested revisions) in the spring 2020 session. We are currently awaiting some suggested dates that we will circulate to interested members once those have been shared.

### **EXCEPTED BENEFITS (HB 1639):**

The Governor's office is still reviewing a number of bills on our key bill chart, including [HB 1639](#) clarifying that state coverage mandates do not apply to supplemental benefits. ILIC, along with the IL Chamber, NFIB, and the Independent Insurance Agents, sent a joint letter urging the Governor to approve the legislation on July 10.

Once the General Assembly has transmitted a bill to the Governor's desk for action, the Governor has 60 days to act on the bill before it automatically becomes law. If the Governor does not take any proactive action on HB 1639, the bill will become law on August 27.

### **NAIC – IDOI REPRESENTATION:**

IL Department of Insurance staff expected to attend the upcoming NAIC meeting in NY are as follows:

Director Robert Muriel  
Kevin Fry (COO)  
Jennifer Reif (Deputy Director, Health Products)  
Matt Ryan (Deputy Director, Market Conduct)  
Bruce Sartain (Life Actuary)  
Eric Moser (Health Actuary)  
Cindy Andersen (Chief Examiner)

The Department's new General Counsel, Litza Mavrothalasitis, and their Chief of Staff, Lauren Peters, are currently tentative.

### **INSURANCE BUSINESS TRANSFER/CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MODEL:**

The Department is still interested in pursuing a separate IBT statute. Kevin Fry, who presented on this issue during a panel at the ILIC's annual meeting, is working with the Governor's office to try and get them engaged on this. The Department has requested a meeting on this with ILIC and the IL Insurance Association, but a date for that meeting has not yet been set. As was noted on the call, the Department has not yet issued any rules implementing the division law enacted last year.

The Department is also interested in pursuing the NAIC Corporate Governance Model. They have indicated that they would like to do this in the fall veto session; however, nothing has been finalized on that to date. The Department is still lacking a legislative liaison.

While the Department has stated that the absence of the model might create an accreditation issue for IL, their accreditation would not be jeopardized if the model was not enacted this year.

**NETWORK ADEQUACY/MH PARITY WORKGROUP:**

ILIC has secured a meeting date with the Department to discuss compliance and interpretation issues with the network adequacy statute ([P.A. 100-0502](#)) in anticipation of DOI promulgating rules. The meeting will take place on August 21 in both the Department's Springfield and Chicago offices. ILIC is still awaiting a final time (the meeting will be in the morning) and will circulate that to members interested in attending as soon as the Department provides that information.

The Department has also acknowledged that they are behind on implementing provisions set forth in [P.A. 100-1024](#), which requires them to establish a task force to develop mental health parity compliance reporting requirements. Karen Woods was tapped to implement this, but she has since left the Department. The task force, which will be comprised of members of the behavioral health community as well as 2 representatives of commercial insurers and 3 representatives of Medicaid managed care plans, is required to issue a report and recommendations by December 31, 2019. ILIC will continue to monitor this issue.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

ILIC is still working on securing a fundraiser lunch/dinner with the Chairs of the House and Senate Insurance Committees. Additionally, we are working on coordinating a meeting with House Republican Leader Durkin, Senate President Cullerton and Senate Republican Leader Brady. To accommodate those that may be traveling in for the events, we are attempting to consolidate these into a two-day event in mid- to late-September.

The two-week fall veto session is currently scheduled for October 28-30 and November 12-14.

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