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H 767 GENERAL BILL/CS by Rules & Calendar; Deutsch
Motor Vehicle PIP Benefits; (SEE ALSO: CS/CS/H 1002) provides maximum reimbursement allowance for certain procedures. Amends 627.736. Effective Date: 07/05/89.

03/14/89 HOUSE Prefiled
03/16/89 HOUSE Referred to Insurance; Appropriations
04/03/89 HOUSE Subreferred to Subcommittee on Health and Life Insurance
04/04/89 HOUSE Introduced, referred to Insurance; Appropriations -HJ 75; Subreferred to Subcommittee on Health and Life Insurance; On Committee agenda—Insurance, 04/05/89, 11:15 am, 317-C—For ratification to subcommittee
05/11/89 HOUSE Also referred to Finance & Taxation -HJ 478; On Committee agenda—Insurance, 05/15/89, 10:30 am, 317-C—to be withdrawn from subcommittee and considered—Temporarily passed; On Committee agenda—Finance & Taxation, 05/15/89, 3:30 pm, 413-C—if received
05/16/89 HOUSE On Committee agenda—Insurance, 05/18/89, 8:00 am, 317-C
05/18/89 HOUSE Preliminary Committee Action by Insurance: Favorable
05/19/89 HOUSE Comm. Report: Favorable by Insurance -HJ 551; Now in Finance & Taxation -HJ 551
05/24/89 HOUSE Withdrawn from Finance & Taxation -HJ 605; Now in Appropriations
05/25/89 HOUSE Withdrawn from Appropriations -HJ 655; Placed on Calendar; Withdrawn from Calendar, referred to Rules & Calendar -HJ 655; On Committee agenda—Rules & Calendar, 05/26/89, 8:00 am, 413-C
05/26/89 HOUSE Preliminary Committee Action by Rules & Calendar: Favorable as a CS
05/29/89 HOUSE Comm. Report: CS by Rules & Calendar, placed on Calendar -HJ 774; CS read first time -HJ 771; Placed on Special Order Calendar
05/31/89 HOUSE Read second time; Read third time; CS passed; YEAS 105 NAYS 2 -HJ 906
05/31/89 SENATE In Messages
06/02/89 SENATE Received, referred to Insurance -SJ 863; Immediately withdrawn from Insurance; CS passed; YEAS 36 NAYS 0 -SJ 1270
06/02/89 Ordered enrolled
06/20/89 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor
07/05/89 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 89-313

NOTES: Above bill history from Division of Legislative Information's *FINAL LEGISLATIVE BILL INFORMATION, 1989 SESSIONS*. Staff Analyses for bills amended beyond final committee action may not be in accordance with the enacted law. Journal page numbers (HJ & SJ) refer to daily Journals and may not be the same as final bound Journals.

STORAGE NAME: H767-f.inv
DATE: July 7, 1989

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
INSURANCE COMMITTEE
FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

BILL #: CS/HB 767

RELATING TO: Insurance

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Rules & Calendar and Representative Deutsch

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law

DATE BECAME LAW: July 5, 1989

CHAPTER #: 89-313, Laws of Florida

COMPANION BILL(S): None

OTHER COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE: (1) Appropriations
(2) Rules & Calendar

I. SUMMARY:

The bill would restrict motor vehicle personal injury protection (PIP) benefits for thermograms to the maximum reimbursement allowance provided in the workers' compensation fee schedule.

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Thermography is similar to the Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT) scan. It is an image that is produced in colors which represent various levels of body heat in the organs of the body.

Chapter 440.13, F.S., establishes maximum reimbursement levels for workers' compensation, which is used by the medical community and insurers for various medical procedures.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill would restrict PIP payments for thermograms to the maximum reimbursement allowable under the workers' compensation fee schedule.

C. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

None

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:

None

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

None

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

4. Appropriations Consequences:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:

None

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

None

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

None

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

None

3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise, and Employment Markets:

By limiting benefits, this bill may reduce the cost of PIP insurance. It also may reduce the levels of reimbursement for some medical providers.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. LONG RANGE CONSEQUENCES:

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This bill does not directly relate to and is not inconsistent with the goals and policies specified in the State Comprehensive Plan.

IV. COMMENTS:

The mission of the Insurance Committee is to construct insurance laws which will require payment of claims when due, promote the availability of affordable insurance, stabilize insurance rates, protect the solvency of insurance institutions, and expand the ability of companies to profit from wise investments. By limiting benefits, this bill may reduce the cost of PIP insurance.

V. SIGNATURES:

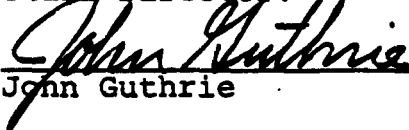
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