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132nd General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps.   Fedor, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, West, Brown

BILL SUMMARY

- Imposes requirements with regard to premium increases for long-term care insurance.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill imposes requirements with regard to premium increases for long-term care insurance. Under the bill, an insurer that offers long-term care insurance is prohibited from raising the premium rate for such insurance by more than 15% from one year to the next. Additionally, the Superintendent of Insurance is prohibited from approving a premium rate increase for a policy of long-term care insurance until after a publicly advertised hearing on the matter has been held. Once a rate increase is approved, an insurer must wait 90 days prior to implementing the increase. Furthermore, after a rate is approved, the insurer must notify policy holders of the rate increase at least 90 days prior to the increase going into effect.[1]

The bill designates a violation of the bill's requirements as an unfair and deceptive practice in the business of insurance.[2] Under continuing law, a person who is found to have committed an unfair and deceptive practice in the business of insurance is subject to any or all of the following sanctions:

- Suspension or revocation of the person's license to engage in the business of insurance;

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[1] R.C. 3923.461.

[2] R.C. 3923.48.

- Prohibition on an insurance company or insurance agency employing the person or permitting the person to serve the company or agency in any capacity for a period of time;

- Return of any payments received by the person as a result of the violation;

- Fees for attorneys and other costs of any investigation into the violations committed by the person.[3]

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-20-18

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[3] R.C. 3901.22, not in the bill.