

State Corporation Commission

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB697

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Martin

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Automobile and homeowners insurance policies; notice.

5. Summary: Automobile and homeowners insurance policies; notices. Authorizes insurers to send certain notices, including nonrenewal and cancellation notices, pertaining to a motor vehicle or homeowners insurance policy by a first-class mail tracking method used or approved by the United States Postal Service (USPS). Currently, such notices are effective only if sent by registered or certified mail. The measure will permit insurers to send such notices using the USPS Intelligent Mail barcode.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: Senate Bill 697 will provide insurance companies with other options for proving that termination notices were mailed to the insureds. If insurers elect to use any first-class mail tracking system, they will not be required to retain a mailing list with the insureds' names and addresses. The USPS is able to track mail through its system because of the bar coding mechanism. The states of Maryland and Delaware have passed similar legislation.

Senate Bill 697 is identical to House Bill 1357.

Date: 01/17/15/V. Tompkins

cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Secretary of Health and Human Resources