

State Corporation Commission

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1813

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

2. Patron: Leftwich

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health insurance; assignment of benefits.

5. Summary: Health insurance; assignment of benefits. Prohibits insurers issuing individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies providing hospital, medical and surgical, or major medical coverage on an expense-incurred basis, corporations providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts, health maintenance organizations providing health care plans for health care services, and dental services plans offering or administering prepaid dental services from refusing to accept assignments of benefits executed by covered individuals in favor of health care providers and hospitals. The measure defines an assignment of benefits as the transfer of health care coverage reimbursement benefits or other rights under an insurance policy, subscription contract, or health care plan by an insured, subscriber, or plan enrollee to a health care provider or hospital.

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: The legislation which enacted § 38.2-3407.13 in 1999 included the limited assignment provision for dentists and oral surgeons that remains in the statute currently. An all health care provider provision was also enacted in 1999, but included an enactment clause requiring its reenactment by the 2000 General Assembly. The 2000 General Assembly failed to reenact that provision. The patron of House Bill 1813 introduced 2016 House Bill 1251, which was carried over to the 2017 Session, and the current bill reflects generally the amendments recommended by the State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance to the 2016 measure.

Senate Bill 1513 is identical to House Bill 1813.

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