



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2490

PRINTER'S NO: 3959

PRIME SPONSOR: Johnson

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2490 adds subsection 604.1-A, relating to life, accident and health insurance to the Insurance Department Law of 1921. The bill requires the Insurance Department (or a designated vendor) to review producer licensing examinations for life, accident and health on an annual basis and to consider demographic data. Beginning January 1, 2011, the department must develop a form for the collection of demographic information from the applicants, including race, gender, nation of origin, and highest level of education. A written statement shall accompany the form stating that such disclosure of information is voluntary.

The department or its vendor shall review the data collected to determine if any disparity exists between the test pass rate and the demographic characteristics of the examinees. Following review, the department shall publish its findings on its Internet website by September 30, 2011 and every six months thereafter. The bill specifies that individual demographic data will not be subject to the Right to Know Law.

The act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

The Insurance Department may incur minimal costs associated in complying with the requirements set forth in the act. Any costs are expected to be absorbed within the department's current operating budget.

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