

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 1181

PRINTER'S NO.

2187

AMOUNT

No Adverse Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

January 28, 2010

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Ward

HISTORY OF BILLReferred to BANKING AND INSURANCE, Jan. 8, 2010Reported as amended, June 8, 2010

First consideration, June 8, 2010

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 28, 2010Re-reported as amended, Sept. 20, 2010**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1181 amends The Insurance Company Law of 1921 to provide for immunity from civil liability in the absence of fraud or bad faith for information provided to or received from federal, state, or local law enforcement, the Insurance Department, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or a recognized comprehensive database system approved by the Insurance Department relating to suspected fraudulent insurance acts or persons suspected of engaging in such acts.

The legislation extends immunity from liability to designated employees of insurers, self-insurers, or insurance licensees whose responsibilities include the investigation and disposition of claims relating to suspected fraudulent insurance acts and to state agencies and their employees and designees (instead of to just the Insurance Department). It also revises the definition of "fraudulent insurance act" to include information provided as part of an application for personal insurance.

Act is effective in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact from this legislation.