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STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Our Mission: We are a coalition of the Florida Chapters of RIMS representing risk management professionals for the purpose of promoting education, communication and positions on current legislation to our membership, and acting as an industry resource for public officials.

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2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

HB13 (Holder & Pilon) / SB52 (Detert)

SUPPORT

Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving: Creates "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law."

SB74 (Sachs)

SUPPORT

Similar but specifically makes violation a Primary rather than Secondary offense and requires "hands free" equipment be used.

HB47 (Hooper) / SB264 (Hays)

SUPPORT

Fire Safety Devices: Calls for newly installed or replacement smoke detectors to be powered by nonreplicable and non-removable batteries with 10 year lifespan. Does not apply to electrically operated smoke alarms, fire alarm systems with smoke detectors or smoke detectors otherwise wired into a building electrical system. This applies to residential and commercial properties.

HB149 (Campbell)

OPPOSE

Safe Work Environments: Workplace anti-bullying law making it unlawful to subject employees to abusive work environments or retaliating against employees.

SB308 (Braynon)

OPPOSE

Abusive Workplace Environments: Applies only to public entities

HB587 (Hood)

SUPPORT

Accuracy in Damages: Limits recovery of damages for medical or health care services to amounts actually paid if no balance to provider is outstanding; limits recovery of such damages to amounts customarily accepted by providers in same geographic area if balance to provider is outstanding; and, requires medical or health care services to be medically necessary in order to be recoverable.

HB605 (Hudson) / SB662 (Hays)

SUPPORT

Workers' Compensation Medical Services: Revises requirements for determining amount of reimbursement for repackaged or relabeled prescription medication; provides limitations.

HB483 (J. Diaz)

OPPOSE

Workers' Compensation: Similar however this purported compromise bill does not deal with the issues of reimbursement for repackaged or relabeled prescription medications to reduce the costs.

HB4011 (Campbell)

OPPOSE

Traffic Infraction Detectors: Repeals authority of local jurisdictions to use red light cameras as a traffic safety measure. The efficacy of this program has been documented for reducing the number of rear end motor vehicle accidents. The purpose of this program is not as a generator of revenue, but rather a behavior modification program to improve traffic safety.

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