



Florida State Chapters



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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2012 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

HB151 (Steinberg & Frishe) / SB 196 (Altman) SUPPORT
Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles: Provides child restraint requirements for children age 7 years or younger who are less than specified height.

HB243 (Metz) / SB378 (Richter) OPPOSE
Expert Testimony: Changes the standard for expert testimony from Frye Standard to Daubert Standard. Under Frye, expert testimony must be admitted only after it has been established that the theory and method used are generally accepted within the scientific community. Under Daubert, the judge serves as gatekeeper. Under Frye, there is appellate recourse, whereas under Daubert there is none.

HB299 (Pilon) / SB416 (Detert) SUPPORT
Use of Wireless Communications While Driving: Creates "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law."

HB365 (Costello & Julien) / SB910 (Hays) SUPPORT
Revises conditions under which certain special risk employees who suffer or have died from specified medical conditions are presumed to have been injured or killed accidentally & in line of duty: Revisions add a requirement that the affected employee also have been "employed by the current employer for at least 5 years and who is less than 37 years of age."

HB427 (Passidomo) / SB1224 (Oelrich) OPPOSE
Civil Remedies Against Insurers: Requires that before bringing bad-faith action against insurer, the party bringing the action must first provide Dept. of Insurance and insurer written notice. This places an administrative burden on the insured to prove the bad-faith in detail prior to action being taken.

HB511 (Hudson) / SB668 (Hays) SUPPORT
Workers' Compensation Medical Services: Revises requirements for determining amount of reimbursement for repackaged or relabeled prescription medication; provides limitations.

HB1069 (Metz) / SB1328 (Hays) SUPPORT
Damages for Medical or Health Care Services: 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.

HB1087 (Berman) / SB1340 (Sachs) SUPPORT
Concealed Weapons or Firearms: Provides that license to carry concealed weapon or firearm does not authorize any person to openly carry handgun or concealed weapon or firearm into state, county, municipal, school board, constitutional officer's, or special district office or building that primarily consists of offices for one of these entities or any combination of them or into child care facility.

HB4077 (Metz) / SB1268 (Simmons) OPPOSE
Actions for Damages: Current law provides that a court may require the parties to attend a settlement conference. This bill repeals that statutory provision regarding such conferences.

HB4177(Plakon) / SB tbd OPPOSE
Traffic Infraction Detectors: Repeals authority of local jurisdictions to use red light cameras as a traffic safety measure. The purpose of this program is not as a generator of revenue, but rather a behavior modification program to improve traffic safety.

The Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) is a world-wide not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing the practice of Risk Management. Founded in 1950, RIMS represents nearly 600 industrial, service, non-profit, charitable and governmental entities in the State of Florida. Of the 600 Florida member organizations, 83% have revenues exceeding \$100 million and 25% have more than 10,000 employees.

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