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2003 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SB 2121

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2121

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 01-08-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		1469-2162
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lisa VanBerkom</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Mutch opened the hearing on SB 2121 relating to annual statement filings by insurance companies. All Senators were present.

Testimony in support of SB 2121

Carole Kessel, Chief Examiner with the North Dakota Insurance Department, introduced the bill. She explained that the goal is for each state to adopt a similar law so that a multi-state insurance company can eliminate the 50 separate state paper filings that have been required in the past.

There was no opposing SB 2121.

The hearing was closed.

Senator Klein made a motion for a DO PASS. Senator Heltkamp seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote : 7 Yes. 0 No. 0 Absent.

Carrier: Senator Klein

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Date: 1-08-03
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2121

Senate IBL Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Heitkamp

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Duane Mutch, Chairman	X		Sen. Michael Every	X	
Sen. Jerry Klein, Vice Chairman	X		Sen. Joel Heitkamp	X	
Sen. Duaine Espegard	X				
Sen. Karen Krebsbach	X				
Sen. Dave Nething	X				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Klein

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 8, 2003 11:06 a.m.

Module No: SR-02-0353
Carrier: Klein
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2121: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Mutch, Chairman) recommends
DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2121 was placed
on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2121

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 4, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		13.4-23.2
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jedrick Hammer</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Keiser opened the hearing on SB 2121.

Carole Kessel, Chief Examiner, North Dakota Insurance Department, testified in support of SB 2121. (See attached) This legislation allows companies to file their report once by filing it electronically with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Rep. Severson: How will this archived material be accessible to your office?

Kessel: The National Association Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) will maintain all records for all states.

Rep. Kasper: How do examine those reports for compliance with ND law?

Kessel: The database is available for staff and regulatory agencies. The domestic states are primarily responsible to examine their own companies.

Rep. Klein: Can this information be downloaded?

Kessel: Yes, we can download and duplicate information.

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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Bill/Resolution Number SB 2121

Hearing Date March 4, 2003

Rep. Kasper: Does the NAIC have responsibility to examine the reports in the depository to give you the overview, or do you rely on the domiciled state's report?

Kessel: NAIC provides services in checking math accuracy, running statistics and determining ratios for any state's access. The domiciliary state generally focuses on just their domestic companies and will do intensive analysis.

Rep. Froseth: Will this eliminate the need for companies to publish their annual financial reports?

Kessel: No.

Rep. Nottestad: When would this take effect? And there's no fiscal note, what is this going to cost?

Kessel: Immediately. I don't anticipate costs for staffing. We'd use temporaries to open and sort and do prep work. There's no significant cost.

Rep. Severson: Are the findings of other states reported to NAIC available on web sites?

Kessel: Findings of other states would be reflected in NAIC reports available to us.

Rep. Thorpe: Who has oversight for monitoring risks?

Kessel: The ND Insurance Department has oversight over every company licensed in our state. And we do step in when we obtain information through the NAIC regarding financial solvency or conditions, when a company is placed under administrative supervision or is in suspension.

Rep. Kasper: Are insurance companies in favor of this? This will make it easier for companies to do their filing and will eliminate a lot of paperwork, right? So insurance companies won't have to go to the federal government seeking regulatory control?

Kessel: It's definitely a benefit and it simplifies the regulatory environment.

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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Chairman Kelser: These are public records or is there some degree of confidentiality relative to them, right? What impact does transferring them to a depository have?

Kessel: They are public information and transferring them has no impact on their status. It is just another type of medium that we'd be providing.

As there was no one present to testify in opposition to SB 2121, the hearing was closed.

Rep. Kasper moved a Do Pass.

Rep. Thorpe seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote were 14-0-0.

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Date: 3/4/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2121

House INDUSTRY BUSINESS & LABOR Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Kasper Seconded By Thorpe

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	✓		Boe	✓	
Vice-Chair Severson	✓		Ekstrom	✓	
Dosch	✓		Thorpe	✓	
Froseth	✓		Zaiser	✓	
Johnson	✓				
Kasper	✓				
Klein	✓				
Nottestad	✓				
Ruby	✓				
Tieman	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep Klein

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 4, 2003 11:06 a.m.

Module No: HR-38-3830
Carrier: M. Klein
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2121: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Kelsor, Chairman) recommends
DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2121 was placed
on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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SENATE BILL NO. 2121

Presented by: Carole Kessel
Chief Examiner
North Dakota Insurance Department

Before: Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Senator Duane Mutch, Chairman

Date: January 8, 2003

TESTIMONY

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Same given to House

Good morning, my name is Carole Kessel, Chief Examiner with the North Dakota Insurance Department. I stand before you today to introduce Senate Bill No. 2121.

This bill allows the Insurance Commissioner to designate the National Association of Insurance Commissioners as the repository for the filing of annual reports by insurance companies. This will allow an insurance company to file its annual report once by filing it electronically with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The goal is for each state to adopt a similar law so that a multi-state insurance company can eliminate the 50 separate state paper filings that have been required in the past.

The reduction of paper filings will benefit insurers and the state by reducing expenses for printing, postage, processing, and document storage. The financial data contained in the annual statement filings is readily accessed by the Insurance Department's financial staff from the national database and the data can be selectively printed to meet any records request by the general public. Compliance reports, that identify delinquent filers and non-filers on a state basis, are also available from the automated system for follow-up by Department staff.

The Insurance Department urges passage of this bill. If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

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