

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 542
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Research Analysis

The floor substitute for SB 542 requires individuals and organizations under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner to electronically respond to the Commissioner's inquiries within 20 days. Electronic filings with the Insurance Department must include payment of any transaction, filing, or other applicable fees. Insurers must also keep any contact information deemed necessary by the Commissioner on file with the Insurance Department and submit any changes to such information within 20 days of the change.

The measure authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to approve an insurer's redomestication application without first holding a public hearing, but denial of redomestication will still require a public hearing before becoming final. The Commissioner may also impose fines of up to \$5,000 for violations of insurance statutes, rules, bulletins, or orders.

The measure outlines requirements for disclosing information about agreements for consumers to receive funding for their legal cases.

Additionally, the measure repeals the following:

- [36 O.S. 2021, Section 107.3](#), defining the Pharmacy Choice Commission;
- [36 O.S. 2021, Section 907](#), detailing general powers of the Commissioner; and
- [36 O.S. 2021, Section 908](#), relating to penalties for violations.

CHANGES IN FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FROM ENGROSSED VERSION:

The floor substitute adds electronic response requirements and details provisions for the production and disclosure of consumer litigation funding agreements. The substitute also removes references to the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Commission, rearranges certain sections of law, and repeals duplicate language.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 542 removes the duties and powers held by the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Commission, providing the Insurance Commissioner full authority to enforce regulations under his/her jurisdiction. The measure modifies additional requirements administered by the Oklahoma Insurance Department (OID).

OID is a non-appropriated state agency, therefore, the provisions of this measure are assumed to be objective within the Department's existing resources. As a result, this measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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