BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 2403
Version: Floor Amendment
Request Number: 7890
Author: Rep. Russ
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Impact: See analysis below

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute1 to HB 2403 provides the requirements for suspension, reinstatement conditions and fees, and conditions for termination of license for the following entities:

- Insurer, applicant or holder of the license or certificate
- Insurance navigators
- Oklahoma producers
- Insurance adjusters
- Fraternal benefit societies
- Viatical settlement provider
- Bail bondsman

The measure requires mandatory refusal, suspension or revocation to any of the above entities that knowingly violate any provision of this act.

The measure modifies the conditions in which the Insurance Commissioner is required to revoke or suspend and insurer's certificate of authority.

The measure modifies the continuing education exemption to include insurance producers and adjusters that have maintained a license for thirty (30) or more years.

KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FLOOR VERSION AND FLOOR SUBSTITUTE:

The floor substitute to HB 2403 changed some words in the bill that do not have a significant, or any, legal impact. The floor substitute removes all references to "certificates" in Section 1 and 2. All references of the word "suspended" were replaced with "inactive."

For all licenses, the option to reinstate with a \$500 fee after twelve months was removed and now the license is simply terminated. The floor substitute clarifies that no re-examination is required.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to officials at the Oklahoma Insurance Department, HB 2403 will cost OID about \$100,000. \$60,000 will be used for an additional Full Time Employee, salary plus benefits, and \$40,000 will be used for IT, postage, and process enhancements. While HB 2403 will impact OID, it is a nonappropriated agency, so the State's budget and appropriations should not be affected.

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Other Considerations

None.

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