

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: WD 02/29/2012

The Committee on Budget (Negron) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 703 - 729 and insert:

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(c) Upon receiving notice of an accident that is potentially covered by personal injury protection benefits, the insurer must reserve \$5,000 of personal injury protection benefits for payment to physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or dentists licensed under chapter 466 who provide emergency services and care, as defined in s. $395.002 \frac{(9)}{}$, or who provide hospital inpatient care. The amount required to be held in reserve may be used only to pay claims from such physicians or dentists until 30 days after the date the insurer receives



notice of the accident. After the 30-day period, any amount of the reserve for which the insurer has not received notice of such claims a claim from a physician or dentist who provided emergency services and care or who provided hospital inpatient care may then be used by the insurer to pay other claims. The time periods specified in paragraph (b) for required payment of personal injury protection benefits are shall be tolled for the period of time that an insurer is required by this paragraph to hold payment of a claim that is not from such a physician or dentist who provided emergency services and care or who provided hospital inpatient care to the extent that the personal injury protection benefits not held in reserve are insufficient to pay the claim. This paragraph does not require an insurer to establish a claim reserve for insurance accounting purposes.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 54 - 56

32 and insert:

requiring that an insurer create and