

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1591-01  
Bill No.: SB 370  
Subject: Insurance - Property; Housing  
Type: Original  
Date: March 23, 2005

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Insurance** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2006 (10 Mo.)</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2006 (10 Mo.)</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business**

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

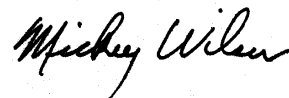
## DESCRIPTION

This proposal prohibits an insurer from increasing premium rates, cancelling a policy, or refusing to issue or renew a homeowner's insurance policy on the basis of a policyholder inquiring about making a claim, if such policyholder does not in fact submit a claim. The proposal further provides that the insurer shall not consider an inquiry into the type or level of coverage as a claim. No insurer shall keep a record of such inquiries for the purpose of determining cancellations, renewals or nonrenewals. A violation of this proposal shall be deemed an unfair trade practice.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Insurance



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