HB 16 (SL 2015-92) REPEAL OUTDATED REPORTS
AN ACT TO REPEAL OUTDATED AND UNNECESSARY INSURANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE. Effective June 19, 2015

HB 55 (SL 2015-124) PUBLIC EXHIBIT OF FIREWORKS/NCSU
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PYROTECHNIC EXHIBITIONS AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY. Effective June 29, 2015
- Exempts NCSU from requirement of Board of County Commissioners’ approval for pyrotechnic events held on university-owned land or buildings in Wake County when applicable criteria are met and State permit is obtained from the State Fire Marshal.
- Identical to process currently in place for UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC School of the Arts.

HB 97 (SL 2015-241) 2015 APPROPRIATIONS ACT
AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Effective July 1, 2015
- Sec. 6.20. – Continuation Review of Certain Funds/Programs/Divisions
  - Provides for Continuation Review of several State Agency programs, including the following DOI programs:
    - Rescue Squad Workers’ Relief Fund
    - Volunteer Rescue/EMS Grant Program
    - State Fire Protection
  - Directs agencies to submit reports to Fiscal Research Division as follows:
    - Report of preliminary findings by December 1, 2015
    - Final report by April 1, 2016.
- Sec. 7.20. – Data Security Study
  - Directs the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, in consultation with the Department of Insurance, to analyze feasibility of development of surplus lines insurance policies and rates for data breach liability coverage.
- Sec. 12F.16.(m) – Statewide Strategic Plan – Prescription Drug Abuse
  - Creates the Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee within DHHS, includes one representative from DOI’s drug take-back program on Committee.
- Sec. 20.1. – Insurance Regulatory Charge
  - Sets insurance regulatory charge at 6.5% for 2016 (same as 2015).
- Sec. 20.2. – Synchronization of Prescription Refills
  - Creates new G.S. 58-3-181 directing health benefit plans that cover prescription drugs to provide for synchronization of medication when the insured, provider and pharmacist agree that synchronization of multiple prescriptions is in the best interest of the insured for managing or treating a chronic illness, provided set criteria are met.
  - Effective January 1, 2016 and applicable to insurance contracts issued, renewed or amended on or after that date.
HB 147 (SL 2015-39) UPDATE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP
AN ACT TO UPDATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION TO REFLECT THE MERGER OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS, TO ADD REPRESENTATION FROM THE STATE CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS, AND TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to State Fire and Rescue Commission appointments made on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective July 1, 2015.

HB 148 (SL 2015-125) INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR MOPEDS
AN ACT TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF MOPEDS TO HAVE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT A POLICY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES RELATED TO THE LAW REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF MOPEDS. Sections 8 and 9 of this act become effective July 1, 2015. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2016, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

- Beginning July 1, 2016, all moped operators must maintain liability insurance.
- Effective July 1, 2015, clarifies that 1) moped dealers are not required to be licensed as motor vehicle dealers, and 2) mopeds do not have to be titled.

HB 163 (SL 2015-99) CAPTIVE INSURANCE AMENDMENTS
AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CLARIFYING AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CAPTIVE INSURANCE ACT.
Effective June 19, 2015

HB 255 (SL 2015-146) BUILDING CODE REGULATORY REFORM
AN ACT TO REFORM BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH BY CONFORMING WORK IN PROGRESS INSPECTION AUTHORITY TO RECENTLY ENACTED INSPECTION LIMITATIONS, BY REQUIRING THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO STUDY THE ALTERNATE METHODS APPROVAL PROCESS, BY CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT FOR CODE OFFICIALS, BY RAISING THE THRESHOLD FOR REQUIREMENT OF A BUILDING PERMIT, BY CREATING THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL CODE COMMITTEE AND THE BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE, BY REQUIRING INTERNET POSTING OF CERTAIN COUNCIL DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS, BY CLARIFYING THAT INSPECTION FEES COLLECTED BY CITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ONLY BE USED TO SUPPORT THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, BY REQUIRING THAT INSPECTIONS BE PERFORMED IN FULL AND IN A TIMELY MANNER AND INSPECTION REPORTS INCLUDE ALL ITEMS FAILING TO MEET CODE REQUIREMENTS, BY AUTHORIZING INSPECTIONS OF COMPONENTS OR ELEMENTS OF BUILDINGS CERTIFIED BY LICENSED ARCHITECTS OR LICENSED ENGINEERS, AND BY EXEMPTING CERTAIN COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SEAL. Effective October 1, 2015

HB 262 (SL 2015-101) SURPLUS LINES AMENDMENTS
AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE SURPLUS LINES ACT BY INCLUDING ALIEN INSURERS IN THE DEFINITION OF AN ELIGIBLE SURPLUS LINES INSURER, BY REPEALING COUNTERSIGNING REQUIREMENTS, AND BY PROVIDING GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR THE MANNER OF COLLECTION AND REFUND OF THE SURPLUS LINES TAX. Effective June 19, 2015

HB 288 (SL 2015-146) INSURANCE TECHNICAL CHANGES
AN ACT TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY MAKING REVISIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING INSURANCE COMPANY HOLDING SYSTEMS, 2015 Long Session Bill Summaries – Insurance
RISK-BASED CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFE INSURERS, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR RISK RETENTION GROUPS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS’ INSURANCE OPTIONAL PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

Sections 1 and 3 of this act become effective July 1, 2015. Section 2 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2017. Section 5 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to optional enhancements, as described in that section, filed and approved on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law (July 13, 2015).

- **Sec. 4** – Electronic Proof of Coverage – auto insurance
  - Allows consumers to show proof of coverage on their mobile phone or other device.

- **Sec. 5** – Optional Program Enhancements – auto and homeowners’ insurance
  - To encourage insurers offering optional programs to provide consumers with additional choice for their coverage. Insurers have filed enhancements with the Department and Commissioner looks forward to some of these enhancements being focused on programs of interest and value to seniors. (For example, accident forgiveness, etc.)

**HB 308 (SL 2015-220)** CLARIFY REASONABLE HEALTH INSURANCE/LTC OMBUDSMAN
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAL SUPPORT AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT TO ALIGN STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL GUIDELINES THAT NO LONGER INCLUDE THE PROVISION THAT EMPLOYER-PROVIDED GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE IS AUTOMATICALLY CONSIDERED “REASONABLE.” Sections 1 and 3 of this act are effective when this act becomes law and apply to orders issued or agreements entered into on or after that date. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2016.

- **Sec. 2** updates the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (Part 14D of Chapter 143B)
  - Adds definitions, adds duties to State and Regional LTC Ombudsman, clarifies ombudsmen authority to enter facilities and review residents’ records and information
  - Adds monetary penalty (up to $2,500) for retaliation against residents, family or facility employees because of complaints made or information provided to Ombudsmen.
  - Adds $2,500 penalty to existing Class 1 Misdemeanor offense of obstructing an Ombudsman from performing their duties.

**HB 361 (SL 2015-281)** PRINCIPLE-BASED RESERVING
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PRINCIPLE-BASED VALUATION IN THE LIFE INSURANCE STANDARD VALUATION LAW AND STANDARD NONFORFEITURE PROVISIONS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE LAW. Sections 1 and 2 of Part I of this act become effective on the operative date of the manual of valuation instructions adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners as provided in G.S. 58-58-51. The remainder of Part I of this act is effective when this act becomes law. Section 9 of Part II of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2016. The remainder of Part II of this act is effective when this act becomes law. Part III of this act is effective when this act becomes law. Part IV of this act becomes effective on January 1, 2016. Part V of this act is effective when this act becomes law.

- **Section 8** updates Continuing Care Advisory Committee provision to reflect current name of an organization represented – LeadingAge (was the NC Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging).

**HB 446 (SL 2015-180)** AMEND STATUTES GOVERNING BAIL BONDSMEN
AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING BAIL BONDSMEN TO INCREASE THE AGE OF QUALIFICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A BAIL BONDSMAN OR RUNNER, TO LENGTHEN THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE RETURN OF SECURITY TO INCLUDE THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH AN
APPEAL FROM DISTRICT COURT MAY BE FILED, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO RETURN THE AMOUNT OF A BONDSMAN’S SECURITY DEPOSIT ABOVE OUTSTANDING BOND LIABILITY IN EVENT THE BONDSMAN IS KILLED OR CEASES WRITING BONDS, AND TO ALLOW A BONDSMAN TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS’ CIVIL INFORMATION SYSTEMS. Section 1 of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to applications for licenses filed on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law (August 5, 2015)

HB 706 (SL 2015-19) BUILDING CODES/RUSTIC CABINS
AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE TO EXEMPT OPEN AIR CAMP CABINS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE. Section 3 of this act expires on the date that rules adopted pursuant to Section 4 of this act become effective. Effective May 14, 2015

SB 37 (SL 2015-296) WAIVE TUITION/FALLEN OFFICER WAS GUARDIAN
AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE TUITION WAIVER FOR SURVIVORS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, OR RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS AND CERTAIN OTHERS ALSO APPLIES TO CHILDREN WHOSE LEGAL GUARDIANS OR LEGAL CUSTODIANS ARE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, OR RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS.

SB 99 (SL 2015-88) FIRE, RESCUE & SAFETY WORKER SYSTEM CHANGES
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DEFINITION OF FIREFIGHTER FOR PURPOSES OF THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND, THE STATEWIDE FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND, THE STATE FIRE PROTECTION GRANT FUND, VOLUNTEER SAFETY WORKERS ASSISTANCE, AND THE RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' RELIEF FUND; TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR FILING CERTIFIED ROSTERS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.; TO AMEND THE RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' RELIEF FUND; TO AMEND THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS', FIREFIGHTERS', RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' AND CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS' DEATH BENEFITS ACT; AND TO SPECIFY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY AS IT PERTAINS TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Effective July 1, 2015

SB 119 (SL 2015-264) GCS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2015
AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION AND TO MAKE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS. Effective October 1, 2015
  • Allows for affiliate transfer of Article 36 policies (auto, homeowners, dwelling and workers compensation).

SB 345 (SL 2015-188) LIMIT STORAGE DURATION FOR DAMAGE VEHICLE
AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME A MOTOR VEHICLE CAN BE IMPounded AFTER A COLLISION. Effective August 1, 2015
  • Requires that a motor vehicle towed and stored after a collision may not be held for more than 20 days, and must be released to owner, insurer or lienholder upon payment of towing and storage fees.
**SB 541 (SL 2015-237) REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES**  
AN ACT TO REGULATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES. **Effective October 1, 2015**  
- Enacts a new Article 10A in Chapter 20 to establish and govern Transportation Network Companies (TNC), such as Uber.  
- Establishes liability insurance coverage requirements of TNC companies during service and while TNC online-enabled application is on.

**SB 665 (SL 2015-236) UNCLAIMED LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS**  
AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA UNCLAIMED LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS ACT. **Effective October 1, 2015**  
- Creates the Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act  
- Requires insurers to compare records of in-force life insurance policies, annuities, and account holders with the death master file of the US Social Security Administration semi-annually.  
- Requires that, within 90 days of a match, insurers must confirm death, review records, determine benefits, locate and provide beneficiaries with claims forms or instructions to make a claim.


**SB 676 (SL 2015-271) AUTISM HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**  
AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER. **Effective July 1, 2016 and applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.**  
- Requires certain health benefit plans to provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorder including coverage for adaptive behavior therapy of up to $40,000 per year for individuals 18 years of age or younger.

**SB 678 (SL 2015-177) AMEND DEBT COLLECTION STATUTES**  
AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEBT COLLECTOR STATUTES TO MORE NEARLY CONFORM TO THE FEDERAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT. **Effective August 5, 2015**  
- Allows debt collectors to contact debtor-designated third parties (spouses, family, friends, employers, etc.) once a week, up to three times per month, to get information about the location of the debtor.

**SB 694 (SL 2015-273) REEGAN’S RULE/ENFORCE PHARM. BEN. MGT.**  
AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PARENT EDUCATION DURING WELL-CHILD VISITS AT SPECIFIC AGE INTERVALS REGARDING TYPE I DIABETES AND TO AMEND THE LAW PERTAINING TO PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS. **Effective July 1, 2016 (MAC provision)**  
- Establishes acceptable time period for updating of Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) pharmaceutical price changes (7 days) and provides hearing process to address systematic violations.