

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1576

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Financial Institutions & Insurance*

Title: An act relating to medical examinations required by a private passenger automobile insurance policy.

Brief Description: Restricting the location of medical examinations required by certain insurers.

Sponsor(s): Representatives R. Meyers, Dellwo, R. Johnson, Dorn, Ferguson and Zellinsky.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Financial Institutions & Insurance, March 5, 1991, DPS.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE**

Majority Report: *That Substitute House Bill No. 1576 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.*
Signed by 8 members: Representatives Dellwo, Chair; Zellinsky, Vice Chair; Anderson; Dorn; Inslee; R. Johnson; R. Meyers; and Scott.

Minority Report: *Do not pass.* Signed by 5 members: Representatives Broback, Ranking Minority Member; Mielke, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Paris; Schmidt; and Winsley.

Staff: John Conniff (786-7119).

Background: Auto insurance companies often require a claimant to submit to a medical exam when claiming benefits for bodily injury.

Summary of Substitute Bill: Private passenger automobile insurers must reimburse insureds for travel, expenses and lost wages when the insurer requires the insured to attend a physical exam.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: Provisions requiring insurers to use health care professionals as close as possible to the insured's residence when a medical exam is required is replaced with provisions requiring reimbursement for costs of attending such exams.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.