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## **NCOIL CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL 2017 SPRING MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS, LA**

*Keynote Address by Governor John Bel Edwards, Model Law discussed to ensure funding that allows Participation at NCOIL meetings, Discussion about Potential Financial Reforms Among the Highlights the Three Day Meeting*

Manasquan, NJ: NCOIL concluded a successful Spring Meeting in New Orleans, LA where all the substantive policy committees met to discuss a wide range of issues from the future of the Affordable Care Act, to the Prospects of Financial Regulatory Restructuring and Legislative Reform in the Trump Administration and the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, to a presentation about Automatic Incorporation of Private Regulatory Work Product into state law and a regulator dialogue about the subject, to discussion about data security and cybersecurity, to a presentation about workers compensation insurance premium fraud, to an update on the Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule, to consideration of amendments to Limited Lines Travel Insurance Model to discussion of the recently enacted Covered Agreement.

“We are committed to making NCOIL the primary voice on model insurance law because we know what works and what doesn’t” said KY Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL President. “That means discussing emerging issues, ensuring legislators have the ability to participate with the organization and that we educate lawmakers about insurance solutions in the states. Our model laws have been successfully utilized by most states.”

Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards delivered the keynote address at the luncheon. In addition to thanking the more than 230 attendees, 8 Insurance Departments, 43 legislators including 10 first time legislator attendees, he discussed Medicaid expansion in Louisiana and how it has increased coverage and saved money.

“Consistent with the charge from the officers when they brought me on, we are growing the number of total participants, the number of legislative participants and the number of insurance departments represented” said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. “We are expanding the issues we discuss and making decisions in a much more timely fashion than had happened previously. All of this generates added press for the NCOIL.”

The meeting started with an all attendee welcome breakfast with a speech by Rutgers Professor and Associate Director of the Center for State Constitutional Studies, Robert F. Williams who spoke about the Automatic Incorporation of Private Regulatory Work Product Into State Law.

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The meeting minutes will be posted at [NCOIL.org](http://NCOIL.org) within the next week. The NCOIL Summer Meeting will be from July 12 – 15 at the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile. The Summer Meeting will conclude on Saturday afternoon, consistent with the wishes of the participants who shared that during last year's SWOT exercise.

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*NCOIL is a legislative organization comprised principally of legislators serving on state insurance and financial institutions committees around the nation. NCOIL writes Model Laws in insurance, works to both preserve the state jurisdiction over insurance as established by the McCarran-Ferguson Act seventy years ago and to serve as an educational forum for public policy makers and interested parties. Founded in 1969, NCOIL works to assert the prerogative of legislators in making state policy when it comes to insurance and educate state legislators on current and perennial insurance issues.*