

NCOIL IN THE NEWS

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Arkansas senator appointed president of NCOIL

November 30, 2017

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Nominating Committee has selected Arkansas Senator Jason Rapert to serve as president during the annual meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, from Nov. 16 to 19. The report of the Nominating Committee was affirmed by the Executive Committee.

"I am excited to assume the NCOIL presidency and look forward to continuing to increase state legislator participation around the nation. Our organization has been a leader in educating policymakers to make informed insurance policy decisions that protect consumers and ensure a vibrant insurance marketplace in every state," Senator Rapert said. "Rep. Riggs has done an outstanding job as president and I look forward to his counsel as immediate past president."

INSURANCE JOURNAL

Update: Insurers Sound Alarm Over Liability Law Restatement; Vote Delayed

May 22, 2017

"We urge the ALI to delay consideration of this restatement planned later this month and enter into an immediate dialogue with state legislators," said Tom Considine, CEO of the National Council of Insurance

.Legislators (NCOIL) who wrote to ALI on May 5. "This proposed restatement delves into the realm of legislative prerogative and departs from settled law."

FRN FINANCIAL REGULATION NEWS

Insurance groups take issue with American Law Institute's "restatements"

December 1, 2017

The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) has expressed concerns to the American Law Institute (ALI) over its Restatement of the Law, Liability Insurance documents.

ALI, a group of lawyers and legal scholars, provides judges and lawyers with "restatements," which are written documents that "aim at clear formulations of common law... as it presently stands or might appropriately be stated by a court."

Legal NewsLine

Insurance officials, business defense urge delay in vote of liability insurance Restatement

May 22, 2017

"This is not a Restatement of the law but a 'new statement' of the law," said Thomas B. Considine, CEO of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL).

"It's a total abuse of the process."

In an earlier interview, the lead reporter on the project, University of Pennsylvania law professor, Tom Baker, said that the project morphed into Restatement when they decided it was a reflection of common law.

But Considine and others say that many provisions in the draft do not reflect common law, and some areas are in direct conflict with legislative authority.

ThinkAdvisor

NCOIL Adopts Air Ambulance Model

November 24, 2017

The executive committee at the National Conference of Insurance Legislators has adopted a model law for air ambulance insurance claims.

Drafters have tried to balance the interests of the patients, the transportation providers and the insurers, while, at the same time complying with the Federal Airline Deregulation Act.

INSURANCE JOURNAL

Trump Administration to Sign Insurance Regulation Pact with European Union

July 17, 2017

Another state regulatory group, the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), which has also criticized the pact, is waiting to see what the Trump Administration policy statement on implementation says. NCOIL CEO Tom Considine, speaking at the Super Regional P/C Insurer Conference in Wisconsin on Monday, said he believes the policy statement will be an attempt to reconcile the agreement with support for state-based regulation but he questioned if this is possible. Considine, a former New Jersey banking and insurance commissioner, termed the agreement "great for Wall Street and horrible for Main Street."

Forbes

ALI's Reporter Plans 'Listening Tour' Ahead Of Next Liability Insurance Restatement

June 8, 2017

Tom Baker, the Reporter for the American Law Institute's (ALI) Restatement of law covering liability insurance, will go on a "listening tour" in light of the postponement of the final vote on the draft Restatement at ALI's annual meeting held May 22-24.

Tom Considine, CEO of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), said that by definition a Restatement should be settled law and non-controversial. He suggested that the disputed areas, including sections covering bad faith and attorneys fees, should be removed and placed into a Principles Project.

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Jason Rapert to Lead Insurance Legislators Group

November 22, 2017

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators agreed last week in Phoenix, at NCOIL's annual meeting, to make Arkansas state Sen. Jason Rapert, R-Conway, Ark., the 2017-2018 president.

(Related: Steve Riggs Now Leads National Conference of Insurance Legislators)

Rapert will succeed Kentucky state Rep. Steve Riggs.

NCOIL also named Vermont state Rep. Bill Botzow to be vice president; Indiana state Rep. Matt Lehman, treasurer; and California state Assemblymember Kenneth Cooley, secretary, according to a meeting summary provided by NCOIL.

LifeHealthPRO

State legislators form air ambulance billing team

March 8, 2017

State lawmakers want to see if they can do something about sky-high out-of-network air ambulance bills. The National Conference of Insurance Legislators has started an Air Ambulance Task Force.