HB 804 -- Insurance Examination Expenses

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This bill limits the expenses that insurance companies must pay for examinations by the Department of Insurance. Current law allows the Director of the Department of Insurance to assess the expenses of each insurer for the examination of that insurer. The bill limits this assessment to the direct expenses incurred by the examiners. The department must provide an itemized report of expenses which includes the rate of pay for each examiner and the amount of time spent by each examiner. The itemized reports must be verified by the insurance company before the department can issue the assessment.

The bill changes the additional assessment, for examiner support staff, from 15% to 5% of the total expenses assessed.

The bill also limits the reimbursement of department employees to either 80% of the federal per diem rate or the actual travel expenses incurred in conducting the examinations, whichever is less.