

HB 1159 -- Insurance Company Class Action Suits

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This bill requires courts to refer any class action suit against an insurance company to the Department of Insurance, where these cases would first be processed administratively. The court must abate any class action suit whenever it determines that the department could make any findings of fact or conclusions of law that would aid the court in resolving the case. An abatement tolls the applicable statute of limitations for that action. The bill requires the period of abatement to be at least six months.