

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-2956/1	Introduction Number	SB-336	Estimate Type	Original
Description prohibiting discrimination based on vaccination status					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, OCI does have the authority to review an insurer's conduct and to review unfair declinations of coverage. OCI can take action against agents or insurers who misrepresent coverage, unfairly discriminate, or violate Wisconsin's insurance laws.

There are statutes and rules protecting consumers from unfair discrimination in insurance policies.

- Insurers may not refuse to insure you or refuse to renew your policy on the basis of sex. [s. Ins 6.55, Wis. Adm. Code]
- For auto or homeowner's policies, insurers may not refuse coverage to a class of risks solely on the basis of past criminal record, physical disability, past mental disability, age, marital status, sexual preference, "moral" character, or risk location. Insurers may not use these classifications to charge different rates without credible supporting information that must be filed with OCI.
- No insurer may cancel or refuse to issue or renew an automobile insurance policy wholly or partially because of one or more of the following characteristics of any person: age, sex, residence, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, marital status, or occupation.

The bill proposes to add an additional category related to vaccination status. The cost to add this additional category is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.