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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3291 by Harper-Brown (Relating to a deceptive act or practice in connection with a consumer's health benefit plan benefits.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code and prohibit knowingly making a false, misleading, or intimidating statement to a consumer relating to the consumer's health benefit plan that may induce the consumer to obtain prescription drugs from a particular pharmacy. The bill may result in new complaints and investigations by the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Public Health Division. However, it is anticipated that any additional costs associated with implementation of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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