



SB268, HB1252/SB124, and HB3482/SB2412 Could Lead to Higher Insurance Rates



DON'T DESTABILIZE THE ILLINOIS INSURANCE MARKET

SB268, HB1252/SB124, and HB3482/SB2412 could have a significant impact on the affordability and availability of insurance in Illinois. These bills bring California-style overregulation and ban key underwriting factors that could lead to most Illinois residents paying more for insurance.

THE FACTS:

- Illinois has one of the most competitive insurance markets in the nation with more than 200 companies offering coverage.
- Illinois' auto insurance premiums are 18% below the national average, the 19th lowest in the country.
- Insurers DO NOT use race, income, religion, or ethnicity in pricing.



WHAT WORKS:

Insurers use proven factors like credit-based insurance scores, ZIP codes, age, and gender to fairly and accurately assess an individual's risk to help keep premiums low. These methods are standard in 46 states and ensure more accurate pricing. Eliminating these factors would result in low-risk drivers unfairly paying more.

- In Washington state, more than 60 percent of drivers experienced rate increases in 2021 when the use of credit-based insurance scores was banned in setting auto insurances rates. The ban was quickly set aside.
- In Connecticut, an APCA analysis found that eliminating the use of location/territory could cause more than half of Connecticut drivers to see increases as high as 19 percent.



WHAT DOESN'T WORK:

California-style overregulation destabilizes the market.

- Excessive regulation has driven insurers out of the California marketplace.
- Californians are facing challenges with finding coverage in the private market.
- Legislation meant to protect California consumers actually resulted in consumers having fewer choices in the marketplace and higher premiums.



BOTTOM LINE:

With the high cost of living and on-going impact of inflation, now is not the time to pursue legislation that could lead to higher insurance costs for the majority of Illinoisans. Allowing insurers to accurately price policies benefits consumers through lower premiums, more choices, and market stability.

**DON'T TURN ILLINOIS INTO CALIFORNIA!
VOTE NO ON SB268, HB1252/SB124, AND HB3482/SB2412!**

