CS/CS/HB 885 — Life Insurance

by Rules and Calendar Council; General Government Policy Council; and Reps. Tobia and Plakon (CS/SB 844 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senators Bennett and Fasano; SB 1364 by Senator Thrasher)

The bill makes changes to various aspects of life insurance and annuities sales. The bill:

- Specifies circumstances under which an insurer is not required to send notice of replacement of a life insurance policy to the current insurer.
- Allows coverage of spouses and dependent children under a group life insurance policy up to the amount for which the employee is insured under the policy.
- Bars the sale or transfer of annuities that were purchased as part of a settlement to satisfy Medicare secondary payer requirements to third parties that are not connected with the settlement.
- Prohibits, for purposes of group life insurance, the creation of a class of employees consisting solely of employees covered under the employer's group health plan.
- Exempts certain inactive life insurance sales agents from the continuing education requirements currently required in order for an agent to maintain a license.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law. *Vote: Senate 35-0; House 114-0*