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Overview

This bill allows the commissioner of commerce to investigate and assess penalties for fraud relating to medical services provided to a person involved in a motor vehicle accident. This bill also provides public access to motor vehicle accident reports and data.

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- 1 Law enforcement data.** Requires that within 30 days of its collection, data involving requests for law enforcement services, including responses to traffic accidents, becomes public government data.
- 2 Insurance fraud administrative penalty.** Allows the commissioner of commerce to impose an administrative penalty of up to \$25,000 for insurance fraud, and order restitution. Requires the commissioner to consider certain information when determining the appropriate amount of the administrative penalty. Provides that the commissioner may bring a suit to compel payment of the administrative penalty, and that insurance companies will maintain their private right of action against those committing insurance fraud.
- 3 Deauthorization of providers from receiving certain payments under chapter 65B.**
 - Subd. 1. Definitions.** Provides definitions for the section, including that “medical services” means services eligible for reimbursement under chapter 65B, the Minnesota No-Fault Automobile Insurance Act.
 - Subd. 2. Payments to provider of medical service.** Allows the commissioner of commerce, or other licensing authority, to issue an order stopping a provider of medical services from demanding or requesting payment for medical services. The

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ability of the provider to demand or request payment can be stopped if an investigation finds that the provider has been involved in misconduct, incompetency, made a knowingly false statement about an auto insurance claim, solicited a person with an auto insurance claim, refused to appear or provide information to the commissioner or licensing authority, or bills for medical services that were not provided.

Subd. 3. Investigation. Allows the commissioner of commerce in connection with an appropriate licensing authority, or the licensing authority itself, to investigate, send notice, and schedule hearings relating to reports of fraud and abuse by medical service providers. Requires that the process comply with the administrative procedures in chapter 14.

- 4 Accident Reports.** Provides that reports about motor vehicle accidents are to be disclosed upon request to insurance representatives, victim services programs, radio and television stations, and newspapers (not including professional, advertisement, or solely accident reporting publications).