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Senate Bill 321 (as introduced 4-12-11)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to exclude the medical use of marihuana from allowable expenses covered by personal injury protection benefits under an automobile insurance policy.

Under the Code, personal protection insurance (commonly referred to as personal injury protection, or PIP) benefits are payable for allowable expenses consisting of all reasonable charges incurred for reasonably necessary products, services, and accommodations for an injured person's care, recovery, or rehabilitation. Allowable expenses within PIP coverage do not include charges for a hospital room in excess of a reasonable and customary charge for semiprivate accommodations unless the injured person requires special or intensive care, or charges for funeral and burial expenses that exceed the amount set forth in the policy, which may not be less than \$1,750 or more than \$5,000.

Under the bill, allowable expenses within PIP coverage also would not include the medical use of marihuana.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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