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House passes SB 268 relating to PEIA

Following a lengthy debate this morning, the full House just passed <u>SB 268</u> which provides for a series of comprehensive changes to the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA). The vote was <u>69-27</u>. Since there were two amendments adopted to the bill clarifying certain provisions, it will need to go back to the Senate for consideration. The full Senate will go into session on Monday at 11:00 a.m.

The key provisions for hospitals were retained in the bill. They increase PEIA inpatient rates effective July 1, 2023, to 110% of Medicare, including language clarifying this rate also applies to critical access hospitals per diem, per day rate.

Be sure to thank your delegates who voted for the bill. Delegate Matt Rohrbach did an exceptional job defending the bill. Contact information for delegates is available here but if you have their cell phone #s, please text them a thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks.

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