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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Insurance  
From: Jason Thompson, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 18, 2018  
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2469

HB 2469 exempts certain claims handling operations from certain local ordinances and restrictions during an emergency or catastrophe.

The bill would enact a new section of law that prohibits political subdivisions from imposing restrictions or enforcing local licensing or registration ordinances concerning an insurer's claims handling operations at the time of any emergency, catastrophe or other life- or property-threatening event. A political subdivision would not be prohibited from exercising its police power when necessary to preserve public health and welfare, such as enforcing building, zoning and fire safety codes. An insurer establishing claims handling operations under this section would be required to give the city or county notice prior to establishing the operation. The bill defines "claims handling operations" as including, but not limited to, the establishment of a base of operations on a temporary basis, not to exceed six months, by an insurer within the disaster area and the investigation and handling of claims.