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### **INSURANCE RATE BILL CLEARS SENATE COMMITTEE**

The Daily Journal reported on August 26, 2011, that a bill that would give health insurance regulators the ability to approve or reject health insurance premium increases or reduction had cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Plaintiffs' attorney Brian Kabateck of Kabateck Brown & Kellner LLP in Los Angeles said that AB 52 would help consumers save money. "What's important and novel about this is that it gives the public, through lawyers, the ability to contest this in an administrative rate-setting, and, if needed, through the Superior Court, and it lets lawyers recover their costs," Kabateck said.