

Insurance Government Consultant Beth Vecchioli Quoted in Law360, Discusses Assignment of Benefits H.B. 7065

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Carlton Fields Senior Director, Government Consulting, Beth A. Vecchioli, was quoted in a *Law360* article, “Fla. House Cracks Down On Benefit Assignment Abuse.”

The Florida House of Representatives passed a bill on Thursday, April 11 that addresses concerns over increasing litigation and abuse resulting from property owners' assignment of insurance benefits to contractors. According to *Law360*, this has been blamed for driving up consumer premiums in the state. Most significantly, a key change in the house bill (H.B. 7065), which passed 96-20, is the replacement of a one-way attorney fees provision in favor of assignees.

Vecchioli commented, “If you decided to assign your rights, you're not just assigning your benefits but also the duties. The intent [of this bill] is to discourage litigation if these things can be settled outside of litigation.”

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