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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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SLOW START TO SECOND HALF IN THE STATEHOUSE

The second half of the 2020 legislative session got off to a slow start this week in Indianapolis. Draft legislation that passed its body of origin is now eligible to be considered by the other chamber. House bills in the Senate and Senate bills in the House are receiving their committee assignments with activity expected to pick up over the next two weeks. Many anticipate the Session to conclude even earlier than the March 14th deadline.

Lobbyists for the Indiana Cast Metals Association (INCMA) continue to work on and monitor bills of interest to the foundry industry and the manufacturing community at large.

Health Care Reform

Several bills started the session dealing with healthcare and its reform. Billing of patients for charges beyond what is negotiated by the insurance provider is at issue in [HB 1004](#) and [SB 3](#). The bills deal with medical care in general and also emergency services billing.

Pharmacy benefit management would become a licensed occupation under

[SB 241](#) and [HB 1042](#). The Indiana Department of Insurance would establish the requirements for Pharmacy Benefits Managers.

Transparency in healthcare contracts would be enhanced by [SB 5](#). If passed, the legislation would prohibit health provider contracts from including provisions that limit disclosure of claims data to employers



providing the coverage

Environmental

The only bill of any environmental significance is [HB 1337](#) dealing with spill reporting. Water utilities and water treatment plants seek more timely notification of spills that could impact operations. The bill requires the Indiana Environmental Rules Board to amend existing spill rules to carry out the notice requirements.

Some in industry are concerned with opening a

rulemaking without some limitations on the outcome. Interested parties, including INCMA, continue to discuss the language as it moves through the process.

If you have questions about these bills or others, please contact INCMA Lobbyists Blake Jeffery or Patrick Bennett. INCMA [posts weekly tracking lists](#) on all bills being monitored and/or worked on by INCMA lobbyists.

INCMA'S 2020

LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

INCMA held its 2020 Legislative Summit on January 29th in Indpls. Attendees networked and were educated about current issues before meeting with several legislators representing foundry districts. Special thanks



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FACTORIES LOSE 12,000

JOBS IN JANUARY

From the Alliance for American Manufacturing - Manufacturing lost [12,000 jobs](#) in January, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Friday. Job growth in the sector has been stagnant over the past year. The bulk of January's loss was seen in the automotive industry.

A [recent report](#) released by the Economic Policy Institute showed the U.S. lost 3.7 million jobs to China since 2001. Meanwhile, Commerce Department data released this week revealed that the non-petroleum goods trade deficit is the highest on record: \$839.2 billion. Non-petroleum goods exports fell last year by \$25 billion.

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