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## NCOIL TO EXAMINE ERISA'S IMPACT ON STATE HEALTH PLANS

### *Can Meaningful State Reform in an ERISA-Dominated Marketplace Be Achieved?*

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Manasquan, NJ – Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO announced the Health General Session at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City is “Examining the Role of ERISA in the State Based System of Insurance Regulation: Can Meaningful State Reform in an ERISA-dominated marketplace be achieved?” featuring a distinguished group of presenters.

“We continue to strive to discuss insightful topics that educate legislators and participants with policy experts that deeply understand issues” said Considine. “This topic is timely because ERISA seems to pervade NCOIL discussions of policy solutions for a variety of issues.”

The panel includes Professor Jonathan B. Forman, Kenneth E. McAfee Centennial Chair of Law University of Oklahoma College of Law; Professor Elizabeth McCuskey, Co-Director, JD/MD & JD/MPH Joint Degree Programs, University of Toledo College of Law; James Gelfand, Senior Vice President, Health Policy, ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC); and The Honorable Jessica Altman Commissioner, Pennsylvania Department of Insurance, Vice Chair, NAIC Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee.

“When I was in the insurance industry, approximately 40% of the health care market fell under the jurisdiction of state regulation. This shrank to about one-third while I was serving as New Jersey’s Banking & Insurance Commissioner, and now it is at risk of dipping below 30%. This is directly related to employers of smaller size moving to self-funded ERISA plans,” Considine concluded.

The Health General Session is scheduled for Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Oklahoma City. Registration is open for the NCOIL Annual Meeting at [www.ncoil.org/register-now](http://www.ncoil.org/register-now).

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