

Title XI: IMPROVING INSURANCE COORDINATION THROUGH AN INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE

CHOICE Act 2.0 would abolish the Federal Insurance Office, which was created by the Dodd-Frank Act. In its place, the bill would establish an Office of the Independent Insurance Advocate within the Treasury Department, led by a Presidential-appointee who would be confirmed by the Senate. The mission of the Office would be to act as an independent advocate on behalf of the interests of U.S. insurance policyholders on prudential aspects of insurance, and to provide perspective on protecting their interests. The head of the Office, the Independent Insurance Advocate, would serve on the FSOC as the FSOC's independent member having insurance expertise.

The Office would have the authority to, among other things, coordinate federal efforts on prudential aspects of international insurance matters, consult with states regarding insurance matters of national importance and prudential matters of international importance, and observe all aspects of the insurance industry, including identifying issues with insurance regulation that could have systemic effects.

The Office would be restricted, however, from participating in any supervisory college and its authority may not extend to health insurance, long-term care insurance or crop insurance. Additionally, the Office would not have general supervisory or regulatory authority over the business of insurance.