

## **House Committee on Insurance**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
April 22, 2021

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Chad Brown, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Chad Brown, chairman  
Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment  
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Mike Huval  
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.  
Representative Edmond Jordan, vice chairman  
Representative Sherman Q. Mack  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Matthew Willard

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rashida Keith, attorney  
Adam Patrick, attorney  
Alicia Powell, committee administrative assistant

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 65 by Representative Echols**

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 65, which provides relative to mandatory audits of title insurance producers by title insurers.

Warren Byrd, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5203, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 65.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 65 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 65 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 462 by Representative Huval**

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 462, which provides relative to the tax on surplus lines and unauthorized insurance.

Tom Travis, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2136, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 462.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 462 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 462 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Green, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 182 by Representative Villio**

Representative Villio presented House Bill No. 182, which provides relative to annual meetings of domestic insurance companies.

Stewart Guerin, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-3929, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 182.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 182 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 182 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown,

DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Green, Hollis, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

**House Bill No. 74 by Representative Frieman**

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 74, which provides relative to the workers' compensation claims office requirement for insurers issuing such policies in Louisiana.

Tim Benedetto, Louisiana Workers' Advocates, 3045 Ridgelake Dr., Suite 203, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 838-8883, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 74.

Sheral Kellar, Office of Workers' Compensation Administration/Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7561, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 74.

Shannon C. Lindsey, 1680 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, LA 70458, (985) 643-1755, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 74.

Trey Mustian, Louisiana Association for Justice, 4515 Orleans Blvd., Jefferson, LA 70121, (504) 231-4689, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 74.

Barry Ward, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-5941, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 74.

Representative Frieman offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Frieman offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Frieman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 74 with amendments, to which Representative Jordan objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 74 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Hollis, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea. Representatives Brown, Green, and Jordan voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 436 by Representative Freiberg**

On behalf of Representative Freiberg, Jeff Zewe, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-0819, presented House Bill No. 436, which repeals requirements for the Department of Insurance to maintain a central database for contact information on life insurance policies in force in the state.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 436 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 436 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

**House Bill No. 595 by Representative Dustin Miller**

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 595, which provides for the payment of health insurance claims prior to the credentialing of a healthcare provider.

Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, spoke in support of House Bill No. 595.

Representative Brown offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Brown offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

David Lavergne, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, 5525 Reitz Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 298-1532, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 595.

Representative Frieman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 595 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 595 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 387 by Representative Green**

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 387, which provides relative to network leasing by dental insurers.

Annette Droddy, Louisiana Dental Association (LDA), 5637 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 926-1986, spoke in support of House Bill No. 387.

Dr. Gizelle Richard, LDA, 4460 Gen de Gaulle Dr., New Orleans, LA 70131, (504) 394-5330, spoke in support of House Bill No. 387.

Representative Green offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Green offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Jordan Gleason, Cigna, no address provided, jordan.gleason@arlaw.com, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 387.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 387 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 387 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 455 by Representative DuBuisson**

House Bill No. 455 provides relative to the use of genetic information in underwriting for life and long-term care insurance.

Representative DuBuisson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 455. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 455 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Hollis, Huval, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 281 by Representative Edmonston**

Representative Edmonston presented House Bill No. 281, which provides relative to continuing education for insurance claims adjusters.

Barry Ward, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-5941, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 281.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 281 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 281 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Illg, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

**House Bill No. 283 by Representative Hollis**

Representative Hollis presented House Bill No. 283, which repeals reporting requirements related to commercial motor vehicle policies.

Richard Piazza, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4689, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 283.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report House Bill No. 283 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 283 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

**House Bill No. 179 by Representative Firment**

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 179, which provides relative to the requirements for officers and directors of domestic regulated entities.

Barry Ward, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-5941, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 179.

Representative Firment offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Firment offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Green, Hollis, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 179 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 179 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Green, Hollis, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 236 by Representative Emerson**

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 236, which provides relative to Louisiana Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Law.

Representative Brown offered amendments to:

- (1) Include provisions that became effective on Sept. 30, 1991, and all subsequent amendments to apply prospectively to govern liability for assessments, offsets, refunds, and other matters relating to insurers not specified in proposed law; and
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Brown offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Tom Travis, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2136, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 236.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 236 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 236 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 576 by Representative Frieman**

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 576, which provides relative to reserves for insurers.

Representative Frieman offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Frieman offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Richard Piazza, LDI, 1702 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4689, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 576.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 576 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 576 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

The minutes from the 2020 Regular Session dated May 6, May 13, May 19, and May 27 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Frieman offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

The minutes from the 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session dated June 10, June 16, June 18, and June 24 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Frieman offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

The minutes for the 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Session dated October 14 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Frieman offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Glover, Huval, Jordan, and Willard voted yea.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Brown announced the next committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 9:30 am.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Green offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Green, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Chad Brown  
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: