Regular Session, 2011

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 227

# BY REPRESENTATIVES THIBAUT, GREENE, AND HARDY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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ACT No. 84

| 1  | AN ACT  |
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| 2  | To enact R.S. 9:1123.113, relative to condominiums; to require condominium associations |
| 3  | to maintain a fidelity bond; to provide for a coverage amount; to establish a           |
| 4  | minimum coverage amount; to provide for compliance through a managing agent             |
| 5  | who maintains a bond; to require proof of the bond to be maintained on the premises     |
| 6  | of the condominium; to require inspection of the proof upon request; to require         |
| 7  | written or electronic notice of the bond; and to provide for related matters.           |
| 8  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  |
| 9  | Section 1. R.S. 9:1123.113 is hereby enacted to read as follows:                        |
| 10 | <u>§1123.113. Fidelity bond required</u>  |
| 11 | A. Any unit owners' association collecting assessments for common                       |
| 12 | expenses shall obtain and maintain a blanket fidelity bond covering the officers,       |
| 13 | directors, and persons employed by the unit owners' association, and any managing       |
| 14 | agent and employees of the managing agent.  |
| 15 | B. The bond shall provide coverage in an amount equal to the lesser of one              |
| 16 | million dollars or the amount of reserve balances of the unit owners' association plus  |
| 17 | one-fourth of the aggregate annual assessment of the unit owners' association. The      |
| 18 | minimum coverage amount shall be ten thousand dollars.                                  |
| 19 | C. Any unit owners' association whose managing agent maintains its own                  |
| 20 | bond shall be in compliance with this Section, provided that the managing agent's       |
| 21 | bond meets the requirements set forth in this Section, and that the association is      |
| 22 | named as an additional insured under the managing agent's bond.                         |

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| 1  | D.(1) The unit owners' association or the managing agent shall maintain               |
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| 2  | proof of the bond required by this Section on the premises of the condominium at all  |
| 3  | times.  |
| 4  | (2) The unit owners' association or the managing agent shall make the proof           |
| 5  | available for inspection by a member of the condominium unit owners' association      |
| 6  | upon request of the member.   |
| 7  | (3) The unit owners' association or the managing agent shall also provide             |
| 8  | every member of the unit owners' association with written or electronic notice of the |
| 9  | bond as well as a statement notifying the member that the member has a right to       |
| 10 | inspect the proof of the bond required by this Section.                               |

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