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HOUSE BILL NO. 428

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIERRY

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to a minority hiring survey by the division of minority affairs in the Department of Insurance

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(10) and to enact R.S. 22:31(7), relative to the division
3 of minority affairs; to provide for a survey relative to the hiring practices of
4 insurance companies; to provide for applicability of the survey to public records
5 exemptions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:31(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §31. Division of minority affairs

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10 (7) The division of minority affairs may conduct a survey of insurance
11 companies doing business in Louisiana in order to seek information and data relative
12 to the policies and practices of hiring of and contracting with minorities. The survey,
13 data, and responses thereto shall not be a public record as defined by the Public
14 Records Act, R.S. 44:1 et seq., and shall be exempt from disclosure.

15 Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(10) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 §4.1. Exceptions

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18 B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,
19 and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised
20 statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and

1 limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by
2 citation:

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4 (10) R.S. 22:2, 14, 31(7), 42.1, 88, 244, 461, 572, 572.1, 574, 618, 706, 732,
5 752, 771, 1203, 1460, 1466, 1546, 1644, 1656, 1723, 1927, 1929, 1983, 1984, 2036,
6 2303

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the Dept. of Insurance, division of minority affairs, may conduct a survey of the hiring practices of minorities among insurance companies; further provides that the survey may fall under the exemption to the public records laws.

Present law provides for a division of minority affairs within the Dept. of Insurance. The division duties include assisting in the coordination of activities of the department's Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

Proposed law provides that the division of minority affairs may conduct a survey of the hiring and contracting practices insurers use in relation to minorities.

Proposed law further provides that the survey shall fall within the exception to the Public Records Act.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(10); Adds R.S. 22:31(7))