Regular Session, 2010

### HOUSE BILL NO. 463

### BY REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY

### 1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:851(A), 852(B), 853(B), 854(A), 855(A)(1), (B)(1) and (2)(a) 3 and (b), (C), (D)(2), (G), and (H), 856(introductory paragraph), 857, 860(A) and 4 (B)(introductory paragraph), 861(B) and (F), 862(2) and (5), 863(A), 864(B)(4), (5), 5 and (8), and (C), 865(introductory paragraph) and (1), 866, 867, 868(A)(introductory 6 paragraph) and (1) and (B), 871, 875 through 878, 879(introductory paragraph) and 7 (2) and (3), 880, 882(1) through (5), 883(C)(5)(c) and (d), 884, 885(A), (C), and (D), 8 886, 887(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(b) and (2), (B), (D)(1), (E), (G)(2), and 9 (H), and 888(B)(1) and (2), (C), (D), and (E), relative to technical recodification of 10 certain provisions of the Louisiana Insurance Code relative to general insurance 11 policy requirements, including correction of citations, updates of terms and language, 12 reorganization of provisions, elimination of obsolete or ineffective provisions, and 13 harmonizing of inconsistent provisions; and to provide for related matters. 14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 15 Section 1. R.S. 22:851(A), 852(B), 853(B), 854(A), 855(A)(1), (B)(1) and (2)(a) and 16 (b), (C), (D)(2), (G), and (H), 856(introductory paragraph), 857, 860(A) and (B)(introductory 17 paragraph), 861(B) and (F), 862(2) and (5), 863(A), 864(B)(4), (5), and (8), and (C), 18 865(introductory paragraph) and (1), 866, 867, 868(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and 19 (B), 871, 875 through 878, 879(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (3), 880, 882(1) through 20 (5), 883(C)(5)(c) and (d), 884, 885(A), (C), and (D), 886, 887(A)(introductory paragraph) 21 and (1)(b) and (2), (B), (D)(1), (E), (G)(2), and (H), and 888(B)(1) and (2), (C), (D), and (E) 22 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 23 §851. Scope of Part 24 A. The applicable provisions of this Part shall apply to insurance other than 25 ocean marine and foreign trade insurances. This Part shall not apply to life insurance

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1	policies or annuities not issued for delivery in this state nor delivered in this state.
2	This Part also shall not apply to any health and accident insurance policy not issued
3	for delivery in this state nor delivered in this state, except for any group policy
4	covering residents of Louisiana, regardless of from where it was issued or delivered.
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6	§852. Power to contract
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8	B. A minor not less than fifteen years of age as at nearest birthday may,
9	notwithstanding such minority, contract for life or health and accident insurance for
10	his own benefit or for the benefit of his father, mother, spouse, child, brother, sister,
11	or grandparent, or any person with an insurable interest and may exercise all rights
12	and powers with respect to or under the contract as though of full legal age, and may
13	surrender his interest therein and give a valid discharge for any benefit accruing or
14	money payable thereunder. The minor shall not, by reason of his minority, be
15	entitled to rescind, avoid, void, or repudiate the contract, or any exercise of a right
16	or privilege thereunder; except, that such minor, not otherwise emancipated, shall not
17	be bound by any unperformed agreement to pay, by promissory note or otherwise,
18	any premium on any such insurance contract.
19	§853. Insurable interest required; property insurances
20	* * *
21	B. "Insurable interest" as used in this Section Chapter means any lawful and
22	substantial economic interest in the safety or preservation of the subject of the
23	insurance free from loss, destruction, or pecuniary damage.
24	§854. Interest of the insured
25	A. When the name of a person intended to be insured is specified in the
26	policy, such insurance can be applied only to his own proper interest. This Section
27	shall not apply to life, <u>annuity</u> , <del>and</del> <u>or</u> health and accident <del>insurances.</del> <u>insurance</u> .
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1	§855. Quoted premium shall include all charges; dollar amount required
2	A. The premium quoted by the insurer shall be a specific dollar amount
3	which shall be inclusive of all fees, charges, premiums, or other consideration
4	charged for the insurance or for the procurement thereof, except that:
5	(1) In any subsequent modification of the policy, the insurer may require that
6	evidence of insurability be furnished at the insured's expense;
7	* * *
8	B.(1) No insurer or its officer, employee, agent, broker, solicitor, producer
9	or other representative shall charge or receive any fee, compensation, or
10	consideration for insurance which is not included in the premium quoted to the
11	insured and the premium specified in the policy delivered to the insured, except for
12	the premium tax on a surplus lines policy which shall be separately stated, and
13	except for reimbursement for expenses due the agent, producer, and except for an
14	agency fee, if any, as authorized hereunder.
15	(2)(a) The agent producer may receive reimbursement from the insured for
16	expenses incurred by the agent producer directly related to the insurance coverage
17	for the insured. In addition, the agent producer may charge a reasonable agency fee
18	related to the services provided by the agent. producer. Any reimbursement or
19	agency fee shall be itemized separately on an invoice statement. A single invoice
20	may be used to make known all charges. Each such charge must be prominently
21	disclosed and itemized separately on the invoice.
22	(b) The reimbursement for expense and agency fees shall not be considered
23	premium for any purpose, nor shall they be subject to premium taxes or surplus lines
24	premium taxes. Agency fees for criminal bail bond, or homeowners insurance, or
25	personal automobile insurance that are standard risks insurable at standard rates shall
26	not exceed twenty-five dollars.
27	* * *
28	C. Each policy delivered to the insured shall have the full and accurate dollar
29	amount of the premium disclosed on the policy, which shall be inclusive of all fees,
30	charges, premiums, or other consideration charged for the insurance or for the

1	procurement thereof, except that, in any subsequent modification of the policy, the
2	insurer may require that evidence of insurability be furnished at the insured's
3	expense, and except that the premium tax on a surplus lines policy shall be separately
4	stated, and except for reimbursement of expenses and agency fees as authorized in
5	Paragraph (B)(2): of this Section.
6	D.
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8	(2) In this Subsection, a person who procures the preparation of any
9	document specified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection includes a person who
10	knowingly permits the preparation of such a document to be done or participated in
11	by a subordinate or employee, whether or not that person directly ordered or caused
12	the subordinate or employee to prepare the document. It shall not include a person
13	furnishing typing, reproducing, or providing other clerical or mechanical assistance
14	with respect to a document.
15	* * *
16	G. The commissioner may assess one or more of the following penalties
17	against any person who violates the provisions of this Section:
18	(1) A fine in an amount not greater than five thousand dollars,
19	(2) A suspension of an insurer's certificate of authority or an agent's,
20	broker's, or solicitor's <u>a producer's</u> license <del>, or</del> .
21	(3) A revocation of an insurer's certificate of authority or an agent's, broker's,
22	<del>or solicitor's</del> <u>a producer's</u> license.
23	H. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all policies except life,
24	accident, health, annuity, health and accident, and reinsurance policies.
25	§856. Application for insurance required
26	No life, <u>annuity</u> , or health and accident insurance contract upon an individual,
27	except a contract of group life insurance or of group or blanket health and accident
28	insurance as defined in this Code, shall be made or effectuated unless at the time of
29	the making of the contract the individual insured, being of competent legal capacity

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1	to contract, in writing applies therefor or consents thereto, except in the following
2	cases:

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§857. Application as evidence; life, annuity, or health and accident insurance

A. No application for life<u>, annuity</u>, or health and accident insurance shall be admissible in evidence in any action relative to the policy or contract, unless a correct copy of the application was attached to or otherwise made a part of the policy, or contract, when issued and delivered. This provision shall not apply to policies or contracts of industrial insurance subject to R.S. 22:149(2) and 975(A)(1).

10 B. If any policy of life, annuity, or health and accident insurance delivered 11 in this state is reinstated or renewed, and the insured or the beneficiary or assignee 12 of the policy makes written request to the insurer for a copy of the application, if any, 13 for such reinstatement or renewal, the insurer shall, within fifteen days after receipt of such request at its home office or at any of its branch offices, deliver or mail to the 14 15 person making such request, a copy of such application. If such copy is not so 16 delivered or mailed, the insurer shall be precluded from introducing the application 17 as evidence in any action or proceeding based upon or involving the reinstatement 18 or renewal of the policy.

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- §860. Warranties and misrepresentations in negotiation; applications

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, and R.S. 22:1314, and R.S. 22:1315, no oral or written misrepresentation or warranty made in the negotiation of an insurance contract, by the insured or in his behalf, shall be deemed material or defeat or void the contract or prevent it attaching, unless the misrepresentation or warranty is made with the intent to deceive.

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1	B. In any application for life, <u>annuity</u> , or health and accident insurance made
2	in writing by the insured, all statements therein made by the insured shall, in the
3	absence of fraud, be deemed representations and not warranties. The falsity of any
4	such statement shall not bar the right to recovery under the contract unless either one
5	of the following is true as to the applicant's statement:
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7	§861. Approval of forms
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9	B. Every such filing shall be made not less than forty-five days in advance
10	of any such issuance, delivery, or use. At the expiration of forty-five days, the form
11	so filed shall be deemed approved unless prior thereto it has been affirmatively
12	approved or disapproved by order of the commissioner of insurance. The
13	commissioner of insurance may extend by not more than an additional fifteen days
14	the period within which he may so affirmatively approve or disapprove any such
15	form, by giving notice of such extension before expiration of the initial thirty-day*
16	forty-five-day period. At the expiration of any such period as so extended, and in the
17	absence of such prior affirmative approval or disapproval, any such form shall be
18	deemed approved. The commissioner of insurance may withdraw any such approval
19	at any time for cause. Approval of any such form by the commissioner of insurance
20	shall constitute a waiver of any unexpired portion of such initial fifteen-day waiting
21	period.
22	* * *
23	F. Insurers negotiating with and insuring special commercial entities shall
24	be exempt from the form filing and approval requirements of this Section. The
25	commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of
26	this Subsection including a provision defining special commercial entities which
27	qualify for exemption. The definition of exempt commercial policyholder shall be
28	reviewed periodically by the commissioner. This Subsection shall apply only to
29	commercial property and casualty insurance. The regulations required by this
30	Subsection shall be adopted no later than April 1, 2000. issued by the commissioner.

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1	§862. Grounds for disapproval
2	The commissioner of insurance shall disapprove any such form of policy,
3	application, rider, or endorsement, or withdraw any previous approval thereof, only:
4	* * *
5	(2) If it does not comply with any controlling filing theretofore previously
6	made and approved.
7	* * *
8	(5) If purchase of insurance thereunder is being solicited by deceptive
9	advertising.
10	* * *
11	§863. Standard provisions
12	A. Insurance contracts shall contain such standard provisions as are required
13	by the applicable chapters of this Code pertaining to contracts of particular kinds of
14	insurance. The commissioner of insurance may waive the required use of a
15	particular standard provision other than the provisions required in Subpart C of Part
16	IV of Chapter 4 of this Title this Chapter in a particular insurance contract form if:
17	both of the following apply:
18	(1) He The commissioner finds such provision unnecessary for the protection
19	of the insured, and inconsistent with the purposes of the contract, and.
20	(2) The contract is otherwise approved by him. the commissioner.
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22	§864. Content of policies in general
23	* * *
24	B. A policy shall specify and conform to the following:
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26	(4) The time at which the insurance thereunder takes effect and the period
27	during which the insurance is to continue.
28	(5) A statement of the premium, other than as to surety bonds, and if other
29	than life, <u>annuity</u> , accident or health, or title insurance, the premium rate.
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1	(8) Every printed portion of the text matter of the policy and of any
2	endorsements or attached papers is printed in type the size of which shall be uniform
3	and the face of which shall not be not less than ten-point type. The text matter shall
4	include all printed matter except the name and address of the insurer, name or title
5	of the policy, captions, sub-captions, and form numbers.
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7	C. If under the contract the exact amount of premiums is determinable only
8	at termination or at periodic intervals of the contract, a statement of the basis and
9	rates upon which the final premium is to be determined and paid shall be furnished
10	provided any policy examining bureau having jurisdiction or to the insured upon
11	request.
12	* * *
13	§865. Additional contents
14	A policy may contain additional provisions, which are not inconsistent with
15	this Code, and which are, either:
16	(1) Required to be so inserted by the laws of the insurer's state of domicile;
17	or <u>.</u>
18	* * *
19	§866. Articles of incorporation; by-law bylaw provisions
20	No policy shall contain any provision purporting to make any portion of the
21	articles of incorporation, by-laws, bylaws, or other constituent document of the
22	insurer a part of the contract unless such portion is set forth in full in the policy. Any
23	policy provision in violation of this Section shall be invalid.
24	§867. Must contain entire contract with exceptions
25	<u>A.</u> No agreement in conflict with, modifying, or extending the coverage of
26	any contract of insurance shall be valid unless it is in writing and physically made
27	a part of the policy or other written evidence of insurance, or it is incorporated in the
28	policy or other written evidence of insurance by specific reference to another policy
29	or written evidence of insurance. This Section shall not apply to contracts as
30	provided in Subpart C of Part IV of this Chapter. 4 of this Title.

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1	$\underline{B}$ . The provisions of this Section shall apply where a policy or other written
2	evidence of insurance is coupled by specific reference with another policy or written
3	evidence of insurance in existence as of the effective date hereof or issued thereafter.
4	$\underline{C}$ . Any written agreement in conflict with, modifying, or extending the
5	coverage of any contract of insurance shall be deemed to be physically made a part
6	of a policy or other written evidence of insurance, within the meaning of this section
7	Section, whenever such written agreement makes reference to such policy or
8	evidence of insurance and is sent to the holder of such policy or evidence of
9	insurance by United States mail, postage prepaid, at such holder's last known address
10	as shown on such policy or evidence of insurance or is personally delivered to such
11	holder.
12	§868. Limiting actions; jurisdiction
13	A. No insurance contract delivered or issued for delivery in this state and
14	covering subjects located, resident, or to be performed in this state, or any group
15	health and accident policy insuring a resident of this state regardless of where made
16	or delivered, shall contain any condition, stipulation, or agreement: either:
17	(1) Requiring it to be construed according to the laws of any other state or
18	country except as necessary to meet the requirements of the motor vehicle financial
19	responsibility laws of such other state or country; or.
20	* * *
21	B. No insurance contract delivered or issued for delivery in this state and
22	covering subjects located, resident, or to be performed in this state, or any health and
23	accident policy insuring a resident of this state regardless of where made or
24	delivered, shall contain any condition, stipulation, or agreement limiting right of
25	action against the insurer to a period of less than twenty-four months next after the
26	inception of the loss when the claim is a first-party claim, as defined in R.S. 22:1692,
27	and arises under any insurance classified and defined in R.S. 22:47(6), $(7)$ , (10), (11),
28	(12), (13), and (15), and (19) or to a period of less than one year from the time when

1	the cause of action accrues in connection with all other insurances unless otherwise
2	specifically provided in this Code.
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4	§871. Signature of agent producer
5	Every duly licensed insurance agent producer who solicits information to be
6	contained on any application for individual life or individual, family group, or
7	association health and accident insurance shall affix his legal signature thereto. No
8	such agent producer shall sign any application described above unless he personally
9	obtained the information shown on such application. Such information may be
10	obtained by the agent producer in person, by telephone, or by any other means of
11	direct communication between the agent producer and the applicant.
12	* * *
13	§875. Intervening breach
14	If any breach of a warranty or condition in any insurance contract occurs
15	prior to a loss under the contract, such breach shall not avoid void the contract nor
16	avail allow the insurer to avoid liability, unless the breach is material and exists at
17	the time of the loss.
18	§876. Assignment of policies
19	Subject to the terms of the policy relating to its assignment, life insurance
20	policies, other than group life insurance policies, annuity, and health and accident
21	policies providing benefits for accidental death, whether such policies were
22	heretofore or hereafter issued, and under the terms of which the beneficiary may be
23	changed upon the sole request of the insured, may be assigned either by pledge or
24	transfer of title, by an assignment executed by the insured alone and delivered to the
25	insurer, whether or not the pledgee or assignee is the insurer. This Section shall not
26	prohibit the assignment by the insured of any certificate of insurance issued under
27	a group life insurance policy. Any such assignment shall entitle the insurer to deal
28	with the assignee as the owner or pledgee of the policy in accordance with the terms
29	of the assignment, until the insurer has received at its home office written notice of

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termination of the assignment or pledge. No insurer shall prohibit the assignment to a viatical settlement provider of a policy otherwise assignable.

§877. Payment discharges insurer

4 Whenever the proceeds of, or payments under a life endowment or health and 5 accident insurance policy or any annuity contract issued by a life insurance company, 6 heretofore or hereafter issued, become payable and the insurer makes payment 7 thereof in accordance with the terms of the policy or contract or in accordance with 8 any written assignment thereof or of any interest thereunder, hereafter made, the 9 person then designated in the policy or contract or by such assignment as being 10 entitled thereto, shall be entitled to receive such proceeds or payments and to give 11 full acquittance therefor, and such payment shall fully discharge the insurer from all 12 claims under the policy or contract unless, before payment is made, the insurer has 13 received at its home office, written notice by or on behalf of some other person that 14 such other person claims to be entitled to such payment or some interest in the policy 15 or contract. Nothing contained in this Section shall affect any claim or right to any 16 policy or contract or the proceeds thereof or payments thereunder as between persons 17 other than the insurer.

### 18 §878. Forms for proof of loss furnished

19Any insurer requiring completion of a proof of loss form shall furnish provide20such form to any person claiming to have a loss under any insurance contract. But;21however, such insurer shall not, by reason of the requirement so to furnish provide22forms, have any responsibility for or with reference to the completion of such proof23or the manner of any such completion or attempted completion.

24 §879. Claim administration not waiver

# None of the following acts by or on behalf of an insurer shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any provision of a policy or of any defense of the insurer: thereunder:

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(2) Furnishing Providing forms for reporting a loss or claim, for giving information relative thereto, or for making proof of loss, or receiving or acknowledging receipt of any such forms or proofs completed or incompleted.

(3) Investigating any loss or claim under any policy or engaging in negotiations looking toward considering a possible settlement of any such loss or claim.

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§880. Validity of noncomplying forms

8 Any insurance policy, rider, or endorsement hereafter issued and otherwise 9 valid, which contains any condition or provision not in compliance with the 10 requirements of this Code, shall not be rendered invalid, thereby, but shall be 11 construed and applied in accordance with such conditions and provisions as would 12 have applied had such policy, rider, or endorsement been in full compliance with this 13 Code.

15 §882. Waiver of subrogation

16 Under any policy of insurance which authorizes the insured to waive the right 17 of recovery of the insured against any party prior to loss without additional premium, 18 the insured shall also be entitled to waive in writing after loss without invalidating 19 the policy the right of recovery against any of the following:

(1) Anyone insured under the same policy;

21 (2) A corporation, partnership or other entity in which the insured owns 22 stock or has a proprietary interest;.

(3) Anyone who owns stock or has a proprietary interest in the insured;.

(4) An employee or employer of the insured;

25 (5) Anyone having an interest as owner, lessor, or lessee of the insured 26 premises or the premises on which the loss occurred and the employees, partners, 27 and stockholders of such owner, lessor, or lessee; and.

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§883. Stop-loss insurance coverage

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1	C. A stop-loss or excess insurance policy form intended for issue to cover
2	losses of a group health plan, as defined in R.S. 22:1061(1), shall be submitted to the
3	Department of Insurance for prior approval pursuant to the policy form filing
4	requirements established by R.S. 22:861 and shall satisfy the following conditions:
5	* * *
6	(5)
7	* * *
8	(c) All applications for stop-loss or excess insurance that include the option
9	to purchase a policy providing coverage restricted to claims both incurred and paid
10	during the contract term must contain a form for acceptance or rejection of the offer
11	mandated in Subparagraph (5)(b) of this Paragraph and must include disclosures as
12	prescribed by the commissioner.
13	(d) All applications for stop-loss or excess insurance including options to
14	purchase a policy providing coverage for claims incurred prior to the contract term,
15	or providing coverage for claims incurred prior to the contract term but paid during
16	the contract term, must contain a form for acceptance or rejection of the offer
17	mandated in Subparagraph (5)(b) of this Paragraph and must include disclosures as
18	prescribed by the commissioner.
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20	§884. Incontestability after reinstatement
21	The reinstatement of any policy of life or noncancellable disability insurance
22	or contract of annuity delivered or issued for delivery in this state after 12:00 noon
23	of October 1, 1948, shall be incontestable after the same period following
24	reinstatement and with the same conditions and exceptions, as provided in the policy
25	or contract with respect to the incontestability. thereof.
26	§885. Cancellation by the insured; surrender
27	A. Cancellation by the insured of any policy which by its terms is
28	cancellable may be cancelled at the insured's option or of any binder based on such
29	policy may be effected by written notice thereof to the insurer and surrender of the
30	policy or binder for cancellation prior to or on the effective date of such cancellation.

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1	In the event the policy or binder has been lost or destroyed and cannot be so
2	surrendered, the insurer may in lieu of such surrender accept and in good faith rely
3	upon the insured's written statement setting forth the fact of such loss or destruction.
4	* * *
5	C. The surrender of a policy to the insurer for any cause by any person
6	named therein as having an interest insured thereunder under the policy shall create
7	a presumption that such surrender is <del>concurred in</del> <u>agreed to</u> by all persons so named.
8	D. This Section shall not apply to life insurance policies or to annuity
9	contracts, nor to the contracts provided in Subpart C of Part IV of this Chapter. 4. of
10	this Title.
11	§886. Cancellation by the commissioner of insurance
12	The commissioner of insurance may order the immediate cancellation of any
13	policy the procuring or effectuation of which was accomplished through or
14	accompanied by a violation of this Code, except in cases where the policy by its
15	terms is not cancellable cannot be cancelled by the insurer and the insured did not
16	knowingly participate in any such violation.
17	§887. Cancellation by insurer; changes to homeowner's insurance policies
18	A. Cancellation by the insurer of any policy which by its terms is cancelable
19	may be cancelled at the option of the insurer, or of any binder based on such policy,
20	may be effected as to any interest only upon compliance with either of the following:
21	(1)
22	* * *
23	(b) Upon the written request of the named insured, the insurer shall provide
24	to the insured in writing the reasons for cancellation of the policy. There shall be no
25	liability on the part of and no cause of action of any nature shall arise against any
26	insurer or its agents, producers, employees, or representatives for any action taken
27	by them to provide the reasons for cancellation as required by this Subparagraph.
28	(2) Like notice must also be so delivered or mailed to each mortgagee,
29	pledgee, or other known person shown by the policy to have an interest in any loss

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which may occur. thereunder. For purposes of this Paragraph, "delivered" includes electronic transmittal, facsimile, or personal delivery.

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B. The mailing of any such notice shall be effected by depositing it in a sealed envelope, directed to the addressee at his last address as known to the insurer 6 or as shown by the insurer's records, with proper prepaid postage affixed, in a letter 7 depository of the United States Post Office. The insurer shall retain in its records 8 any such item so mailed, together with its envelope, which was returned by the Post 9 Office post office upon failure to find, or deliver the mailing to the addressee.

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11 D.(1) The portion of any premium paid to the insurer on account of the 12 policy, including unearned commission, unearned because of the cancellation and in 13 amount as computed on the pro rata basis, must be actually paid to the insured, the 14 agent of the insured, or other person entitled thereto as shown by the policy or by any 15 endorsement thereon, or be mailed to the insured or such person as soon as 16 practicable following such cancellation. Any such payment may be made by cash, 17 or by check, bank draft, or money order.

19 E. This Section shall not apply to temporary life insurance binders nor to 20 contracts of life, annuity, or health and accident insurance which do not contain a 21 provision for cancellation prior to the date to which premiums have been paid, nor 22 to the contracts provided in Subpart C of Part IV of this Chapter. 4 of this Title.

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26 (2) Like notice shall also be delivered or mailed to each mortgagee, pledgee, 27 or other known person shown by the policy to have an interest in any loss which may occur. thereunder. For purposes of this Paragraph, "delivered" includes electronic 28 29 transmittal, facsimile, or personal delivery.

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1	H. Notice of cancellation or nonrenewal given by the insurer in accordance
2	with this Chapter shall be deemed sufficient. The insurance producer, insurance
3	agent, or insurance broker shall not be required to give any separate or additional
4	notice of cancellation or nonrenewal.
5	§888. Cancellation by insurer; failure to maintain membership in required
6	organization
7	* * *
8	B. Cancellation under this Section by the insurer of any policy or of any
9	binder based on such policy, may be effected as to any interest only upon compliance
10	with either or both of the following:
11	(1)(a) Written notice of such cancellation must be actually delivered or
12	mailed to the insured or to his representative in charge of the subject of the insurance
13	not less than twenty days prior to the effective day date of the cancellation.
14	(b) Upon the written request of the named insured, the insurer shall provide
15	to the insured in writing the reasons for cancellation of the policy. There shall be no
16	liability on the part of and no cause of action of any nature shall arise against any
17	insurer or its agents, producers, employees, or representatives for any action taken
18	by them to provide the reasons for cancellation as required by this Subparagraph.
19	(2) Like notice must also be so delivered or mailed to each mortgagee,
20	pledgee, or other known person shown by the policy to have an interest in any loss
21	which may occur. thereunder.
22	* * *
23	C. The mailing of any such notice shall be effected by depositing it in a
24	sealed envelope, directed to the addressee at his last address as known to the insurer
25	or as shown by the insurer's records, with proper prepaid postage affixed, in a letter
26	depository of the United States post office. Postal Service. The insurer shall retain
27	in its records any such item so mailed, together with its envelope, which was
28	returned by the post office upon failure to find, or deliver the mailing to the
29	addressee.

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1	D. The affidavit of the individual making or supervising such a mailing, shall
2	constitute prima facie evidence of such facts of the mailing as are therein affirmed.
3	E. The portion of any premium paid to the insurer on account of the policy,
4	unearned because of the cancellation and in an amount as computed on the pro rata
5	basis, must be actually paid to the insured, or other person entitled thereto as shown
6	by the policy or by any endorsements thereon, or be mailed to the insured, his
7	representative, or such other person as soon as practicable following such
8	cancellation. Any such payment may be made by cash, or by check, bank draft, or
9	money order.
10	Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to redesignate R.S.
11	22:881.1 as R.S. 22:890.
12	Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011.

## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

## GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_