

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 621

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

INSURANCE/PROPERTY: Provides for losses arising out of a catastrophic event

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1264(B), relative to losses arising from a catastrophic event;
3 to provide a time frame within which a claimant is entitled to begin property repairs;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1264(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1264. Presumption of coverage

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9 B. For losses that ~~arose~~ arise due to a catastrophic event for which a state of
10 disaster or emergency ~~was~~ is declared pursuant to law by civil officials, for those
11 areas within the declaration, ~~any~~ a policyholder with a replacement cost ~~provisions~~
12 provision in his policy shall be entitled to begin or complete repairs to the property
13 within one year from the date of the loss or the issuance of applicable insurance
14 proceeds, whichever is later. Adherence to this provision shall entitle ~~the~~ a
15 policyholder with a replacement cost provision in his policy to receive full value of
16 the covered damage that has been repaired, without reduction due to depreciation.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for losses arising out of a catastrophic event.

Present law provides that if a loss occurs as a result of a disaster within the area named in the disaster declaration and the policyholder's insurance policy contains a replacement cost provision, he shall be entitled to complete repairs to the property within one year from the date of the loss or the issuance of applicable insurance proceeds, whichever is later.

Proposed law modifies the entitlement in present law to provide that the policyholder shall be entitled to begin or complete repairs to the property within one year from the date of the loss or the issuance of applicable insurance proceeds, whichever is later.

Present law provides that adherence to present law shall entitle a policyholder with a replacement cost provision to receive full value of the covered damage that has been repaired, without reduction due to depreciation.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

(Amends R.S. 22:1264(B))