

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:696(A) and (C), and to enact R.S. 49:191(6)(a), and to repeal
3 R.S. 49:191(4)(b), relative to the Department of Insurance, including provisions to
4 provide for the re-creation of the Dept. of Insurance and the statutory entities made
5 a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all
6 statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide relative to
7 the deputy commissioner of the office of consumer advocacy; to provide relative to
8 the commissioner's appointment; to provide for the commissioner's salary; to provide
9 for staff; to provide for the offices; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 36:696(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
12 follows:

13 §696. Deputy commissioner for consumer advocacy; functions; office of consumer
14 advocacy

15 A. There is hereby created an office of consumer advocacy in the
16 Department of Insurance. This office shall be under the direction of the deputy
17 commissioner for consumer advocacy, who shall be appointed by the commissioner
18 of insurance with ~~consent of~~ advice and concurrence of the Senate and House
19 committees on insurance and who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner at
20 a salary fixed by the commissioner, which salary and benefits shall be the same as
21 the majority of the deputy commissioners of the Department of Insurance shall not
22 ~~exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session.~~

23 The commissioner of insurance shall appoint the deputy commissioner of consumer
24 advocacy by October 1, 2007. The office of consumer advocacy shall be staffed with
25 no fewer than three full-time professional level civil service employees to manage

