

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 197

BY SENATOR BISHOP

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

INSURERS. Provides for disclosures in homeowners' insurance policies. (See Act)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1332(B)(8), relative to homeowners' insurance; to provide for disclosures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1332(B)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1332. Delivery of homeowners' insurance; disclosures

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B. No homeowners' insurance policy which provides coverage for damage to property shall be delivered or issued for delivery in this state with respect to any residential property unless the insurer advises the insured in writing, prominently displayed on a form developed and promulgated by the commissioner of insurance and in bold typed print of not less than a fourteen-point font as an insert in the front of the policy, of the following disclosures:

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(8) Any improvements or modifications the homeowner may make that will reduce the cost of the policy's premium.

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1 Section 2. The commissioner shall complete promulgation of the form required by
2 Section 1 of this Act no later than November 30, 2019.

3 Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective six months
4 after the promulgation of the form required by Section 2 of this Act and shall be applicable
5 for all new homeowner's policies and renewal of existing homeowner's policies issued or
6 renewed after that date.

7 Section 4. The provisions of this Section and of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall
8 become effective on June 30, 2019; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
9 by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall
10 become effective on June 30, 2019, or on the day following such approval by the legislature,
11 whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

DIGEST

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Present law requires any homeowners' insurance policy issued in La. which provides coverage for damage to property to include certain disclosures; among these are the coverages included in the policy, whether floor or mold is covered, notification and other time line provisions applicable to claims, and certain information related to deductibles. Provides for these disclosures to be prominently displayed on a form developed and promulgated by the commissioner.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that each policy include a disclosure of any improvements or modifications the homeowner may make that will reduce the cost of the policy's premium.

Present law provides that the required disclosures in present law do not affect the policy coverages.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective June 30, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 22:1332(B)(8))