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Abstract: Authorizes issuance of discretionary group life insurance policies under certain conditions.

Present law (R.S. 22:941(A)(1)-(4)) authorizes issuance of group life insurance policies to certain groups of persons or trustees thereof. Proposed law further authorizes issuance of such policies for members of groups other than those provided for in present law, if the commissioner of insurance finds that issuance of the policy is not contrary to the best interest of the public, the policy would result in economies of acquisition or administration, and the benefits are reasonable in relation to the premiums charged. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits a policy of group life insurance for offer in this state by an insurer under a policy issued in another state, unless the state has requirements substantially similar to requirements in proposed law (R.S. 22:941(A)(5)(a)), and the state of La. determines that the requirements have been met.

Proposed law requires the premium for the policy to be paid from either the policyholder's funds or funds contributed by the covered persons, or by both types of funds.

Proposed law authorizes an insurer to exclude or limit the coverage on any person as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer.

(Adds R.S. 22:941(A)(5))