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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that an independent review organization's license remains effective unless the commissioner of insurance determines that the organization is no longer satisfying the minimum qualifications required of independent review organizations or the organization ceases to exist.

Present law requires that an independent review organization renew its license every two years.

Proposed law deletes the requirement to renew the license, and instead provides that license is valid after it is initially issued until the commissioner determines that the organization is no longer meeting the minimum requirements for the organization or the organization ceases to exist.

Proposed law requires an independent review organization to immediately notify the commissioner of any loss, revocation, or other material change to any accreditation of the organization.

Present law requires independent review organizations to submit an annual report to the commissioner that includes the total number of requests for external review and the number of requests resolved. Present law also requires each organization to pay an annual filing fee when submitting the report.

Proposed law repeals the requirement to submit the annual report, unless requested by the commissioner, and repeals the report filing fee.

Present law requires the commissioner to maintain and periodically update a list of approved independent review organizations. Proposed law repeals this requirement.

Present law requires a health insurance issuer annually certify to the commissioner that its utilization review program complies with all applicable state and federal law establishing confidentiality and reporting requirements. Proposed law repeals this requirement.

(Amends R.S. 22:821(B)(36) and (37), 2440(C), (D)(3), and (E), 2441(E)(1), and 2443; Repeals 22:2440(F) and 2451)