2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 451

## BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

## INSURANCE: Provides relative to the licensing of foreign and alien insurers

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 22:337(A)(introductory paragraph) and (17), relative to the
3	licensing of foreign and alien insurers; to require foreign and alien insurers to retain
4	licensed workers' compensation claims adjusters domiciled in Louisiana; to make
5	technical changes; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 22:337(A)(introductory paragraph) and (17) are hereby amended and
8	reenacted to read as follows:
9	§337. Refusal, suspension, and revocation of certificate of authority
10	A. The commissioner of insurance may refuse, suspend, or revoke the
11	certificate of authority of a foreign or alien insurer whenever he shall find upon
12	finding that such the insurer:
13	* * *
14	(17) Fails to maintain a claims office for processing workers' compensation
15	insurance claims in this state, as required by R.S. 23:1161.1, or to retain the services
16	of <del>Louisiana domiciled independent</del> <u>licensed workers' compensation</u> claims adjusters
17	domiciled in this state. This Paragraph shall not apply to reinsurers licensed or
18	accredited to do business in the state.
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## DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires foreign and alien insurers to retain licensed workers' compensation claims adjusters domiciled in La.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the commissioner of insurance to refuse, suspend, or revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign or alien insurer upon finding that the insurer fails to maintain a claims office for processing workers' compensation insurance claims in this state, as required by law, or to retain the services of La.-domiciled independent claims adjusters.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the requirement from "La.-domiciled independent claims adjusters" to "licensed workers' compensation claims adjusters domiciled in this state".

Proposed law makes technical changes.

(Amends R.S. 22:337(A)(intro. para.) and (17))