

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRIEMAN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:337(A)(17) and R.S. 23:1161.1(A) and to enact R.S.
3 23:1161.1(E), relative to workers' compensation insurers; to require insurers issuing
4 workers' compensation policies in Louisiana to maintain a claims office in Louisiana;
5 to provide for retention by foreign and alien insurers of claim adjusters who possess
6 a Louisiana license; to provide that insurers of workers' compensation policies make
7 any relevant claim adjuster available for deposition via telephone or virtual
8 technology involving a filing of a Disputed Claim for Compensation; to make
9 technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 22:337(A)(17) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §337. Refusal, suspension, and revocation of certificate of authority

13 A. The commissioner of insurance may refuse, suspend, or revoke the
14 certificate of authority of a foreign or alien insurer whenever he shall find that such
15 insurer:

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17 (17) Fails to maintain a claims office for processing workers' compensation
18 insurance claims in this state, as required by R.S. 23:1161.1, or to retain the services
19 of ~~Louisiana domiciled independent claims adjusters~~ a claims adjuster who possesses
20 a Louisiana license. This Paragraph shall not apply to reinsurers licensed or
21 accredited to do business in the state.

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