

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 156

2023 Regular Session

Duplessis

June 7, 2023

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 156 by Senator Duplessis, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That all House Committee Amendments proposed by the House Committee on Insurance and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 18, 2023, be adopted.
2. That all House Floor Amendments proposed by Representative Huval and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 30, 2023, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Royce Duplessis

Representative Mike Huval

Senator Kirk Talbot

Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment

Senator Michael "Big Mike" Fesi

Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Beth O'Quin.

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

INSURANCE POLICIES: Provides that no property insurance policy shall prohibit an insured from hiring a public adjuster. (8/1/23)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Exempt commercial insurance policies written by surplus lines insurers from the prohibition that disallows an insured the right to hire a public adjuster.
2. Make technical changes.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Required insurers to file a rate filing to the commissioner of insurance by Nov. 1, 2023.
2. Made technical changes.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Exempt commercial insurance policies written by surplus lines insurers from the prohibition that disallows an insured the right to hire a public adjuster.
2. Make technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides an insurer is authorized to include certain prohibitory provisions in a property insurance policy.

Proposed law retains present law but prohibits an insurer from including a policy provision that disallows an insured the right to hire a public adjuster for services as provided by law.

Proposed law exempts commercial insurance policies written by surplus lines insurers from the prohibition in proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 22:1274)