

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 341 (HB 281)

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Garofalo

Existing law provides for the La. Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (authority) and further provides that the purpose of the authority is to combat vehicle insurance fraud, including fraud by theft and other criminal acts.

New law retains existing law and expands the purpose of the authority with the following, whether committed by or on behalf of a claimant, insured, or insurer:

- (1) Motor vehicle insurance fraud, including fraud by theft and other criminal acts.
- (2) Property insurance fraud.
- (3) Workers' compensation fraud.
- (4) Health insurance and healthcare fraud.
- (5) Other forms of fraud affecting the business of insurance.

Existing law provides for a board of directors consisting of the commissioner of insurance (commissioner), the state treasurer, a representative of the La. State Police Insurance Fraud and Auto Theft Unit, the chairs of the Senate and House committees on insurance, and two members appointed by the attorney general. Further requires the commissioner to serve as chair.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law required the commissioner to appoint four members to the board of directors: two members representing purchasers of motor vehicle insurance in this state and two members representing motor vehicle insurers doing business in this state.

New law retains the commissioner's prior law appointment of four board members but changes the appointments to the following:

- (1) One member representing purchasers of motor vehicle insurance in this state.
- (2) One member representing motor vehicle insurers doing business in this state.
- (3) One member representing insurance adjusters.
- (4) One member representing public insurance adjusters.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 22:2132(A) and (C))