RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Barrow

<u>Existing law</u> requires an insurer of a homeowners' insurance policy provide a written notice of cancellation or nonrenewal that is mailed or delivered to its named insured 30 days before the expiration date of the named insured's homeowners' policy.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> but provides a grace period of up to 60 days for a surviving spouse to pay the semi-annual or annual premium payment due if the surviving spouse complies with both of the following:

- (1) Provides a copy of the deceased death certificate that includes the date he died and the date of his death is within 60 days following the original insurance premium due date.
- (2) Specifies the length of days for the grace period that is not longer than 60 days following the original due date for a semi-annual or annual insurance premium payment.

<u>New law</u> provides at the end of the grace period all sums originally owed becomes due and payable.

<u>New law</u> provides the grace period does not apply when premiums are paid through an escrow arrangement with a lending institution or financial intermediary.

<u>New law</u> provides this grace period does not create a private right of action by the insured except the commissioner is authorized to consider the failure of the insurer to grant a properly documented timely request as a violation of existing law.

<u>New law</u> authorizes the commissioner to promulgate and adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Effective January 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 22:1335(C)-(H))