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DIGEST

Long (SB 169)

Proposed law provides relative to coverage by the Louisiana Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (LLHIGA), as follows:

- (1) Present law does not address structured settlement annuities.

Proposed law defines a "structured settlement annuity" as an annuity purchased in order to fund periodic payments for a plaintiff or other claimant in payment for or with respect to personal injury suffered by the plaintiff or other claimant. Adds such structured settlement annuities as a type of insurance protected by LLHIGA. Adds residency rules for payees, beneficiaries, and contract owners of structured settlement annuities to receive the benefit of LLHIGA protection. Further provides for the coordination of benefits between LLHIGA and other associations.

- (2) Present law covers supplemental contracts to covered non-group life, health, and annuity policies or contracts.

Proposed law adds supplemental contracts for covered certificates under direct group policies and contracts.

- (3) Present law provides for the exclusion of certain interest payments from coverage by LLHIGA.

Proposed law makes a number of technical changes to the language of the exclusion and adds language regarding interest or crediting rates determined by reference to an external index. Also adds a provision addressing the crediting of interest payments that have accrued but not been credited as of the day of impairment or insolvency and provides for their non-forfeiture.

- (4) Present law provides for \$100,000 in coverage for the net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values of annuities.

Proposed law raises the limit for the net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values of annuities to \$250,000.

- (5) Proposed law specifies that the order required in the definition of "insolvent insurer" is an order of liquidation. Also makes technical changes to the definition of "resident" and adds provisions regarding the treatment of U.S. citizens who reside in foreign countries or in U.S. territories without guaranty funds.
- (6) Present law provides for certain assistance to impaired domestic insurers, foreign, and alien insurers.

Proposed law removes the distinctions between domestic and foreign and alien for LLHIGA purposes. Additionally deletes provisions for assistance to impaired insurers that involves assuming obligations of a delinquent insurer not yet found insolvent. Further makes technical changes to the provisions governing the assumption of obligations of an insolvent insurer.

- (7) Proposed law adds provisions that permit LLHIGA to offer substitute policies that pay interest subject to certain limitations.
- (8) Proposed law adds provisions that permit LLHIGA to succeed to certain reinsurance contracts that cover assumed policies of an insolvent insurer effective as of the date of the order of liquidation.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 22:2083(A)(2)(intro para), (B)(1) and (2)(c) and (h)(intro para) and (v), and (C)(2)(c), 2084(7) and (12), and 2087(A), (B), and (C); adds R.S. 22:2083(A)(3), (4), and (5) and (B)(2)(j), 2084(12.1), and 2087(Q) and (R); repeals R.S. 22:2087(D) and (E))