

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 112

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

CIVIL PROCEDURE. Authorizes business entities to assert or defend certain claims on their own behalf. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:212(C), relative to the practice of law; to provide definitions
3 and exceptions; to provide relative to the assertion or defense of claims by a legal
4 entity; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:212(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §212. "Practice of law" defined

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9 C. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit any partnership, corporation, or other
10 legal entity from asserting or defending any claim, not exceeding ~~five~~ **twenty-five**
11 thousand dollars, on its own behalf in the courts of limited jurisdiction or on its own
12 behalf through a duly authorized partner, shareholder, officer, employee, or duly
13 authorized agent or representative. No partnership, corporation, or other entity may
14 assert any claim on behalf of another entity or any claim assigned to it.

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

