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## DIGEST

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HB 758 Reengrossed

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Zeringue

**Abstract:** Allows public entities to withhold liquidated damages for public works contracts.

Present law provides for definitions relative to public contracts.

Proposed law adds a definition for "liquidated damages".

Present law provides provisions for withholding payments for public works contracts.

Proposed law adds a provision allowing a public entity letting a public works construction contract to withhold liquidated damages from monies due to the contractor.

(Adds R.S. 38:2211(A)(14) and 2248(C))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Grant limited authority to waive prompt payment obligations by contract for liquidated or delay damages.

### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove authority to waive prompt payment obligations by contract for liquidated or delay damages.
2. Define "liquidated damages".
3. Add a provision allowing a public entity letting a public works construction contract to withhold liquidated damages from monies due to the contractor.