2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

INSURANCE/HOMEOWNERS: Provides relative to homeowner's insurance policies that require a civil authority to prohibit use of the dwelling in order to pay loss of use benefits

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To enact R.S. 22:1338, relative to homeowner's insurance policies; to provide certain means |
| 3 | by which a policy requirement for loss of use benefits is satisfied; and to provide for |
| 4 | related matters. |
| 5 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 6 | Section 1. R.S. 22:1338 is hereby enacted to read as follows: |
| 7 | §1338. Homeowner's insurance policies; loss of use pursuant to civil authority |
| 8 | action |
| 9 | Any insurer issuing homeowner's insurance policies that require a civil |
| 10 | authority to prohibit use of the dwelling in order to pay loss of use benefits shall |
| 11 | consider that requirement satisfied if either of the following occurs: |
| 12 | (1) A mandatory evacuation order is issued by a civil authority for the area |
| 13 | in which the dwelling is located. |
| 14 | (2) A civil authority declares through a formal order or announcements in |
| 15 | public media that the area in which the dwelling is located is unsafe as a result of a |
| 16 | peril covered by the policy. |

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to homeowner's insurance policies that require a civil authority to prohibit use of the dwelling in order to pay loss of use benefits.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any homeowner's insurance policy requirement that necessitates a civil authority to prohibit use of the dwelling in order to pay loss of use benefits shall be considered satisfied if either of the following occurs:

- (1) A mandatory evacuation order is issued by a civil authority.
- (2) A civil authority declares through a formal order or announcements in public media that the area in which the dwelling is located is unsafe as a result of a peril covered by the policy.

(Adds R.S. 22:1338)