HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Substitute for Original House Bill No. 387 by Representative Hollis as proposed by the House Committee on Commerce

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To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3198(A)(2)(a) and (3), relative to the sale of immovable property; to provide for property disclosure requirements regarding homeowners' associations; to provide for property disclosures regarding restrictive covenants and building restrictions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:3198(A)(2)(a) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3198. Duties of the seller; delivery of property disclosure document; termination of real estate contract; information contained in document and inaccuracies; required disclosure of information relative to homeowners' associations and restrictive covenants; liability of seller

A.

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(2)(a) Included with the property disclosure documents required by this Section shall be a statement statements of notification to the purchaser as to whether or not he is obligated to be a member of a homeowners' association as a homeowner in the community in which he is purchasing property and whether the residential property he is purchasing is subject to a common regime of restrictive covenants or building restrictions or both.

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(3) The statement shall inform the purchaser that the information included in the disclosure statement relative to any homeowners' association is summary in nature and that the covenants and association governing documents restrictive covenants and building restrictions are a matter of public record. The statement shall

shall also include notification to the purchaser that homeowners' association governing documents may be requested from the seller and how to obtain documents regarding any restrictive covenants and building restrictions governing the property to be purchased.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for notification to the purchaser of the presence of restrictive covenants and building restrictions governing the use of the property being purchased.

<u>Present law</u> requires the seller of residential property to provide property disclosures notifying the purchaser of certain information regarding the property, including whether the property is subject to a mandatory homeowners' association.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further requires the seller to notify the purchaser of whether the property is subject to a common regime of restrictive covenants or building restrictions, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> also requires that the disclosures include a statement informing the purchaser that the disclosure statement is a summary of the homeowners' association's regulations, and restrictive covenants and building restrictions are part of the public record.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the statement to contain a provision notifying the purchaser that he is authorized to request homeowners' association governing documents from the seller and information on how to obtain documents regarding restrictive covenants or building restrictions.

(Amends R.S. 9:3198(A)(2)(a) and (3))