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Present law provides definitions for title insurance.

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<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but adds a "full-time employee" is an individual with an employment or independent contractor relationship with an agency producer in which the individual provides full-time availability to the agency producer with whom the relationship exists and whose employment or contract relationship is exclusive to the agency producer and the agency producer's affiliated businesses.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "affiliated business" as a company or business in the same corporate system by virtue of common ownership, control, operation and management.

<u>Present law</u> provides a definition of "agency title insurance producer" or "agency producer" is a business entity that is appointed to represent a title insurer that has a principal place of business located in this state, or is a licensed producer that is employed by the business entity and is responsible to comply with the requirements of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the provision <u>from</u> a designated licensed individual producer employed in state and is a designated licensed producer employed by the business that must comply with this section to a designated resident producer that has a license and must comply with present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides a "principal place of business" is the place the officers or other principals of the agency title insurance producer direct, control, and coordinate business activities.

<u>Present law</u> requires qualifications for a title insurance producer to include a high school diploma, a diploma for completion of a home study program, or a high school equivalency diploma after passing the test.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but adds a college or post graduate degree.

<u>Present law</u> requires qualifications for an agency title insurance producer that requires the producer to be licensed and to comply with <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes a title insurance producer is licensed <u>to</u> a title insurance producer is a resident with a license. Requires the resident producer have an affiliation with the business, like an ownership interest or a role that is sufficient to cause or to influence the business to comply with the laws of this state.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 22:512(11)(b), and (C)(intro para),(C)(2); adds R.S. 22:512(1.1), (9.1) and (12.1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

- 1. Adds definition for "affiliated business".
- 2. Redefines "full-time employee".