DIGEST

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SB 230 Reengrossed

2022 Regular Session

Morris

Present law provides definitions for title insurance.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and defines "full-time employee" as 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> defines "agency title insurance producer" or "agency producer" as 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 definition in <u>present law</u> <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 <u>to</u> a designated resident producer that has a license and must comply with <u>present law</u>.

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

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

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the requirement that a title insurance producer be licensed <u>to</u> a requirement that a title insurance producer be a resident with a license and requires the resident individual producer to 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 513(C)(intro para) and (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".

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Insurance</u> to the <u>reengrossed</u> bill:

1. Make technical changes.