
DIGEST

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HB 612 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Establishes the La. Fortify Homes Program (hereafter "program") within the La. Dept. of Insurance and provides for the funding of such program.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner of insurance to make financial grants to retrofit roofs of insurable property with a homestead exemption to help the property resist loss and meet or exceed the "fortified roof" standard of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner shall promulgate rules governing eligibility requirements for grants and the administration of the program.

Proposed law provides that in order to receive a grant pursuant to proposed law, the grantee shall obtain all permits required by law or ordinance for construction, arrange and pay for inspections required by law or ordinance and the terms of the grant, which shall include inspection and certification by an Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety certified inspector, comply with applicable building codes, and maintain records as required by present law and the terms of the grant.

Proposed law provides that the name of a recipient of a grant received pursuant to proposed law, the amount of the grant, and the municipal address of the retrofitted insurable property shall be a public record.

Proposed law creates the La. Fortify Homes Fund as a special fund within the state treasury and requires the annual deposit into the fund of all self-generated revenues of the La. Dept. of Insurance that are collected above a baseline, subject to an annual maximum deposit of \$10,000,000. Further provides that the baseline shall be the annual fees and self-generated revenue budget authority of the La. Dept. of Insurance plus an amount equal to \$1,500,000.

Proposed law requires monies in the fund to be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Provides that unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Requires monies in the fund to be used by the La. Dept. of Insurance for the program.

Proposed law provides that proposed law does not create an entitlement for property owners to receive funding to inspect or retrofit residential property or create an obligation for the state to appropriate funding to inspect or retrofit residential property.

Proposed law terminates and has no effect beginning at midnight on June 30, 2025.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 22:1483.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add provision restricting use of grant funding under proposed law to the retrofit of roofs to allow them to meet or exceed the "fortified roof" standard of the Ins. Inst. for Business and Home Safety.
2. Add provision establishing requirements for calculation and deposit of self-generated revenues of the La. Dept. of Insurance into the fund, up to a maximum of \$10 million per year.
3. Provide that proposed law terminates at midnight on June 30, 2025.