

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 682

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INSURANCE DEPARTMENT: Provides for a claims adjuster database

DIGEST

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Insurance to create and maintain a database of all claims adjusters licensed in this state and all claims adjusters working in this state following a catastrophe.

Proposed law provides that the database shall include a profile for each claims adjuster in the database that includes the following information:

- (1) The full name of the claims adjuster.
- (2) The claims adjuster's license number.
- (3) The license status of the claims adjuster, relative to this state.
- (4) The date the claims adjuster was licensed or registered in this state.
- (5) The number of years the claims adjuster has adjusted property claims.
- (6) The number of property claims the claims adjuster has adjusted over the past five years.
- (7) The information set forth in law for any complaints filed against the adjuster.
- (8) Any administrative action taken against the claims adjuster.

Proposed law provides that the department shall prominently display a search tool on its website that the public can use to find a claims adjuster's profile within the database.

Proposed law provides that the search tool shall have options to allow an individual to search for a profile by first name, last name, or license number.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner of insurance shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of proposed law.

Effective January 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 22:1679)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Remove the requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include a picture of the adjuster.
2. Remove the requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include any insurers for which the claims adjuster has worked and the dates he worked for each insurer.
3. Remove the requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include any criminal action taken against the claims adjuster.

4. Remove the requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include any information the department has that is not privileged, relative to the claims adjuster.
5. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include any adjusting firms for which the claims adjuster has worked.
2. Remove the requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include the areas of the state in which the claims adjuster has adjusted claims.
3. Add a requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include the number of years the claims adjuster has adjusted property claims.
4. Add a requirement that a claims adjuster's profile within the database include the number of property claims the claims adjuster has adjusted over the past five years.
5. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Adds the date the claims adjuster was registered in this state.
2. Adds a requirement to include any information set forth in complaints filed against the adjuster.
3. Changes the effective date to January 1, 2023.