

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 935

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

INSURERS: Provides for catastrophe claims adjusters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1667(A), relative to catastrophe claims adjusters; to require  
3 training; to require registration of certain individuals; to require certification; to  
4 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1667(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1667. Catastrophe or emergency claims adjuster registration

8 A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the  
9 event of a catastrophe or an emergency, no adjuster's license shall be required for an  
10 individual who is employed or retained by an insurer and brought into this state for  
11 the purpose of investigating or making adjustment of losses resulting from the  
12 catastrophe or emergency. However, the commissioner shall establish procedures  
13 to register ~~these~~ such individuals.

14 (2) The commissioner shall prepare and make available to individuals  
15 registered pursuant to this Section a handbook for adjusting in this state that includes  
16 information relevant to evaluating property damage arising out of an emergency or  
17 disaster. The handbook shall be similar or equivalent to one hour of continuing  
18 education for licensees.

19 (3) An adjuster registered pursuant to this Section shall certify that he has  
20 read and understands the most recent edition of the handbook, provided for in

1 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, on a form promulgated by the commissioner within  
2 ten days of registration. An insurer employing or retaining an adjuster registered  
3 pursuant to this Section shall maintain in its records the certifications provided for  
4 in this Paragraph for all such adjusters and shall make the certifications available to  
5 the commission upon request for such.

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7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2023.

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DIGEST

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HB 935 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for catastrophe claims adjusters.

Present law provides that in the event of a catastrophe or emergency, no adjuster's license is required for an individual employed or retained by an insurer and brought into this state for the purpose of investigating and adjusting catastrophe claims.

Present law provides that the commissioner of insurance shall establish procedures to register individuals authorized to adjust claims pursuant to present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner shall prepare a handbook for adjusting claims in this state and make it available to catastrophe claims adjusters.

Proposed law provides that a catastrophe claims adjusters shall certify that he has read and understands the handbook within 10 days of registration.

Proposed law provides that an insurer employing or retaining a catastrophe claims adjuster shall keep their certifications in its records and make them available to the commissioner upon request.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 22:1667(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Restore present law (R.S. 22:1667).
2. Provide that the commissioner shall prepare a handbook for adjusting claims in this state and make it available to catastrophe claims adjusters.

3. Provide that a catastrophe claims adjusters shall certify that he has read and understands the handbook within 10 days of registration.
4. Provide that an insurer employing or retaining a catastrophe claims adjuster shall keep its certifications in its records and make them available to the commissioner upon request.
5. Makes proposed law effective on Jan. 1, 2023.
6. Make technical changes.