

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 1162

2026 Regular Session

Glorioso

INSURANCE CLAIMS: Provides relative to the verification of contractors

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Restores payment time frames in present law that requires all insurers issuing any type of contract, other than those specified in present law to pay the amount of any claim due any insured within thirty days after receipt of satisfactory proofs of loss from the insured or any party in interest.
2. Provides that a misrepresentation of pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverages at issue or a misrepresentation of relevant insurance policy provisions constitutes a breach of the insurer's duty.
3. Adds provisions of proposed law that limits the causes of action against an insurer by an insured.
4. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that all insurers issuing any type of contract, other than those specified in present law, shall pay the amount of any claim due any insured pursuant to present law (R.S. 22:1892(B) or R.S. 22:1892.2), as applicable, after receipt of satisfactory proof of loss from the insured or any party in interest.

Proposed law provides that if a contractor is a named payee on a payment intended for the repair or restoration of immovable property, the insurer or its adjuster shall first verify the contractor's license status through the website or portal of the La. State Licensing Bd. for Contractors. The amount of any claim due shall be paid pursuant to present law (R.S. 22:1892(B) or R.S. 22:1892.2), as applicable, after receipt of satisfactory proof of loss and, if applicable, completion of the verification required by proposed law.

Proposed law provides that an insurer shall not be deemed to have acted in bad faith and shall not be subject to any penalty for a delay in transmitting this payment to a contractor if the delay is directly and reasonably attributable to the insurer's inability to verify that contractor's license through the website or portal of the La. State Licensing Bd. for Contractors and the insurer documents the attempt to verify the license and provides written notice to the insured within five business days of the failed verification attempt stating the payment is being withheld or delayed in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law provides that a misrepresentation of pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverages at issue or a misrepresentation of relevant insurance policy provisions, constitutes a breach of the insurer's duties.

Proposed law limits the cause of action against an insurer by the insured or his assignee in a claim for personal injury or bodily injury when there is a good faith dispute as to liability, medical causation for the injuries alleged by the claimant, an offer has not been presented by or on behalf of a third-party claimant within the applicable policy limits, and the insurer has been given at least thirty days to respond.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 22:1892(A)(1) and (I)(2)(a) and (3); Adds R.S. 22:1892(I)(4) and (L))