

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 33

BY SENATOR BROWN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT. Provides relative to a minority hiring survey by the division of minority affairs in the Department of Insurance. (8/1/13)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:31(7), relative to the division  
3 of minority affairs; to authorize a survey relative to the hiring practices of insurance  
4 companies; to provide for applicability of public records exemptions to the survey;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:31(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §31. Division of minority affairs

9 There is hereby created within the Department of Insurance a division of  
10 minority affairs which shall have the following functions and duties:

11 \* \* \*

12 **(7) The division of minority affairs may conduct a survey of insurance**  
13 **companies doing business in Louisiana in order to seek information and data**  
14 **relative to the policies and practices of hiring of and contracting with**  
15 **minorities. The survey, data, and responses thereto shall not be a public record**  
16 **as defined by the Public Records Act, R.S. 44:1 et seq., and shall be exempt**  
17 **from disclosure.**

1 Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 §4.1. Exceptions

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4 B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,  
5 and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised  
6 statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and  
7 limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by  
8 citation:

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10 (11) R.S. 22:2, 14, **31(7)**, 42.1, 88, 244, 461, 572, 572.1, 574, 618, 706, 732,  
11 752, 771, 1203, 1460, 1466, 1546, 1644, 1656, 1723, 1927, 1929, 1983, 1984, 2036,  
12 2303

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Horne.

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DIGEST

Present law provides for a division of minority affairs within the Dept. of Insurance. The division duties include assisting in the coordination of activities of the department's Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

Proposed law provides that the division of minority affairs may conduct a survey of the hiring and contracting practices insurers use in relation to minorities.

Proposed law further provides that the survey shall fall within the exception to the Public Records Act.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11); adds R.S. 22:31(7))