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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 1145  
by Representative Seabaugh

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "Code of Civil Procedure Article" delete "1732" and insert in lieu  
3 thereof "1732(1)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 6, after "provide" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line  
6 7 delete "damages" and insert in lieu thereof "with respect to a jury trial"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 11, after "damage;" insert the following:  
9 "to provide for rate reduction;"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 2, delete lines 10 through 15 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:  
12 "C. The difference between the original, unreduced charges for services  
13 rendered by a medical provider and the contractually reduced charges  
14 actually paid by a private insurer, Medicare, or other state or federal agency  
15 or program providing medical coverage shall not be included in an award for  
16 damages."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 5

18 On page 2, line 17, after "Article" delete "1732" and insert in lieu thereof "1732(1)"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 6

20 On page 2, line 21, insert the following:

21 "(1) A suit where the amount of no individual petitioner's cause of action  
22 exceeds ~~fifty~~ fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, except  
23 as follows:

24 (a) If an individual petitioner stipulates or otherwise judicially admits sixty  
25 days or more prior to trial that the amount of the individual petitioner's cause  
26 of action does not exceed ~~fifty~~ fifteen thousand dollars exclusive of interest  
27 and costs, a defendant shall not be entitled to a trial by jury.

28 (b) If an individual petitioner stipulates or otherwise judicially admits for the  
29 first time less than sixty days prior to trial that the amount of the individual  
30 petitioner's cause of action does not exceed ~~fifty~~ fifteen thousand dollars  
31 exclusive of interest and costs, any other party may retain the right to a trial  
32 by jury if that party is entitled to a trial by jury pursuant to this Article and  
33 has otherwise complied with the procedural requirements for obtaining a trial  
34 by jury.

35 (c) Notwithstanding Subsubparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Subparagraph, if,  
36 as a result of a compromise or dismissal of one or more claims or parties  
37 which occurs less than sixty days prior to trial, an individual petitioner  
38 stipulates or otherwise judicially admits that the amount of the individual

1 petitioner's cause of action does not exceed  ~~fifty~~ fifteen thousand dollars  
2 exclusive of interest and costs, a defendant shall not be entitled to a trial by  
3 jury.

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5 AMENDMENT NO. 7

6 On page 3, delete lines 10 through 20 in their entirety

7 AMENDMENT NO. 8

8 On page 6, line 3, after "property damage liability" insert the following:  
9 "for liability policies with limits in excess of the minimum limits required by  
10 R.S. 32:900"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 9

12 On page 6, line 11, after "with the" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of  
13 line 12 delete "Rating Commission" and insert in lieu thereof "commissioner of insurance"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 10

15 On page 6, line 13, after "coverage" and before the comma "," insert the following:  
16 "for policies providing uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage in excess  
17 of the minimum liability limits required under R.S. 32:900"