DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 443 Reengrossed

2025 Regular Session

Henry

Abstract: Provides relative to notices required in a delictual action.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires written notification to be sent to a defendant within 20 business days of retention of counsel for the plaintiff if the defendant has insurance that may cover a portion of damages arising from a cause of action.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires all of the following in a notification to a defendant:

- (1) The name of the plaintiff.
- (2) The contact information of the attorney for the plaintiff.
- (3) The nature of the claim.
- (4) The date of the incident that gave rise to the cause of action.
- (5) The location where the incident occurred that gave rise to the cause of action.
- (6) The domicile of the plaintiff.

<u>Proposed law</u> permits sanctions against an attorney who fails to comply with the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds C.C. Art. 2315.12)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Remove the requirement that a defendant's insurer be notified if the plaintiff retains counsel.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical corrections.

2.	Increase the period of time in which counsel shall send written notification to the defendant from 10 days to 20 days.