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2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 111

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

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

AN ACT

INSURANCE CLAIMS. Provides for fair claims processing. (8/1/25)

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1892(I)(2)(a) and (3) and to enact R.S. 22:1892(I)(4), relative
3	to insurance claims; to provide for breach of good faith duty; to provide for
4	limitations on causes of action; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 22:1892(I)(2)(a) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7	22:1892(I)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§1892. Payment and adjustment of claims; policies other than life and health and
9	accident; good faith duty; breach of good faith duty; vehicle damage
10	claims; extension of time to respond to claims during emergency or
11	disaster; penalties; arson-related claims suspension; definitions
12	* * *
13	I.
14	* * *
15	(2) Any one of the following acts, if knowingly committed or performed by
16	an insurer or representative of the insurer, constitutes a breach of the insurer's duties
17	imposed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection:

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1	(a) A misrepresentation of pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions
2	relating to any coverages at issue or a misrepresentation of relevant insurance
3	policy provisions.
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5	(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not create a cause of action
6	against an insurer by the insured or claimant in a claim for personal injury or
7	bodily injury when any of the following conditions are present:
8	(a) There is a good faith dispute as to liability.
9	(b) There is a good faith dispute as to medical causation for the injuries
10	alleged by the claimant.
11	(c) No offer has been presented by or on behalf of a third-party claimant
12	within the applicable policy limits.
13	(d) The insurer has not had the opportunity to conduct adequate
14	discovery.
15	(e) The insurer is not in breach of any pertinent policy provisions.
16	(4) The provisions of this Subsection shall not create a separate cause of
17	action against a representative of the insurer distinct and apart from the cause of
18	action against the insurer.
19	* * *
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, 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)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides that an insurer owes its insured a duty of good faith and fair dealing.

<u>Present law</u> further provides for acts by an insurer that constitute a breach of the insurer's duty of good faith and fair dealing.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and clarifies that a misrepresentation of relevant policy provisions constitutes a violation of the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

<u>Proposed law</u> limits a cause of action when certain conditions are present.

Effective August 1, 2025.

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(Amends R.S. 22:1892(I)(2)(a) and (3); adds R.S. 22:1892(I)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

- 1. Clarifies that provisions of <u>proposed law</u> only apply to personal injury and bodily injury claims.
- 2. Make technical changes.