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## DIGEST

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HB 1162 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires the verification of contractors under certain circumstances.

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 proofs 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 that 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, if 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.

(Amends R.S. 22:1892(A)(1); Adds R.S. 22:1892(L))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the 30-day provision relative to the claims payment period from proposed law.
2. Add that claims payment periods are subject to present law.