

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 903

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:18(A), 257(B), 1019.3(D)(2), 1529(B), 1554(A)(introductory  
3 paragraph), 1672(A)(introductory paragraph), 1770, and 1808.8(A)(introductory  
4 paragraph), relative to fines issued by the commissioner; to provide for certain  
5 limitations; to make technical changes; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 22:18(A), 257(B), 1019.3(D)(2), 1529(B), 1554(A)(introductory  
9 paragraph), 1672(A)(introductory paragraph), 1770, and 1808.8(A)(introductory paragraph)  
10 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §18. Suspension or revocation of insurers' licenses; fines; orders

12 A. The commissioner of insurance may, as a penalty, in accordance with R.S.  
13 49:977.3, refuse to renew, or may suspend or revoke, the certificate of authority or  
14 license of any insurer, person, or entity violating any of the provisions of this Code,  
15 or in lieu of suspension or revocation of a certificate or license duly issued, the  
16 commissioner may levy a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation  
17 per insurer, person, or entity, up to one ~~hundred thousand~~ million dollars aggregate  
18 for all violations in a calendar year per insurer, person, or entity, ~~when if~~ such  
19 violations warrant the refusal, suspension, or revocation of such certificate or license,  
20 or the imposition of the fine. The commissioner ~~is also authorized to~~ may also order  
21 any insurer, person, or entity to cease and desist any ~~such~~ action that violates any  
22 provision of this Code. An aggrieved party affected by the commissioner's decision,

1 act, or order may demand a hearing in accordance with Chapter 12 of this Title, R.S.  
2 22:2191 et seq. If the insurer has demanded a timely hearing, the penalty or fine  
3 ordered by the commissioner shall not be imposed until such time as the division of  
4 administrative law makes a finding that the penalty or fine is warranted in a proper  
5 hearing held in the manner provided in Chapter 12 of this Title.

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7 §257. Suspension or revocation of certificate of authority

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9 B. A certificate of authority shall be suspended or revoked only after  
10 compliance with the requirements of R.S. 22:259 except in cases where such delay  
11 would cause irreparable harm or substantial monetary loss in the opinion of the  
12 commissioner. In lieu of suspension or revocation of a license duly issued, the  
13 commissioner may levy a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation  
14 and up to ~~one hundred thousand~~ one million dollars aggregate for all violations in a  
15 calendar year. The commissioner ~~of insurance~~ is authorized to suspend the  
16 imposition of the fines authorized under pursuant to this Section.

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18 §1019.3. Enforcement provisions; penalties; regulations

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20 D.

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22 (2) The commissioner may refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the certificate  
23 of authority of any health insurance issuer violating any of the provisions of this  
24 Subpart, or in lieu of suspension or revocation of a license duly issued, the  
25 commissioner may levy a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation  
26 per health insurance issuer, up to one ~~hundred thousand~~ million dollars aggregate for  
27 all violations in a calendar year per health insurance issuer, ~~when if~~ such violations,  
28 in his opinion, after a proper hearing, warrant the refusal, suspension, or revocation  
29 of such certificate, or the imposition of a fine. The commissioner ~~of insurance is~~  
30 ~~authorized to~~ may withhold fines imposed under pursuant to this Subpart. Such

1 hearing shall be held in the manner provided in Chapter 12 of this Title, R.S. 22:2191  
2 et seq. Additionally, the commissioner may take any other administrative action,  
3 including imposing those fines and penalties enumerated in R.S. 22:18.

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5 §1529. Penalties

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7 B. A monetary penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars may be imposed  
8 for each violation. No fine or fines shall be imposed against a lessor, pursuant to this  
9 Section, which aggregates in excess of ~~ten~~ one hundred thousand dollars in any  
10 calendar year.

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12 §1554. License denial, nonrenewal, or revocation

13 A. The commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to  
14 issue, renew, or reinstate an insurance producer license, or may levy a fine not to  
15 exceed five hundred dollars for each violation occurring, up to ~~ten~~ one hundred  
16 thousand dollars aggregate for all violations in a calendar year per applicant or  
17 licensee, or any combination of actions, for any one or more of the following causes:

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19 §1672. License denial, nonrenewal, or revocation

20 A. The commissioner ~~of insurance~~ may place on probation, suspend, revoke,  
21 or refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate a claims adjuster's license or may levy a fine  
22 not to exceed five hundred dollars for each violation up to ~~ten~~ one hundred thousand  
23 dollars aggregate for all violations in a calendar year, unless a fine is established by  
24 separate statute in this Title authorizing a greater penalty, or any combination of  
25 actions, for any one or more of the following causes:

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27 §1770. Penalties for violations

28 In the event that any provision of this Part or other applicable provision of  
29 this Title is violated by a limited licensee, the commissioner may revoke, suspend,  
30 refuse to renew, or levy a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation;

1 up to one ~~hundred thousand~~ million dollars in the aggregate for all violations in a  
2 calendar year per limited licensee, or impose such other penalty as the commissioner  
3 may deem necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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5 §1808.8. License denial, suspension, nonrenewal, or revocation

6 A. The commissioner ~~of insurance~~ may place on probation, suspend, revoke,  
7 or refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate an insurance consultant license, or may levy a  
8 fine not to exceed five hundred dollars for each violation occurring, up to ~~ten~~ one  
9 hundred thousand dollars aggregate for all violations in a calendar year per applicant  
10 or licensee, or any combination of these actions, for any one or more of the following  
11 causes:

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13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
17 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_