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HOUSE BILL NO. 454

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BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

INSURANCE/AUTOMOBILE: Provides relative to settlement or payment of a claim under a vehicle liability insurance policy

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1290, relative to the settlement or payment of a claim under 3 a vehicle liability insurance policy; to provide that a payment under the uninsured 4 motorist provisions of a motor vehicle liability policy to an insured shall not be 5 construed as a recognition of liability; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1290 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §1290. Motor vehicle liability policy 9 No settlement or payment made under a vehicle liability insurance policy for 10 a claim against any insured thereunder arising from any accident or other event 11 insured against for damage to or destruction of property owned by another person, 12 or for a claim made by an insured under any applicable uninsured motorist coverage, 13 shall be construed as an admission of liability by the insured, or the insurer's 14 recognition acknowledgment of such liability, with respect to any other claim arising 15 from the same accident or event.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes that payments made by an insurer to an insured under an uninsured motorist policy will not be construed as an admission or acknowledgment of liability.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a settlement made under a motor vehicle liability policy for a claim against an insured will not be construed as an admission of liability or the insurer's recognition of such liability sufficient to interrupt prescription of the claimant's rights pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds that payments made by an insurer under the uninsured motorist provisions of a motor vehicle liability policy also will not be construed as an admission of liability or the insurer's recognition of such liability be sufficient to interrupt prescription of the claimant's rights.

(Amends R.S. 22:1290)