

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 796

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

INSURANCE: Relative to the Louisiana Health Care Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:2161(A)(7) and (9), relative to the Louisiana Health Care Commission; to
3 add to the membership of the commission; to provide for nominations to the
4 commission; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:2161(A)(7) and (9) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2161. Louisiana Health Care Commission; creation

8 A. There is hereby created the Louisiana Health Care Commission within the
9 Department of Insurance. The commission shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge, and
10 its members shall serve for terms of two years. The functions, duties, and
11 responsibilities of the commission shall be to review and study the availability,
12 affordability, and delivery of quality health care in the state. The commission shall
13 specifically examine the rising costs of health care in the state, including but not
14 limited to the cost of administrative duplication, the costs associated with excess
15 capacity and duplication of medical services, and the costs of medical malpractice
16 and liability and shall examine the adequacy of consumer protections, as well as the
17 formation and implementation of insurance pools that better assure citizens the
18 ability to obtain health insurance at affordable costs and encourage employers to
19 obtain health care benefits for their employees by increased bargaining power and
20 economies of scale for better coverage and benefit options at reduced costs. Further,

1 the commission shall examine the implementation issues related to national health
 2 care reform initiatives. Of the members of the commission, three members shall be
 3 appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the governing boards of state
 4 colleges and universities and by a dean from the business schools represented by the
 5 Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. One member of
 6 the Senate Committee on Insurance shall be appointed by the president of the Senate
 7 and one member of the House Committee on Insurance shall be appointed by the
 8 speaker of the House of Representatives to the commission to act as ex officio,
 9 nonvoting members. One member of the commission shall be appointed by the
 10 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals. The commissioner of insurance
 11 shall appoint five at-large members to the commission. The remainder of the
 12 members shall be appointed by the commissioner of insurance from a list of
 13 nominees, one nominee to be submitted by each of the following:

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(7) Health Agents for America.

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(9) Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for appointment of members to the Louisiana Health Care Commission nominated by Health Agents for America and Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana.

Present law provides for the La. Health Care Commission. Provides for its functions, duties, and responsibilities.

Proposed law provides for Health Agents for America and Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana to each nominate one member to the Louisiana Health Care Commission.

(Adds R.S. 22:2161(A)(7) and (9))