

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 796

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:2161(A)(10), (14), and (17), to enact R.S. 22:2161(A)(7) and
3 (9), and to repeal R.S. 22:2161(A)(21), relative to the Louisiana Health Care
4 Commission; to make changes to the membership of the commission; to provide for
5 nominations to the commission; to change references to certain organizations of the
6 commission; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1: R.S. 22:2161(A)(10), (14), and (17) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 and R.S. 22:2161(A)(7) and (9) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2161. Louisiana Health Care Commission; creation

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

the commission shall examine the implementation issues related to national health care reform initiatives. Of the members of the commission, three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the governing boards of state colleges and universities and by a dean from the business schools represented by the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. One member of the Senate Committee on Insurance shall be appointed by the president of the Senate and one member of the House Committee on Insurance shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives to the commission to act as ex officio, nonvoting members. One member of the commission shall be appointed by the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals. The commissioner of insurance shall appoint five at-large members to the commission. The remainder of the members shall be appointed by the commissioner of insurance from a list of 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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~~(10) Louisiana State Program of the American Association of Retired Persons~~ AARP Louisiana.

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~~(14) American Association of Retired Persons~~ AARP, the nominee of which shall be a volunteer representative.

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~~(17) Louisiana Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors~~ NAIFA Louisiana.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 22:2161(A)(21) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____