RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 35 (HB 188)

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Cromer

Existing law requires that when a covered person requests an external review of his health insurance issuer, the issuer pay the cost to conduct the review.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> and further requires that the costs of the external review charged to the issuer must be reasonable and that the independent review organization provide documentation outlining an explanation of costs.

<u>New law</u> provides that when an issuer believes that the cost of the external review are unreasonable, he can appeal to the commissioner of insurance, who may make an adjustment, if appropriate. <u>New law</u> allows the commissioner to request additional information if necessary to assess the reasonableness of the costs.

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(Amends R.S. 22:2444)