

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law allowed homeowners to exclude personal property coverage in the gubernatorially declared disaster areas for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on structures that had been rendered uninhabitable due to sustaining extensive damage to more than 50% of the dwelling area, and receive a reduction in premium.

New law removes references to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and allows a homeowner to exclude personal property coverage in a disaster area declared by the governor or the president of the United States or any officer acting under presidential authority when a structure has been rendered uninhabitable due to sustaining extensive damage to more than 50% of the dwelling area, and receive a reduction in premium.

New law requires the policyholder to exercise the option to exclude personal property coverage within 24 months from the effective date of the disaster declaration.

New law allows the insurer to terminate the exclusion when one of the following has occurred:

- (1) The structure has been repaired and become habitable again.
- (2) The homeowner's policy has been terminated.
- (3) Twenty-four months have passed from the effective date of the substitute policy or exclusion of coverage.

Effective January 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 22:1331)