SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Hewitt to Reengrossed House Bill No. 410 by Representative Hollis

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- 2 On page 1, line 2, after "(3)(b)" insert "and 1269"
- 3 AMENDMENT NO. 2
- 4 On page 1, delete line 3 and insert
- 5 "22:333(E) and 1476(B) and (C), relative to insurance; to provide relative to 6 insurance fees and assessments; to provide for the"
- 7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 5, after "licenses;" insert "to provide relative to liability policies and actions
 9 against insurers;"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

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- 11 On page 2, between lines 10 and 11 insert
- 12 "\$1269. Liability policy; insolvency or bankruptcy of insured and inability to effect
 - service of citation or other process; direct action against insurer
- A. No policy or contract of liability insurance shall be issued or delivered in 14 15 this state, unless it contains provisions to the effect that the insolvency or bankruptcy 16 of the insured shall not release the insurer from the payment of damages for injuries 17 sustained or loss occasioned during the existence of the policy, and any judgment 18 which may be rendered against the insured for which the insurer is liable which shall 19 have become executory, shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the insolvency of 20 the insured, and an action may thereafter be maintained within the terms and limits of the policy by the injured person, or his survivors, mentioned in Civil Code Art. 21 22 2315.1, or heirs against the insurer.
- B.(1) The injured person or his survivors or heirs mentioned in Subsection
 A of this Section, at their option, shall have a right of direct action against the insurer
 within the terms and limits of the policy; and, such action may be brought against the
- insurer alone, or against both the insured and insurer jointly and in solido, in the
 parish in which the accident or injury occurred or in the parish in which an action
 could be brought against either the insured or the insurer under the general rules of
 venue prescribed by Code of Civil Procedure Art. 42 only; however, such action may
 be brought against the insurer alone only when at least one of the following applies:
 (a) The insured has been adjudged bankrupt by a court of competent
- 31 (a) The insured has been adjudged bankrupt by a court of competent
 32 jurisdiction or when proceedings to adjudge an insured bankrupt have been
 33 commenced before a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - (b) The insured is insolvent.
 - (c) Service of citation or other process cannot be made on the insured.
- 36 (d) When the cause of action is for damages as a result of an offense or quasi-
- 37 offense between children and their parents or between married persons.
 38 (e) When the insurer is an uninsured motorist carrier.
- 39 (f) The insured is deceased.
 - (2) This right of direct action shall exist whether or not the policy of
- 41 insurance sued upon was written or delivered in the state of Louisiana and whether
 42 or not such policy contains a provision forbidding such direct action, provided the

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- accident or injury occurred within the state of Louisiana. Nothing contained in this
 Section shall be construed to affect the provisions of the policy or contract if such
 provisions are not in violation of the laws of this state.
 - C. It is the intent of this Section that any action brought under the provisions of this Section shall be subject to all of the lawful conditions of the policy or contract and the defenses which could be urged by the insurer to a direct action brought by the insured, provided the terms and conditions of such policy or contract are not in violation of the laws of this state.

D. <u>B.</u> It is also the intent of this Section that all liability policies within their

terms and limits are executed for the benefit of all injured persons and their survivors
or heirs to whom the insured is liable; and, that it is the purpose of all liability
policies to give protection and coverage to all insureds, whether they are named
insured or additional insureds under the omnibus clause, for any legal liability the
insured may have as or for a tortfeasor within the terms and limits of the policy."

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16 On page 2, line 11, after "22:" insert "333(E) and"