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Abstract: Provides for catastrophe claims adjusters.

<u>Present law</u> provides that in the event of a catastrophe or emergency, no adjuster's license is required for an individual employed or retained by an insurer and brought into this state for the purpose of investigating and adjusting catastrophe claims.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the commissioner of insurance shall establish procedures to register individuals authorized to adjust claims pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the commissioner shall prepare a handbook for adjusting claims in this state and make it available to catastrophe claims adjusters.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a catastrophe claims adjusters shall certify that he has read and understands the handbook within 10 days of registration.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that an insurer employing or retaining a catastrophe claims adjuster shall keep their certifications in its records and make them available to the commissioner upon request.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 22:1667(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

- 1. Restore present law (R.S. 22:1667).
- 2. Provide that the commissioner shall prepare a handbook for adjusting claims in this state and make it available to catastrophe claims adjusters.
- 3. Provide that a catastrophe claims adjusters shall certify that he has read and understands the handbook within 10 days of registration.

- 4. Provide that an insurer employing or retaining a catastrophe claims adjuster shall keep its certifications in its records and make them available to the commissioner upon request.
- 5. Makes proposed law effective on Jan. 1, 2023.
- 6. Make technical changes.