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HOUSE BILL NO. 439

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ATTORNEYS/FEES: Provides relative to a limit on attorney fees

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:218(C) and (D), relative to contingency fees; to provide for a limit on
3 contingency fees an attorney may charge; to provide for penalties; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:218(C) and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §218. Contract for fee based on proportion of subject matter; stipulation concerning
8 compromise, discontinuance, or settlement

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10 C. In a delictual action, if the fee charged by an attorney is contingent, the
11 attorney shall not charge more than ten percent for the first fifteen thousand dollars
12 of recovery.

13 D. If an attorney violates the provisions of this Section, he shall be subject
14 to sanctions by the court, and the clerk of court in which the case is filed shall file
15 a complaint against the attorney for the violation with the Louisiana Attorney
16 Disciplinary Board.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a limit on the first \$15,000 of attorney contingency fees.

Proposed law provides that in a delictual action, the attorney shall not charge more than 10% for the first \$15,000 of recovery for contingency fees.

Proposed law provides that if an attorney violates proposed law, he shall be subject to sanctions by the court and filing of a complaint with the La. Attorney Disciplinary Board.

(Adds R.S. 37:218(C) and (D))