Regular Session, 2003

HOUSE BILL NO. 1788

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRISH AND SENATOR DARDENNE

INSURANCE/PROPERTY: Creates the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to operate and manage the FAIR and Coastal plans

1	AN ACT
2	To enact Subpart B of Part XXX of Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the Louisiana
3	Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1430 through
4	1430.17, and to repeal R.S. 22:1406.1 through 1406.13 and 1431
5	through 1445, relative to residential and commercial property
6	insurance; to provide for the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance
7	Corporation; to provide for the FAIR Plan; to provide for the Coastal
8	Plan; to provide for a board of directors; to provide for the Louisiana
9	Insurance Rating Commission; to provide for corporate powers; to
10	provide for certain immunity; to provide for a plan of operation; to
11	provide for assessments; to provide for charges and surcharges; to
12	provide for participating insurers; to provide for eligibility; to provide
13	for insurance; to provide for rates; to provide for contributions by the
14	state; to provide for plan deficits; and to provide for related matters.

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1	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
2	Section 1. Subpart B of Part XXX of Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the
3	Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 22:1430 through
4	1430.17, is hereby enacted to read as follows:
5	SUBPART B. LOUISIANA CITIZENS PROPERTY
6	INSURANCE CORPORATION
7	§1430. Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; declaration
8	and purpose; construction
9	It is hereby declared by the Legislature of Louisiana that an
10	adequate market for fire with extended coverage and vandalism and
11	malicious mischief insurance and homeowners coverage is necessary
12	to the economic welfare of the state, including the coastal areas of the
13	state, and that without such insurance the orderly growth and
14	development of the state would be severely impeded; and that adequate
15	insurance upon property is necessary to enable owners of homes and
16	commercial owners to obtain financing for the purchase and
17	improvement of their property. It is further declared that the state has
18	an obligation to provide an equitable method whereby every licensed
19	insurer writing fire, extended coverage and vandalism and malicious
20	mischief and, if necessary, homeowners coverage on a direct basis in
21	Louisiana is required to meet its public responsibility instead of shifting
22	the burden to a few willing and public-spirited insurers. While
23	deserving praise, the financing mechanisms of the former plans were
24	insufficient to meet the needs of this area. It is the purpose of this
25	Subpart to accept this obligation and to provide a mandatory program
26	to assure an adequate market for fire, extended coverage and vandalism

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1	and malicious mischief and, if necessary, homeowners insurance in the
2	coastal and other areas of Louisiana. The legislature intends by this
3	Subsection that property insurance be provided and that it continues, as
4	long as necessary, through an entity organized to achieve efficiencies
5	and economies, all toward the achievement of the foregoing public
6	purposes. Therefore, the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance
7	Corporation, a nonprofit corporation, is hereinafter created, and said
8	corporation shall operate insurance plans which shall function
9	exclusively as residual market mechanisms to provide essential property
10	insurance for residential and commercial property, solely for applicants
11	who are in good faith entitled, but are unable, to procure insurance
12	through the voluntary market. The legislature further intends that the
13	corporation work toward the ultimate depopulation of these residual
14	market insurance plans. Because it is essential for the corporation to
15	have the maximum financial resources to pay claims following a
16	catastrophic hurricane, it is the intent of the legislature that the income
17	of the corporation be exempt from federal income taxation and that
18	interest on the debt obligations issued by the corporation be exempt
19	from federal income taxation.
20	§1430.1. Definitions
21	As used in this Subpart, unless the context otherwise requires:
22	(1) "Assessable insureds" means insureds who procure a policy
23	of insurance for one or more subject lines of business in this state.
24	(2) "Assessable insurers" means insurers authorized to write one
25	or more subject lines of business in this state.

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1	(3) "Coastal area" means all of that area of the state designated
2	in the plan of operation submitted by the governing board, approved by
3	the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission and designated as Coastal
4	Plan (Louisiana Insurance Underwriting Plan) area.
5	(4) "Coastal Plan" means the successor to that program
6	established by Act 35 of the 1970 Regular Session to provide a residual
7	market for adequate insurance on property in the coastal areas of the
8	state, now available as a program of the Louisiana Citizens Property
9	Insurance Corporation.
10	(5) "Corporation" means the Louisiana Citizens Property
11	Insurance Corporation, and includes the residual market insurance
12	programs known as the "Coastal Plan" and the "FAIR Plan".
13	(6) "Essential property insurance" means any of the following
14	coverages against direct loss to property as defined by the plan of
15	operation approved by the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission:
16	(a) Fire, with or without extended coverage and vandalism and
17	malicious mischief.
18	(b) Windstorm and hail without fire, but only with respect to
19	dwellings and commercial properties on a monoline basis.
20	(c) Homeowners.
21	(7) "FAIR Plan" means the successor to that program
22	established by Act 424 of the 1992 Regular Session, and designated as
23	the "Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan" to provide a residual
24	market for adequate insurance on property in the state, now available
25	as a program of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

1	(8) "Governing board" means that board of directors which is
2	established under R.S. 22:1430.3 and, where appropriate, any designee
3	of the governing board.
4	(9) "Insurable property" means real and tangible personal
5	property at a fixed location in Louisiana when such property is in an
6	insurable condition and basic property insurance is not obtainable in the
7	voluntary market and as further defined by the governing board.
8	(10) "Net direct premiums" means gross direct premiums,
9	excluding reinsurance assumed, written for subject lines of business,
10	less return premiums, dividends paid or credited to policyholders, or the
11	unused or unabsorbed portions of premium deposits. In no event shall
12	premiums on industrial fire insurance policies be considered as net
13	direct premiums.
14	(11) "Plan of operation" means the document setting the rules
15	of operation of the corporation, as promulgated by the governing board
16	and approved by the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission pursuant
17	to the provisions of this Subpart.
18	(12) "Subject lines of business" means the following lines of
19	business: fire, allied lines, farmowners multiperil, homeowners
20	multiperil, and the property insurance portion of commercial multiperil
21	policies.
22	§1430.2. Creation of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance
23	Corporation
24	A. There is created a nonprofit corporation to be known as the
25	"Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation", which shall
26	operate residual market insurance programs, designated as the Coastal

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1	Plan and the FAIR Plan, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "the
2	plans", as successors to the Louisiana Insurance Underwriting Plan
3	(Coastal Plan) and the Louisiana Joint Reinsurance Plan (FAIR Plan);
4	and whose domicile for purpose of suit shall be East Baton Rouge
5	Parish, Louisiana. All insurers authorized to write, and engaged in
6	writing, property insurance in the state of Louisiana shall participate in
7	the Coastal Plan and the FAIR Plan as a condition of their authority to
8	transact insurance in this state. The corporation shall perform its
9	functions under a plan of operation established and approved under
10	R.S. 22:1430.7 and shall exercise its powers through a board of
11	directors established under R.S. 22:1430.3.
12	B.(1) Assets of the corporation shall not be considered part of
13	the general fund of the state. The state shall not budget for or provide
14	general fund appropriations to the corporation, and the debts, claims,
15	obligations, and liabilities of the corporation shall not be considered to
16	be a debt of the state or a pledge of its credit.
17	(2) The corporation shall be prohibited from making
18	contributions to any political party, political organization, public
19	official, or candidate for public office, whether federal, state or local in
20	nature.
21	(3) All compensated employees of the corporation shall be
22	subject to the provisions of Article X, Part I., Section 9 of the Louisiana
23	Constitution of 1974, 'Prohibitions Against Political Activities', as if
24	they were employees of the state, except members of the governing
25	board of the corporation.

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1	C. Neither the corporation nor the plans shall be required to
2	obtain a certificate of authority from the commissioner of insurance.
3	nor shall they participate in the Louisiana Insurance Guaranty
4	Association.
5	D.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections A and B
6	of this Section, and except as provided by Paragraph (2) of this
7	Subsection, the corporation shall be subject to R.S. 42:4.1 through 13
8	and to R.S. 44:1 through 41, and may be considered as if it were a
9	public body for the purpose of those provisions.
10	(2) The corporation may hold an executive session pursuant to
11	R.S. 42:6 for discussion of one or more of the following, and R.S. 44:1
12	through 41 shall not apply to any documents as enumerated in R.S.
13	44:1(A)(2) which relate to one or more of the following:
14	(a) Underwriting files, except that a policyholder or an applicant
15	shall have access to his or her own underwriting files.
16	(b) Claims files, until termination of all litigation and settlement
17	of all claims arising out of the same incident, although portions of the
18	claims files may remain exempt, as otherwise provided by law.
19	Confidential and exempt claims file records may be released to other
20	governmental agencies upon written request and demonstration of need;
21	such records held by the receiving agency remain confidential and
22	exempt as provided for herein.
23	(c) Records obtained or generated by an internal auditor
24	pursuant to a routine audit, until the audit is completed, or if the audit
25	is conducted as part of an investigation, until the investigation is closed
26	or ceases to be active. An investigation is considered "active" while the

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1	investigation is being conducted with a reasonable, good faith belief
2	that it could lead to the filing of administrative, civil, or criminal
3	proceedings.
4	(d) Matters reasonably encompassed in privileged attorney-
5	client communications.
6	(e) Proprietary information licensed to the corporation, or either
7	of the plans prior to enactment of this Subpart, under contract, where
8	the contract provides for the confidentiality of such proprietary
9	information.
10	(f) All information relating to the medical condition or medical
11	status of a corporation employee which is not relevant to the employee's
12	capacity to perform his or her duties, except as otherwise provided in
13	this Paragraph. Information which is exempt shall include but is not
14	limited to information relating to workers' compensation, insurance
15	benefits, and retirement or disability benefits.
16	(g) Upon an employee's entrance into an employee assistance
17	program, a program to assist any employee who has a behavioral or
18	medical disorder, substance abuse problem, or emotional difficulty
19	which affects the employee's job performance, all records relative to
20	that participation shall be confidential.
21	(h) Information relating to negotiations for financing,
22	reinsurance, depopulation, or contractual services, until the conclusion
23	of the negotiations.
24	(i) Minutes of closed meetings regarding underwriting files and
25	minutes of closed meetings regarding an open claims file until
26	termination of all litigation and settlement of all claims with regard to

1	that claim, except that information otherwise confidential or exempt by
2	law will be redacted.
3	(3) When an authorized insurer is considering underwriting a
4	specific risk insured by the corporation, relevant underwriting files and
5	confidential claims files may be released to the insurer provided the
6	insurer agrees in writing, notarized and under oath, to maintain the
7	confidentiality of such files. When a file is transferred to an insurer that
8	file is no longer a public record because it is not held by an agency
9	subject to the provisions of the public records law. Notwithstanding the
10	provisions of this Subsection, the corporation shall not provide either
11	a partial or complete list of the plans' insureds, applicants or claimants
12	to any voluntary insurer.
13	§1430.3. Board of directors of corporation
14	A. The governing body of the corporation shall be a board of
15	directors which shall consist of the following members:
16	(1) The commissioner of the Department of Insurance, or an
17	employee of the Department of Insurance as his designee.
18	(2) The state treasurer, or an employee of the Department of the
19	Treasury as his designee.
20	(3) The chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, or a
21	member of that committee designated by the chairman.
22	(4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance, or a
23	member of that committee designated by the chairman.
24	(5) One representative appointed by the governor.
25	(6) One representative appointed by the commissioner.

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1	(7) One member appointed by the commissioner from a list of
2	three nominees from the Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana,
3	or its successor.
4	(8) One member appointed by the commissioner from a list of
5	three nominees from the Independent Insurance Agents of Louisiana,
6	or its successor.
7	(9) Two members appointed by the governor from a list of four
8	nominees from the National Association of Independent Insurers, or its
9	successor.
10	(10) Two members appointed by the governor from a list of four
11	nominees from the American Insurance Association, or its successor.
12	(11) Two members appointed by the governor from a list of four
13	nominees from the Alliance of American Insurers, or its successor.
14	(12) One member appointed by the governor from a list of two
15	nominees from the insurer writing the largest volume in the state of the
16	subject lines of business.
17	B. The quorum necessary for transaction of business is hereby
18	established as seven members of the board in attendance.
19	C. The members of the board shall elect the chairman.
20	D. The members of the board shall receive no salary, but each
21	member shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses
22	actually incurred while in attendance at the meetings of the board or on
23	business for the board.
24	§1430.4. Coastal Plan and FAIR Plan; re-created and continued
25	A. There is hereby re-created and continued the Louisiana
26	Insurance Underwriting Plan (Coastal Plan), which beginning January

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1	1, 2004, shall be available as an insurance program of the Louisiana
2	Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. All assessable insurers shall
3	participate in assessments levied by the Coastal Plan, so long as the
4	Coastal Plan is in existence, as a condition of continuing authority to
5	transact the business of insurance in this state.
6	B. There is hereby re-created and continued the Louisiana Joint
7	Reinsurance Plan (FAIR Plan), which beginning January 1, 2004, shall
8	be available as an insurance program of the Louisiana Citizens Property
9	Insurance Corporation. All assessable insurers shall participate in
10	assessments levied by the FAIR Plan, so long as the FAIR Plan is in
11	existence, as a condition of continuing authority to transact the business
12	of insurance in this state.
13	<u>§1430.5. Immunity from liability</u>
14	A. There shall be no liability on the part of and no cause of
15	action of any nature shall arise against the Louisiana Insurance Rating
16	Commission or any of its staff, or against the governing board of the
17	Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation or anyone acting on
18	behalf of the corporation or the plans, or against any servicing carrier
19	or carriers, or against any assessable insurer, or against any
20	participating insurance producer, or against the Department of
21	Insurance or its representatives, for any action taken by them in the
22	performance of their duties or responsibilities under this Subpart.
23	B. Such immunity from liability does not apply to:
24	(1) Any of the persons or entities listed in Subsection A hereof
25	for any willful tort or criminal act.

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1	(2) The corporation, or insurance producers placing business
2	with one of the plans, for breach of any contract or agreement
3	pertaining to insurance coverage.
4	(3) The corporation with respect to issuance or payment of debt.
5	(4) Any assessable insurer with respect to any action to enforce
6	such insurer's obligations to the corporation under this Subpart.
7	<u>§1430.6.</u> Powers and duties of Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance
8	Corporation
9	A. The Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation shall
10	operate insurance plans which shall function exclusively as residual
11	market mechanisms to provide essential property insurance for
12	residential and commercial property for applicants who are in good
13	faith entitled, but are unable, to procure insurance through the voluntary
14	market. The corporation shall not offer private or commercial
15	automobile or vehicle insurance. The corporation shall operate
16	according to a plan of operation pursuant to R.S. 22:1430.7.
17	B. The governing board of the corporation shall, pursuant to the
18	provisions of this Subpart and the plan of operation and with respect to
19	essential property insurance on insurable property, have the power:
20	(1) To cause to be issued policies of insurance to eligible
21	applicants; and
22	(2) To employ or retain such persons as are necessary to
23	perform the duties of the corporation.
24	C. The corporation may:
25	(1) Purchase reinsurance on risks insured by the corporation and
26	the plans.

1	(2) Borrow funds necessary to effect the purposes of this
2	Subpart. In connection therewith, the corporation may agree to such
3	terms and conditions as it deems necessary and proper and the
4	corporation may assign to the state or any agency or authority thereof,
5	or to any private entity, the right to the receipt of assessments levied by
6	the corporation on behalf of one or more of the plans, to the extent
7	necessary to provide for the payment of bonds issued by the state or
8	such agency or authority, or such private agency, for the purpose of
9	providing for the repayment of such borrowings.
10	(3) Sue or be sued. The power to sue includes the power and
11	right to intervene as a party before any court in this state in any matter
12	involving the plans or the corporation's powers and duties.
13	(4) Negotiate and become a party to such contracts as are
14	necessary to carry out the purpose of this Subpart.
15	D. The corporation shall:
16	(1) Maintain separate accounts and records for the Coastal Plan
17	and the FAIR Plan for all policies, revenues, assets, liabilities, losses,
18	and expenses.
19	(2) Retain any profits or excess reserves generated, to be used
20	to offset deficits incurred by the plans. Such retained funds shall be
21	invested pursuant to the limitations set forth in this Title for insurers.
22	(3) Develop and annually reassess a reasonable and prudent
23	reinsurance program, for the benefit of the policyholders of the plans,
24	to enhance the capability of the corporation to timely and efficiently
25	handle claims from a hurricane or other natural disaster.

1	(4) Take all actions necessary to facilitate and maintain tax-free
2	status for the income and operations of the corporation and the plans,
3	and to facilitate tax-free status for bonds or other indebtedness issued
4	by or on behalf of the corporation or the plans.
5	(5) Upon depopulation of the plans, such that less than one
6	thousand policies are written in a plan year, and a determination by the
7	governing board that the declaration and purpose as set forth in R.S.
8	22:1430 no longer requires operation of the plans, and with approval of
9	the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission and the commissioner of
10	insurance, effectuate a plan of dissolution of the corporation. Upon
11	dissolution, the assets of the corporation shall be applied first to pay all
12	debts, liabilities, and obligations of the corporation, including the
13	establishment of reasonable reserves for any contingent liabilities or
14	obligations, and all remaining assets of the corporation shall become
15	property of the state and be deposited in the general fund. However, no
16	dissolution shall take effect as long as the corporation has bonds or
17	other financial obligations outstanding unless adequate provision has
18	been made for the payment of the bonds or other financial obligations
19	pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of the bonds or
20	other financial obligations.
21	(6) Perform such other acts as are necessary or proper to
22	effectuate the purpose of this Subpart.

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1	§1430.7. Plan of operation of Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance
2	Corporation
3	A.(1) A plan of operation adopted by the governing board of the
4	Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation shall be filed with
5	and approved by the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission, and filed
6	with the office of property and casualty of the Department of Insurance.
7	The plan of operation shall include the establishment of necessary
8	facilities and operating procedures; management of the corporation;
9	procedures for assessment of assessable insurers and assessable
10	insureds to defray deficits in one or more of the plans; underwriting
11	standards; procedures for the purchase and cession of reinsurance;
12	procedures for determining the amounts of insurance to be provided to
13	specific risks; procedures for processing applicants for insurance;
14	provisions for attaining depopulation of the plans; and such other
15	provisions as may be deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this
16	Subpart.
17	(2) The Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission and the office
18	of property and casualty may, in their discretion, consult with the
19	governing board of the corporation and may seek any further
20	information deemed necessary.
21	B.(1) The governing board of the corporation may, subject to
22	the approval of the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission, amend the
23	plan of operation at any time. The Louisiana Insurance Rating
24	Commission and the office of property and casualty may review the
25	plan of operation at any time deemed prudent, but not less than once in
26	each calendar year. After review of the plan of operation, the Louisiana

1	Insurance Rating Commission may amend it after consultation with the
2	governing board of the corporation, and upon certification to the
3	governing board of such amendment.
4	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this
5	Subsection, neither the governing board of the corporation nor the
6	Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission shall have the authority to
7	amend the plan of operation to expand on the declaration and purpose
8	as set forth in R.S. 22:1430, or to expand on the essential property
9	insurance and subject lines of business as defined in R.S. 22:1430.1.
10	C. The Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission may, by order,
11	withdraw all or part of a plan of operation if it determines that
12	conditions have changed since approval was granted, or that the public
13	purpose of the corporation and the plans require changes in the plan of
14	operation.
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1	Insurance Rating Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to
2	obtain from all assessable insurers. Assessable insurers shall not
3	participate in the gains or losses of the Coastal Plan.
4	B. The governing board of the corporation may adopt, in
5	accordance with the plan of operation approved by the Louisiana
6	Insurance Rating Commission, a credit schedule for essential property
7	insurance voluntarily written in the coastal areas, and participation by
8	assessable insurers in the writings in the Coastal Plan may be reduced
9	in accordance with the provisions of such credit schedule. The
10	governing board shall define the term "essential property insurance" for
11	the purposes of this Section.
12	C. Any insurer who becomes authorized to engage in writing
13	property insurance within Louisiana and who engages in writing
14	property insurance within Louisiana shall become an assessable insurer
15	in the Coastal Plan on January first, immediately following such
16	authorization, and shall cease to be an assessable insurer one year after
17	the end of the first calendar year during which the insurer no longer
18	holds a certificate of authority to transact insurance for subject lines of
19	business in this state.
20	<u>\$1430.9. Functions of insurers participating in the FAIR Plan</u>
21	A. All assessable insurers shall participate in assessments of the
22	FAIR Plan in the proportion that the net direct premium of such
23	participant written in this state during the preceding calendar years
24	bears to the aggregate net direct premiums written in this state by all
25	assessable insurers during the preceding calendar year as certified to the
26	governing board of the corporation after review of annual statements.

1	other reports, and other statistics necessary to provide the information
2	herein required and which the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission
3	is hereby authorized and empowered to obtain from all assessable
4	insurers. Assessable insurers shall not participate in the gains or losses
5	of the FAIR Plan.
6	B. The governing board of the corporation may adopt, in
7	accordance with the plan of operation approved by the Louisiana
8	Insurance Rating Commission, a credit schedule for essential property
9	insurance voluntarily written, and participation by assessable insurers
10	in the writings in the FAIR Plan may be reduced in accordance with the
11	provisions of such credit schedule. The governing board shall define
12	the term "essential property insurance" for the purposes of this Section.
13	C. Any insurer who becomes authorized to engage in writing
14	property insurance within Louisiana and who engages in writing
15	property insurance within Louisiana shall become an assessable insurer
16	in the FAIR Plan on January first immediately following such
17	authorization, and shall cease to be an assessable insurer one year after
18	the end of the first calendar year during which the insurer no longer
19	holds a certificate of authority to transact insurance for subject lines of
20	business in this state.
21	§1430.10. Assessable insureds
22	A. All persons who procure one or more subject lines of
23	business from an assessable insurer are subject to emergency
24	assessment by the corporation, and are referred to collectively as
25	"assessable insureds".

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1	B. When an emergency assessment is levied by the corporation.
2	the assessment percentage applicable to each assessable insured is the
3	ratio of the total amount being assessed by the corporation to the
4	aggregate statewide direct written premium for the subject lines of
5	business for the prior year.
6	C. Emergency assessments levied by the corporation on
7	assessable insureds shall be collected by all assessable insurers at the
8	time an assessable insured procures a policy of insurance for a subject
9	line of business. Assessable insurers shall remit the collected
10	emergency assessments to the corporation in accordance with
11	guidelines included in the corporation's plan of operation. Emergency
12	assessments shall not be considered premium.
13	D. Assessable insurers shall be permitted to recoup all regular
14	assessments from their voluntary policyholders by applying a surcharge
15	to all policies issued for subject lines of business. The surcharge shall
16	be a uniform percentage of premium, but shall not be considered
17	premium. Assessable insurers shall cease to collect the recoupment
18	surcharge once the full amount of the regular assessment has been
19	collected. If an assessable insurer recoups more than its fair share of
20	a regular assessment, all funds collected in excess of the insurer's share
21	of the regular assessment shall be remitted to the corporation for use in
22	defraying future deficits. Assessable insurers shall notify the
23	department at least thirty days in advance of the commencement of such
24	<u>a surcharge.</u>

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1	<u>§1430.11. Eligibility; application</u>
2	A. Any person having an insurable interest in insurable property
3	is entitled to apply to the corporation, directly or through a
4	representative, for such coverage through the Coastal Plan or the FAIR
5	Plan, and for an inspection of the property. Every such application
6	shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the governing board of the
7	corporation and on file with the office of property and casualty of the
8	Department of Insurance.
9	B. The term "insurable interest" as used in this Section shall be
10	deemed to include any lawful and substantial economic interest in the
11	safety and preservation of property from loss, destruction, or pecuniary
12	damage.
13	C. If the corporation determines that the property is insurable,
14	the corporation, upon receipt of the premium or such portion thereof as
15	is prescribed for either the Coastal Plan or the FAIR Plan, shall cause
16	to be issued the appropriate policy of essential property insurance for
17	a term not exceeding one year. Any policy issued pursuant to the
18	provisions of this Section shall be renewed annually, upon payment of
19	premium due, so long as the property meets the definition of "insurable
20	property".
21	D. If the corporation for any reason denies an application and
22	refuses to cause to be issued an insurance policy on insurable property
23	to any applicant, or takes no action on an application within the time
24	prescribed in the plan of operation, such applicant may appeal to the
25	Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission and the said commission or a
26	member of the commission's staff designated by it, after reviewing the

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1	facts, may direct the corporation to issue, or cause to be issued, an
2	appropriate insurance policy to the applicant. In carrying out its duties
3	pursuant to this Section, the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission
4	may request and the corporation shall provide any information which
5	the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission deems necessary to a
6	determination concerning the reason for the denial or delay of the
7	application.
8	§1430.12. Rates, rating plans, and rate rules applicable
9	A. As residual markets, the plans made available by the
10	Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation are not intended to
11	offer rates competitive with the voluntary market. Rates for policies
12	issued under the Coastal Plan and the FAIR Plan shall be set by the
13	governing board of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance
14	Corporation, adjusted annually, shall be actuarially justified, and for
15	each parish, the average rates of the plans for each line of business for
16	personal lines residential policies, excluding rates for wind-only
17	policies, shall exceed by at least ten percent the average rates charged
18	by the insurer that had the highest average rate in that parish among the
19	ten insurers with the greatest total direct written premium in the state
20	for that line of business in the preceding year; except that, with respect
21	to mobile home coverages, the average rates of the plans shall exceed
22	by at least ten percent the average rates charged by the insurer that had
23	the highest average rate in that parish among the five insurers with the
24	greatest total written premium for mobile homeowners' policies in the
25	state in the preceding year. Such rates shall include an appropriate

catastrophe loading factor, and may include rules for classification of
risks insured hereunder and rate modifications hereof.
B. In addition to the rates otherwise determined pursuant to this
Section, including the premium tax provided for in R.S. 22:1065, the
corporation shall impose and collect an additional amount equal to the
premium tax provided for in R.S. 22:1065 to augment the financial
resources of the corporation. Said additional amount equal to the
premium tax shall be designated as a charge accruing to the state of
Louisiana, but shall be retained by the corporation as a state
contribution to the corporation for the public purpose as set forth in
<u>R.S. 22:1430.</u>
C. The corporation shall make a rate filing at least once a year
for the plans, and nothing in this Section shall require or permit the
corporation to adopt a rate that is inadequate under R.S. 22:1401 et seq.
Subject to the provisions of Subsections A and B of this Section, the
rates shall be approved by the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission
prior to use.
<u>§1430.13. Reports of inspection</u>
All reports of inspection performed by the corporation shall be
made available to the assessable insurers participating in the Coastal
Plan and the FAIR Plan, and the Louisiana Insurance Rating
Commission. An applicant or his representative shall be entitled to a
copy of any inspection report on property in which the applicant has an
insurable interest.

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1	<u>§1430.14. Annual and quarterly reports</u>
2	A. The corporation shall file in the office of the Louisiana
3	Insurance Rating Commission, and in the office of property and
4	casualty of the Department of Insurance, annual and quarterly
5	statements as required for authorized insurers pursuant to R.S. 22:1451;
6	and annual audited statements which shall summarize the transactions,
7	conditions, operations, and affairs of the Coastal Plan during the
8	preceding fiscal year ending June thirtieth, and the transactions,
9	conditions, operations, and affairs of the FAIR Plan during the
10	preceding fiscal year ending September thirtieth.
11	B. The corporation shall report quarterly to the Louisiana
12	Insurance Rating Commission and the office of property and casualty
13	on the types, premium, exposure, and distribution by parish of its
14	policies in force, and submit such other reports as may be required by
15	the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission to fulfill its oversight
16	responsibilities.
17	<u>§1430.15. Examination of corporation</u>
18	The commissioner of insurance shall make examinations of the
19	Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation and the plans in the
20	manner as provided by R.S. 22:1301 for examination of insurers. The
21	expense of such examinations shall be borne and paid by the
22	corporation. The corporation and the plans shall be subject to
23	examination by the legislative auditor.
24	<u>§1430.16. Plan deficits; financing</u>
25	A. In the event that the governing board of the Louisiana
26	Citizens Property Insurance Corporation determines that a deficit exists

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1	in either the Coastal Plan or the FAIR Plan, the corporation may levy
2	regular and emergency assessments for each affected plan in order to
3	remedy such deficit. An assessment shall not be levied on assessable
4	insurers and assessable insureds unless and until all profits and excess
5	reserves over and above reasonably anticipated recurring operating
6	costs have been exhausted and the governing board has projected a
7	deficit in the plan for which an assessment is to be levied.
8	B. When the deficit incurred in a particular calendar year is not
9	greater than ten percent of the aggregate statewide direct written
10	premium for the subject lines of business for the prior calendar year, the
11	entire deficit shall be recovered through regular assessments of
12	assessable insurers.
13	C. When the deficit incurred in a particular calendar year
14	exceeds ten percent of the aggregate statewide direct written premium
15	for the subject lines of business for the prior calendar year, the
16	corporation shall levy regular assessments on assessable insurers in an
17	amount equal to the greater of ten percent of the deficit or ten percent
18	of the aggregate statewide direct written premium for the subject lines
19	of business for the prior calendar year. Any remaining deficit shall be
20	recovered through emergency assessments.
21	D. Each assessable insurer's share of any regular assessment
22	under Subsection B or C of this Section shall be calculated in
23	accordance with R.S. 22:1430.8 and 1430.9. Assessments levied by the
24	corporation on assessable insurers under Subsection B or C of this
25	Section shall be paid as required by the corporation's plan of operation.

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1	E. Upon a determination by the governing board that a deficit
2	in a plan exceeds the amount that will be recovered through regular
3	assessments under Subsection B or C of this Section, the governing
4	board shall levy, after verification by the department, emergency
5	assessments, for as many years as necessary to cover the deficits, to be
6	collected by assessable insurers and the corporation and collected from
7	all assessable insureds upon issuance or renewal of policies for subject
8	lines of business, excluding National Flood Insurance policies. The
9	amount of the emergency assessment collected in a particular year shall
10	be a uniform percentage of that year's direct written premium for
11	subject lines of business and all plan accounts of the corporation,
12	excluding National Flood Insurance Program policy premiums, as
13	annually determined by the governing board and verified by the
14	department. The department shall verify the arithmetic calculations
15	involved in the governing board's determination within thirty days after
16	receipt of the information on which the determination was based.
17	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the corporation and each
18	assessable insurer that writes subject lines of business shall collect
19	emergency assessments from its policyholders without such obligation
20	being affected by any credit, limitation, exemption, or deferment.
21	Emergency assessments levied by the corporation on assessable
22	insureds shall be collected by assessable insurers in accordance with
23	guidelines included in the corporation's plan of operation. The
24	emergency assessments so collected shall be held by the corporation
25	solely in the applicable plan account. The aggregate amount of
26	emergency assessments levied for a plan under this Subsection in any

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1	calendar year may not exceed the greater of ten percent of the amount
2	needed to cover the original deficit, plus interest, fees, commissions,
3	required reserves, and other costs associated with financing of the
4	original deficit, or ten percent of the aggregate statewide direct written
5	premium for subject lines of business and for all plan accounts of the
6	corporation for the prior year, plus interest, fees, commissions, required
7	reserves, and other costs associated with financing the original deficit.
8	Emergency assessments shall be shown separately on the declarations
9	page of policies issued for subject lines of business, and shall not be
10	considered premium, nor subject to any premium taxes or other
11	charges.
12	F. Policies issued by the corporation shall be subject to
13	emergency assessments, as specified in Subsection E hereof.
14	Furthermore, when a regular assessment is levied, all policies shall be
15	subject to a market equalization charge. The market equalization
16	charge shall be a uniform percentage of premium. The market
17	equalization charge percentage shall be the ratio of the total regular
18	assessment levied by the corporation to the aggregate statewide direct
19	written premium for subject lines of business for the prior year. The
20	market equalization charge shall not be considered premium.
21	Assessable insurers shall notify the Louisiana Insurance Rating
22	Commission at least thirty days in advance of the commencement of
23	such a charge.
24	G. The corporation may pledge the proceeds of assessments,
25	insurance and reinsurance recoverables, surcharges, and other funds
26	available to the corporation as the source of revenue for and to secure

1	bonds or other indebtedness, or lines of credit or other financing
2	mechanisms issued or created under this Subsection, or to retire any
3	other debt incurred as a result of deficits or events giving rise to
4	deficits, or in any other way that the governing board determines will
5	efficiently recover such deficits. The purpose of the lines of credit or
6	other financing mechanisms is to provide additional resources to assist
7	the corporation in covering claims and expenses attributable to a
8	catastrophe. As used in this Subsection, the term "assessments"
9	includes regular assessments under Subsection B or C of this Section,
10	and emergency assessments under Subsection E of this Section.
11	Emergency assessments collected under Subsection E of this Section
12	are not part of an insurer's rates, are not premium, and are not subject
13	to premium tax, fees, or commissions. However, failure to pay the
14	emergency assessment shall be treated as failure to pay premium. The
15	emergency assessments under Subsection E of this Section shall
16	continue as long as any bonds issued or other indebtedness incurred
17	with respect to a deficit for which the assessment was imposed remain
18	outstanding, unless adequate provision has been made for the payment
19	of such bonds or other indebtedness pursuant to the documents
20	governing such bonds or other indebtedness.
21	H. The office of property and casualty shall determine annually
22	the aggregate statewide written premium in subject lines of business
23	and shall report that information to the corporation in a form and at a
24	time the corporation specifies to ensure that the corporation can meet

25 <u>the requirements of this Section and the corporation's financing</u>
26 <u>obligations.</u>

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1	I. All bonds, other indebtedness, lines of credit, or other
2	financing mechanisms under this Section shall be approved by the
3	Louisiana State Bond Commission.
4	J. Under no circumstances shall it be construed that the full faith
5	and credit of the state of Louisiana be used to secure the bonds or
6	indebtedness issued under this Section. Any offering documents
7	associated with any debts under this Section shall clearly state it is not
8	secured by the full faith and credit of the state.
9	§1430.17. Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation not
10	taxable
11	The corporation shall be considered a political instrumentality
12	of the state, and shall be exempt from any corporate income tax.
13	However, the corporation is not and shall not be deemed a department,
14	unit, or agency of the state. All debts, claims, obligations, and
15	liabilities of the corporation, whenever and however incurred, shall be
16	the debts, claims, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation only,
17	and not of the state, its agencies, officers, or employees. Corporation
18	funds shall not be considered part of the general fund of the state, and
19	the state shall not appropriate corporation funds. The state's
20	contribution to the corporation is limited to those funds collected by the
21	corporation pursuant to the authority granted under R.S. 22:1430.12(B)
22	of this Subpart, and the state shall not budget for or provide general
23	fund appropriations to the corporation. The premiums, assessments,
24	investment income, and other revenue of the corporation are funds
25	received for providing property insurance coverage as required by this
26	Section, paying claims for Louisiana citizens insured by the

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1	corporation's plans, securing and repaying debt obligations issued by
2	the corporation, and conducting all other activities of the corporation,
3	and shall not be considered taxes, fees, licenses, or charges for services
4	imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies
5	outside state government. It is the intent of the legislature that the tax
6	exemptions provided in this Section will augment the financial
7	resources of the corporation to better enable fulfillment of the public
8	purpose. Any bonds issued by or on behalf of the corporation and the
9	plans, their transfer, and the income therefrom, including any profit
10	made on the sale thereof, shall at all times be free from taxation of
11	every kind by the state and any political subdivision or local unit or
12	other instrumentality thereof.
13	Section 2. R.S. 22:1406.1 through 1406.13 and 1431 through 1445 are
14	hereby repealed in their entirety.
15	Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and
16	requested to redesignate R.S. 22:1401 through 1424 as Subpart A of Part XXX
17	of Chapter 1 of Title 22 and entitled as "Subpart A. Rate Making Procedures
18	and Organizations"; and to redesignate R.S. 22:1446 and 1447 as Subpart C
19	of Part XXX of Chapter 1 of Title 22 and entitled as "Subpart C. Rules,
20	Enforcement, and Miscellaneous Provisions".

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DIGEST

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HB No. 1788

Abstract: Creates the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to operate and manage the FAIR and Coastal plans. The corporation is subject to oversight by the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission and the commissioner of insurance. The insurers are required to participate and are subject to assessments by the corporation.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, a nonprofit entity, to operate and manage the FAIR and Coastal plans for the purpose of providing access to adequate property insurance for designated areas of the state, including the coastal areas.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the assets of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation may not be considered as part of the general fund of the state and the state may not provide general funds to the corporation. The corporation is prohibited from making political contributions. Prohibits compensated employees from engaging in political activities.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts the corporation from the necessity of a certificate of authority from the commissioner of insurance.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the corporation and the plans are subject to the statutory provisions on open meetings (R.S. 42:4.1 through 13) and public records (R.S. 44:1 through 4) as if it were a public body, except the following:

- (1) Underwriting files.
- (2) Claims files until termination of litigation.
- (3) Audit records until the audit is complete.
- (4) Matters subject to attorney-client privilege.
- (5) Proprietary information licensed to the corporation.
- (6) Medical records of employees.
- (7) Employee records of participation in behavior disorder assistance program.
- (8) Information on financial negotiations.
- (9) Minutes of closed meetings on underwriting files.

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<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits disclosure to voluntary insurers the plans' insureds or applicants.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for a 15-member board of directors comprised as follows:

- (1) Commissioner of insurance, or an employee of the department as his designee.
- (2) The state treasurer, or his employee designee.
- (3) The chair of the House Committee on Insurance, or a designated member.
- (4) The chair of the Senate Committee on Insurance, or a designated member.
- (5) One representative appointed by the governor.
- (6) One representative appointed by the commissioner.
- (7) One member appointed by the commissioner from a list of three nominees from the Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, or its successor.
- (8) One member appointed by the commissioner from a list of three nominees from the Independent Insurance Agents of Louisiana, or its successor.
- (9) Two members appointed by the governor from a list of four nominees from the National Association of Independent Insurers, or its successor.
- (10) Two members appointed by the governor from a list of four nominees from the American Insurance Association, or its successor.
- (11) Two members appointed by the governor from a list of four nominees from the Alliance of American Insurers, or its successor.
- (12) One member appointed by the governor from a list of two nominees submitted by the insurer writing the largest volume of business in the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that members of the board may be reimbursed for necessary travel and actual expenses for attending meetings and while on board business.

<u>Proposed law</u> re-creates and continues the FAIR and Coastal Plans as of January 1, 2004, to be operated and managed by the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires all insurers authorized to write property insurance on a direct basis to participate in the Coastal and FAIR plans so long as the plans exist.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the corporation and its governing board and staff shall not be liable for any inspections made, statements made in reports, or communication concerning risk that are made in good faith in connection with the provision of <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the corporation from offering automobile insurance.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the powers and duties of the corporation including the power to:

- (1) Cause insurance policies to be issued.
- (2) Assume reinsurance from participants.
- (3) Purchase reinsurance on risks.
- (4) Borrow funds.
- (5) Sue or be sued.
- (6) Negotiate and become a party to contracts.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the corporation to:

- (1) Maintain separate accounts for the FAIR and Coastal plans.
- (2) Retain profits or excess revenues.
- (3) Develop a reinsurance plan.
- (4) Take actions to maintain a tax-free status.
- (5) Provides for the dissolution of the corporation upon the depopulation of the plans.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the plan of operation and any amendments are subject to approval by the rating commission. The plan of operation may include the assessment procedure, management of the corporation, procedures for assessment for the FAIR and Coastal plans, procedures for determining amounts of insurance for risks, and procedure for processing applicants.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the governing board and the Insurance Rating Commission from amending the plan of operation to expand the declaration of purpose of the lines of business.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires assessable insurance companies to participate in assessments of the Coastal Plan in proportion to the net direct premium of the participant written during the preceding calendar year as it bears to the total

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aggregate premiums written by all assessable insurers, as certified by the governing board of the corporation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the governing board adopt a credit schedule for essential property insurance voluntarily written in the coastal areas. Participation by assessable insurers may be reduced in accordance with the credit schedule.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires assessable insurance companies to participate in assessments of the FAIR Plan in proportion to the net direct premium of the participant written during the preceding calendar year as it bears to the total aggregate premiums written by all assessable insurers, as certified by governing board of the corporation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that governing board adopt a credit schedule for essential property insurance voluntarily written in the designated areas under the FAIR plan. Participation by assessable insurers may be reduced in accordance with the credit schedule.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for emergency assessments levied on assessable insurers. Provides for the remittance of the assessments. They are not considered to be premiums.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for procedures for recoupment by assessable insurers of regular assessments by applying a surcharge on all policies issued for subject lines of business.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that persons having an insurable interest in insurable property may apply to the corporation for coverage under the FAIR and Coastal plans. Any policy issued may have a term up to one year.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows an applicant who has been refused insurance by the corporation to appeal that decision to the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that rates for policies under the FAIR and Coastal plans are not intended to be competitive and the rates are set by the corporation, adjusted annually, and shall be actuarially justified. The rates must be at least 10% above the average rates charged by the insurer with the highest average rate.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that an additional amount equal to the premium tax is collected and retained by the corporation as the contribution by the state for the public purpose set out by <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires approval of rates by the Insurance Rating Commission prior to use.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that reports of inspections by the corporation are available to the insurers participating in the FAIR and Coastal plans and to the applicant.

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<u>Proposed law</u> requires annual and quarterly reports by the corporation to the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission. Requires the filing of annual and quarterly statements as required for authorized insurers.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the commissioner of insurance to examine the corporation and the FAIR and Coastal plans.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the corporation to assess insurers participating in the FAIR and Coastal plans to remedy any deficit in the plans. When the deficit is 10% or less, the deficit is to be recovered through the regular assessment.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that when the deficit is greater than 10%, the first 10% of the deficit is recoverable through regular assessments over two years. The excess deficit over 10% is to be recovered through an emergency assessment.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that emergency assessments to cover excess deficits may be over as many years as is necessary as determined by the corporation. It is to be collected by the assessable insured upon the issuance or renewal of their policies except National Flood Insurance policies.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the aggregate amount of the emergency assessment may not exceed the greater of 10% of the original deficit or 10% of the aggregate statewide direct premium.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that policies subject to emergency assessments are also subject to a market equalization charge which is a uniform percentage of premium. It is not considered to be a premium. The insurance company must notify the commission at least 30 days in advance of the commencement of the charge.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the corporation to file with the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission and the office of property and casualty an annual audited statement.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the commissioner of insurance to make examinations of the corporation and the plans. Provides that the corporation and the plans are subject to examination by the legislative auditor.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the corporation to pledge the assessments, insurance recoverables, surcharges, and other funds as a source of revenue to secure bonds and other indebtedness or lines of credit.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the purpose of the financing mechanisms is to provide additional resources for the corporation to cover claims and expenses attributable to a catastrophe.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the office of property and casualty to determine annually the aggregate statewide written premium and to report that to the corporation.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires bonds, other indebtedness, lines of credit, and other financing to be approved by the Louisiana State Bond Commission.

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<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits construing <u>proposed law</u> to use the full faith and credit of the state to secure the bonds. Requires offering documents to state it is not secured by the full faith and credit of the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the revenue received by the corporation is not considered to be taxes, fees, licenses, or charges by the legislature. and that any bonds issued by the corporation and the income therefrom is tax free.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate certain provisions of <u>present law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 22:1430-1430.17; Repeals R.S. 22:1406.1-1406.13 and 1431-1445)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Insurance</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

- 1. Deletes provision providing that <u>proposed law</u> is to be liberally construed.
- 2. Changes the definition of "subject lines of business".
- 3. Provides that members of the board may be reimbursed for necessary travel and actual expenses.
- 4. Requires the filing of annual audited statements.
- 5. Allows examination by the legislative auditor.
- 6. Requires bonds to be approved by the Louisiana State Bond Commission.
- 7. Prohibits construing the <u>proposed law</u> to use the full faith and credit of the state to secure the bonds.
- 8. Requires offering documents to state it is not secured by the full faith and credit of the state.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

- 1. Adds legislative intent to depopulate the residual market.
- 2. Prohibits political contributions.
- 3. Prohibits compensated employees from engaging in political activities.
- 4. Prohibits disclosure to voluntary insurers the plans' insureds or applicants.

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- 5. Prohibits the corporation from offering automobile insurance.
- 6. Provides for the dissolution of the corporation upon the depopulation of the plans.
- 7. Prohibits the governing board and the Insurance Rating Commission from amending the plan of operation to expand the declaration of purpose of the lines of business.
- 8. Requires approval of rates by the Insurance Rating Commission prior to use.
- 9. Requires the filing of annual and quarterly statements as required for authorized insurers.