

Existing law authorizes the commissioner of insurance and the executive director of the La. Workforce Commission (administrator) to register and regulate Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs). Defines such organizations as any person that offers professional employer services pursuant to a professional employer services agreement, defined as an agreement between a professional employer organization and a client pursuant to which the PEO assumes the status of employer with respect to a substantial part of a client's workforce and undertakes responsibilities specified in the agreement with respect to those employees covered by the agreement.

New law authorizes the commissioner and the executive director to accept the electronic filing of a PEO registration that is in conformance with the La. Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, including applications, documents, reports, and other filings required by existing law.

New law further authorizes the commissioner and the executive director to provide for the acceptance of electronic filings and other assurance documents by an independent and qualified assurance organization approved by the commissioner that provides satisfactory assurance of compliance with the applicable provisions of existing law. Allows the commissioner to permit a PEO to authorize such an approved assurance organization to act on the PEO's behalf in complying with the registration requirements of existing law, including the electronic filing of applications, documents, reports, registration fees, and other information. Specifies that use of such an approved assurance organization shall be optional.

New law provides that nothing in new law shall limit or change the authority of the commissioner to register or terminate the registration of a PEO or to investigate or enforce any provision of new law.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 22:1751 and R.S. 23:1769)