DIGEST

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Lorusso HB No. 1195

Abstract: Specifies that requiring a non-captive producer to limit the number of companies that such a producer represents or enforcing a non-competition agreement against such a producer are unfair trade practices in the business of insurance.

<u>Present law</u> provides that it is an unfair trade practice to require or offer any incentive to a producer who represents multiple companies to limit the information provided to consumers on limited benefit plans. Provides for a penalty of \$2,500 to \$5,000, payable to the producer.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but also makes it applicable to information provided to consumers on supplemental benefit plans. Further specifies that any attempt to enforce provisions in a sales agreement, a sales agent agreement, a non-solicitation agreement, or a non-competition agreement against such a producer which would result in limiting the information provided by the producer to consumers on limited benefit and supplemental benefit plans is an unfair trade practice in the business of insurance. Makes any such attempt subject to the penalty provided for in <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> provides that it is an unfair trade practice in the business of insurance to require or offer any incentive to a producer who represents multiple companies to limit the number of other insurers that such a producer may represent. Provides for a penalty of up to \$10,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and specifies that any attempt to enforce provisions in a sales agreement, a sales agent agreement, a non-solicitation agreement, or a non-competition agreement against such a producer is an unfair trade practice in the business of insurance. Makes any such attempt subject to the penalty provided for in <u>present law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 22:1964(24) and (25))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill.

1. Made technical corrections.