

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND ROBBY CARTER

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to the division of diversity and opportunity and the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:31(B) and 32(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.
3 22:31(A)(6), relative to the organization of the Department of Insurance; to provide
4 with respect to the division of diversity and opportunity and the Advisory Committee
5 on Equal Opportunity located in the division; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:31(B) and 32(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended
8 and enacted and R.S. 22:31(A)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §31. Division of diversity and opportunity

10 A. There is hereby created within the Department of Insurance a division of
11 diversity and opportunity which shall have the following functions and duties:

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13 (6) To develop programs to address the needs and concerns of minority and
14 women producers in the state. The programs may provide training for producers in
15 all areas of agency management and training and education for personnel.

16 B. The division of diversity and opportunity may conduct a survey of
17 insurance companies doing business in Louisiana and all entities authorized or
18 licensed pursuant to this Title in order to seek information and data relative to the
19 policies and practices of hiring of and contracting with minorities. The survey, data,
20 and responses thereto shall not be a public record as defined by the Public Records

1 Law and shall be exempt from disclosure, except such exemption shall not apply
2 with respect to the aggregated number of minorities hired and the positions for which
3 they were hired.

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5 §32. Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity

6 A.(1) There is hereby created within the Department of Insurance, in the
7 division of diversity and opportunity, the Advisory Committee on Equal
8 Opportunity. The committee shall be composed of twenty-five members. Twenty-
9 four members shall be appointed by the governor ~~and shall serve at his pleasure.~~ The
10 term of office of each such member shall be concurrent with that of the appointing
11 governor. The ~~deputy~~ assistant commissioner of diversity and opportunity shall serve
12 ex officio as the twenty-fifth member. Five members shall be appointed from a list
13 of nominees submitted by the Louisiana chapter of The National Association for the
14 Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, Inc.,
15 the Baton Rouge chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of
16 Colored People, the Monroe chapter of the National Association for the
17 Advancement of Colored People, and the Shreveport chapter of the National
18 Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Two members shall be
19 appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the deans of the business schools of
20 Dillard University, Xavier University, Southern University, and Grambling
21 University. Seventeen members shall be appointed from a list of nominees, one
22 nominee to be submitted by each of the following associations or groups:

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24 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
26 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
27 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
28 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the development of programs by the office of diversity and opportunity to address the needs and concerns of minority and women producers and for training for producers in all areas of agency management. Extends the division's survey to all licensed entities. Further provides for terms of members of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

Present law creates a division of diversity and opportunity within the Dept. of Insurance and provides for its powers and functions, including authorizing it to conduct a survey of insurance companies doing business in this state in order to seek information and data relative to the policies and practices of hiring of and contracting with minorities.

Proposed law provides that all entities authorized or licensed pursuant to the La. Insurance Code may be included in the survey. Additionally charges the division with developing programs to address the needs and concerns of minority and women producers in the state. Provides that the programs may provide training for producers in all areas of agency management and training and education for personnel.

Present law provides for 25-member Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity in the division of diversity and opportunity, 24 of whom are appointed by the governor and serve at his pleasure.

Proposed law provides that such 24 members shall serve terms concurrent with that of the appointing governor.

Present law incorrectly refers to the head of the division of diversity and opportunity as a deputy commissioner.

Proposed law corrects the reference to assistant commissioner of the division.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:31(B) and 32(A)(1)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 22:31(A)(6))