

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND ROBBY CARTER

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

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1 §32. Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____