



Louisiana Surplus Line Association 2017 Final Legislative Report

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INTRODUCTION

The 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adjourned Sine Die on June 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The 2017 Regular Session was a “fiscal session”. The focus of the session was taxation and budget items. Each legislator was able to prefile five bills of general jurisdiction and an unlimited number of fiscal bills. The Regular Session lasted 60 days. There were 949 bills filed in the 2017 Regular Legislative Session. There were 692 House Bills and 257 Senate Bills filed. This was a lighter than usual load for a Fiscal Regular Session.

THE LOUISIANA SURPLUS LINE ASSOCIATION AND THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

The Louisiana Surplus Line Association (LSLA) was very successful during the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. While LSLA did not have any affirmative legislation, our association was successful in amending and defeating legislation that would have had a harmful impact on our industry. The LSLA Tracked 13 bills during the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature on behalf of the industry.

LEGISLATION IMPACTING THE LOUISIANA SURPLUS LINE ASSOCIATION

HB 287 by Rep. Talbot provided for the return of unearned premium and notice of claim payments to the mortgagee. The legislation was heavily amended in the process. HB 287 finally passed the legislature on June 4, 2018 and became Act 299 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

HB 393 by Rep. Connick Provides for the elimination of contents coverage on residential properties following a declared disaster. The legislation passed the House but was never scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Insurance Committee. The legislation was heavily amended throughout the process. HB 393 finally passed the Legislature on June 2, 2017 and became Act 219 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

HB 408 by Rep. Huval provided for the return of unearned premium and notice of claim payments to the mortgagee. The legislation was heavily amended in the process. HB 287 finally passed the legislature on June 4, 2018 and became Act 299 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

LIST OF LSLA TRACKED BILLS

HB 226 by Rep. Vincent Pierre

Provides relative to administrative procedure hearings involving actions of the commissioner of insurance
3/29/17 Prefiled and provisionally referred to the Committee on Insurance

HB 241 by Rep. Chad Brown

Expands requirements within driver education and prelicensing training courses
6/22/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 334 (Effective date 8/1/17)

HB 283 by Rep. Alan Seabaugh

Provides relative to judicial review of administrative hearings involving actions of the commissioner of insurance
3/30/17 Prefiled and provisionally referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

HB 287 by Rep. Kirk Talbot

Provides for the return of unearned premium and notice of claim payments to the mortgagee.
6/16/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 299 (Effective date 8/1/17)

HB 289 by Rep. Polly Thomas

Requires risk-bearing entities to provide certain contact information to the commissioner of insurance
6/1/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 10 (Effective date 1/1/18)

HB 392 by Rep. Patrick Connick

Prohibits insurers from combining a higher classified public fire protection area with a lower classified public fire protection area for the purpose of determining insurance rates for both districts
6/3/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 61 (Effective date 8/1/17)

HB 393 by Rep. Patrick Connick

Provides for the elimination of contents coverage on residential properties following a declared disaster
6/3/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 219 (Effective date 1/1/18)

HB 400 by Rep. Ray Garofalo

Provides for certain form requirements imposed on financial institutions relative to the cancellation of mortgages
6/3/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 62 (Effective date 8/1/17)

HB 408 by Rep. Mike Huval

Provides for the change of insurance producer on record
6/3/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 64 (Effective date 8/1/17)

HB 511 by Rep. Vincent Pierre

Provides relative to the regulation and operation of autonomous vehicles
3/31/17 Prefiled and provisionally referred to the Committee on Transportation

HB 675 by Rep. Paula Davis

Requires contractors to provide certain license, classification, and insurance information
6/14/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 231 (Effective date 8/1/17)

SB 45 by Sen. Gary Smith

Provides relative to the definition of ocean marine insurance
6/12/17 Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act 183 (Effective date 8/1/17)

SB 214 by Sen. Gary Smith

Provides relative to the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Policy Take-Out Program
3/31/17 Prefiled and provisionally referred to the Committee on Insurance

SUMMARY

The 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature will begin on Monday, March 12, 2018 at noon. The 2018 Regular Session is a general jurisdiction session. Legislators will be able to pre-file an unlimited number of bills but will not be able to file fiscal bills (tax/revenue generating as defined by the Louisiana Constitution). It is highly likely that there will be at least one Special Session in 2018 to address the State's impending budget "cliff". Expect fireworks in early 2018 over the budget and increases in revenue.

We want to thank all of you who participated in the process by contacting legislators and providing guidance and direction to the lobbying effort.