

LOUISIANA PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY – 14 NOVEMBER 2019 at 10:00AM

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE | PLAZA HEARING ROOM | POYDRAS BUILDING

Present were the following:

MEMBERS: Lou Fey [Chairman], Jeff Albright [Vice Chairman], Ray Aleman, Jr., Marc Carter Will Grubbs, Michael Guy, Joe O'Connor, Rep. Kirk Talbot, Noryn Ward, Chris Haik, Jamie Bourg for Paul Buffone, Pat Bell for Ron Henderson, Jessica Bedwell for Lisa Freeman

LDI STAFF: Tom Travis, Warren Byrd, Michelle Johnson, Nick Lorusso

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

The Director called the roll and reported the presence of a quorum.

The Commission discussed the following bills from the 2019 Legislative Session.

Act 232 - Authorizes commercial motor vehicles to operate without a conventional driver physically present if the vehicle meets certain criteria including vehicle liability coverage no less than \$2 million. Effective 01 August 2019

HB 229 – Modifies provisions applicable to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. *Reconsideration in 2020.*

HB 361 – Changes percentage of the avails of the surplus line insurance tax deposited into the state general fund, and the percentage avails of the tax deposited into the Fire Marshal Fund.

HB 372 – Increases the general one-year prescriptive period for delictual actions to a two-year prescriptive period, reduces the threshold for a jury trial to \$5,000, provides for reduced damages for amounts paid or payable from collateral sources, and repeals the right of direct action against an insurer.

SB 154 – Redesignates cross-references regarding weight and special permits, changes prescriptive period, and provides evidence of liability and damage admissible as authorized in the Louisiana Code of Evidence.

HB 571 – Allows reimbursement of reasonable cost to healthcare providers who purchase plastic and metallic implants or non-autogenous grafts.

ACT 122 – Added post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of injuries compensable for injured public employees.

ACT 286 – Established requirements for transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft.

ACT 397 – Extends current requirements that all persons who actively engage in soliciting, negotiating, or effecting contracts of insurance or renewals are to register with the LDI.

Discussion of potential topics for the 2020 legislative session:

- Distracted driving
- Tort reform
- Collateral sourcing
- Summary judgements and enhanced enforcement
- No pay/no play

There being no objection, Chairman Fey adjourned the meeting at 11:41AM