Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 @ 10:00AM

Department of Insurance – Plaza Hearing Room

Final Agenda

I. Call to Order
   Lou Fey, Chair

II. Roll Call
   Tom Travis, Director

III. Discussions and Presentations
   Lou Fey, Chair

   A. Review of Legislative Recommendations for 2014 Regular Session
      1. Re-examine driver’s license reinstatement based on Article 894 pleading
      2. Lower the jury trial threshold from $50,000 to $10,000
      3. Bar “pain and suffering” for uninsured motorists
      4. Prohibit or regulate litigation funding by third party vendors/lenders
      5. Restrict accrual of pre-judgment judicial interest except when required by contract
      6. Repeal the direct action statute except in cases where the defendant cannot be served
      7. Amend Louisiana’s UM statute to clarify that UM/UIM claims are to be settled just like BI claims
      8. Amend Louisiana’s statute to expand the prohibition on the use of hand held cell phones for all drivers
      9. Reinstate the UM statute as a “first party coverage”

   B. Review of Legislative Recommendations for 2015 Regular Session
      1. Allow sunset of the exemption of the 10% surcharge to the Citizen’ policyholders in the designated coastal parishes
      2. Ban the manual use of all electronic devices not permanently installed in a vehicle by the operator of the vehicle, while the vehicle is in motion
      3. Increase seat belt fines
      4. Provide legislation for the regulation of transportation network companies in regards to appropriate liability insurance coverage
      5. Support any effort to lower the civil jury trial threshold
C. Discussion of Factors Affecting Availability & Affordability of Automobile Rates

D. Discussion of Factors Affecting Availability & Affordability of Homeowners’ Rates

E. Discussion of Factors Affecting Availability & Affordability of Workers’ Compensation Rates
   1. Presentation on opioid issues – Sheral Kellar, Director, OWC

F. Discussion of Potential Matters for Recommendation for 2016 Regular Session
   1. Address the abuse of opioids in Louisiana
   2. Maintain or strengthen statewide building codes
   3. Establish mediation program for residential property claims
   4. Driver’s license reinstatement based on Article 894
   5. Support efforts to lower the current civil jury threshold
   6. Bar “pain and suffering” for uninsured motorist
   7. Prohibit or regulate litigation funding by third parties
   8. Repeal the direct action statute except in cases where defendant can’t be served
   9. Reinstate the UM statute as a first party coverage
  10. Amend Louisiana’s UM statute to clarify that UM/UIM claims are to be settled like bodily injury claims
  11. Address the myriad of issues caused by distracted driving
  12. Ban the manual use of all electronic devices not permanently installed in a vehicle by the owner/operator of the vehicle, while the vehicle is in motion, and amend Louisiana’s statute to expand prohibition on the use of hand held cell phones for all drivers
  13. Increase fines/penalties for seat belt violation, including making a seat belt violation a primary cause for a traffic stop and issuance of a citation

G. Discussion of Potential Matters for Study by the LPCIC
   1. Monitor transportation network company issues
   2. Monitor cybersecurity insurance issues
   3. Monitor driverless vehicle issues
   4. Monitor opioid use issues
   5. Monitor distracted driving issues
   6. Other matters for study

H. Discussion of Any Other Matters to be Considered by the LPCIC

IV. Public Comments

V. Date for Next Meeting

VI. Adjournment