

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 35**

**2018 Regular Session**

**John Smith**

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. Provides for the commissioner's discretion to levy fines for violation of directives based on consumer complaints. (8/1/18)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Removes language under which an aggrieved party may apply for, and is entitled to a hearing regarding the imposition of a fine.
2. Reinstates requirement that the aggrieved party is entitled to a hearing upon receipt of notice that a fine is imposed.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

DIGEST

SB 35 Engrossed

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Present law requires that any person subject to the regulatory authority of the Dept. of Insurance who fails to comply with any directive issued by the commissioner in connection with a consumer complaint be fined an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for each occurrence.

Proposed law changes the regulatory authority of the Department of Insurance to the commissioner of insurance and provides that the fine is imposed at the discretion of the commissioner.

Proposed law retains present law requirement that a person be given ten days notice that a fine will be levied.

Present law provides that upon receipt of this notice, the aggrieved party may apply for and is entitled to a hearing as provided in the Louisiana Insurance Code.

Proposed law removes the requirement that a person aggrieved has to apply for a hearing.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 22:1995)

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