**ACT No. 247** 

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 370

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## BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

| 2  | To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3891(8) and (9) and to enact R.S. 9:3891(14), relative to   |
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| 3  | agency relations in real estate transactions; to provide for a change in the definition |
| 4  | of "designated agency" and "designated agent"; to provide for a definition of           |
| 5  | "substantive contact"; and to provide for related matters.                              |
| 6  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  |
| 7  | Section 1. R.S. 9:3891(8) and (9) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.             |
| 8  | 9:3891(14) is hereby enacted to read as follows:  |
| 9  | §3891. Definitions  |
| 10 | * * *   |
| 11 | (8) "Designated agency" means a contractual relationship between a broker               |
| 12 | and a client under which one or more licensees affiliated with the broker are           |
| 13 | designated as agents of the client the agency relationship that shall be presumed to    |
| 14 | exist when a licensee engaged in any real estate transaction, except as otherwise       |
| 15 | provided in this Chapter, is working with a client, unless there is a written agreement |
| 16 | providing for a different relationship.   |
| 17 | (9) "Designated agent" means a licensee named by a broker as who is the                 |
| 18 | agent of a client.  |
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| 20 | (14) "Substantive contact" means that point in any conversation where                   |
| 21 | confidential information is solicited or received. This includes any specific financial |
| 22 | qualifications of the consumer or the motives or objectives in which the consumer       |
| 23 | may divulge any confidential, personal, or financial information, which, if disclosed   |

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| 1 | to the other party to the transaction, could harm the party's bargaining position. This |
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| 2 | includes any electronic contact, electronic mail, or any other form of electronic       |
| 3 | transmission.   |
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