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To: Insurance

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2017

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION INSURANCE  
3 AGENTS WHO ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAVE HELD AN AGENT  
4 LICENSE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 83-17-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 83-17-251. (1) Every individual seeking to be licensed as a  
9 life, health and accident insurance agent in the State of  
10 Mississippi, as a condition of issuance of an original license,  
11 must furnish the Commissioner of Insurance certification on a form  
12 prescribed by the commissioner that he or she has completed an  
13 approved prelicensing course of study for the line of insurance  
14 requested.

15 (2) The prelicensing course of study hours shall consist of  
16 no less than twenty-four (24) classroom hours for life and/or  
17 health/accident insurance or property and casualty insurance.  
18 Twelve (12) classroom hours are required on life only; and twelve  
19 (12) classroom hours are required for health/accident only.

20 (3) Every individual seeking annual renewal of life, health  
21 and accident licenses, or annual renewal of property and casualty  
22 licenses, shall complete satisfactorily twelve (12) hours of study  
23 in approved courses in his primary line of insurance during each  
24 twelve-month period except the initially licensed year. The  
25 individual may take an additional twelve (12) hours in his  
26 secondary line of insurance.

27           (4) The continuing educational requirements of this section  
28 shall not apply to:

29           (a) Any individual that is exempt from taking the  
30 written examination as provided in Section 83-17-109(1)(b), (c)  
31 and (e);

32           (b) Any individual that is licensed with a license  
33 limited to industrial life, industrial health and accident, small  
34 loan property, industrial fire and full-coverage auto;

35           (c) A person not a resident of this state who meets the  
36 continuing educational requirement in the state in which such  
37 person resides and Mississippi has a reciprocal agreement with  
38 that state; \* \* \*

39           (d) Inactive licensees as defined in Sections 83-17-101  
40 and 83-17-203; or

41           (e) Any licensee who is sixty-five (65) years of age or  
42 older and has held an agent's license in this state for at least  
43 five (5) years.

44           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
45 and after its passage.