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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 981

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE  
3 PRODUCERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 83-17-251. (1) Every individual seeking to be licensed as a  
8 life, health and accident insurance producer in the State of  
9 Mississippi, as a condition of issuance of an original license,  
10 must furnish the Commissioner of Insurance certification on a form  
11 prescribed by the commissioner that he or she has completed an  
12 approved prelicensing course of study for the line of insurance  
13 requested.

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

19 (3) Every individual seeking annual renewal of life, health  
20 and accident licenses, or annual renewal of property and casualty  
21 licenses, shall complete satisfactorily twelve (12) hours of study  
22 in approved courses in his \* \* \* line of insurance during each  
23 twelve-month period except the initially licensed year. If an  
24 individual has both a life, health and accident license and a  
25 property and casualty license, he shall complete six (6) hours of  
26 approved courses in each line. All property and casualty courses  
27 shall include two (2) hours of flood insurance study.

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

30           (a) Any individual that is exempt from taking the  
31 written examination as provided in Section 83-17-39(1)(b), (c) and  
32 (e) \* \* \*;

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

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

40           (d) Inactive agents as defined in Section 83-17-1.

41           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 2006.