

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2135

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'S
4 LICENSE FOR AT LEAST TEN 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 producer 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 83-17-39(1)(b), (c) and
31 (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 requirements in the state in which such
37 person resides and Mississippi has a reciprocal agreement with
38 that state; * * *

39 (d) Inactive agents as defined in Section 83-17-1; or

40 (e) Any licensee who is sixty-five (65) years of age or
41 older and has held an agent's license in this state for at least
42 ten (10) years.

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