

By: Representative Chism

To: Insurance

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 957

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 83-17-407 AND 83-17-417, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE WITH A  
3 LICENSURE WAIVER AND EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ADJUSTER LICENSE  
4 APPLICANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-17-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 83-17-407. The commissioner may waive any license  
9 requirement for an applicant with a valid license from another  
10 state having license requirements substantially equivalent to  
11 those of this state, or an applicant with a certification from a  
12 person or entity approved by the commissioner that provides  
13 adjuster education and training and has met the standards as set  
14 forth by the commissioner regarding pre-licensing coursework and  
15 examination. No applicant with a valid license from another state  
16 shall be rejected solely on the basis that the individual is not a  
17 resident of the United States of America.

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 83-17-417, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
19 amended as follows:



20 83-17-417. (1) Each applicant for a license as an adjuster,  
21 before the issuance of such license, shall personally take and  
22 pass, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, an examination as a  
23 test of his qualifications and competency; but the requirement of  
24 an examination shall not apply to any of the following:

25 (a) An applicant who for the one-year period next  
26 preceding July 1, 1993, has been principally engaged in the  
27 investigation, adjustment or supervision of losses and who is so  
28 engaged on July 1, 1993;

29 (b) An applicant for the renewal of a license issued  
30 hereunder;

31 (c) An applicant who is licensed as an insurance  
32 adjuster, as defined by this article, in another state with which  
33 state a reciprocal agreement has been entered into by the  
34 commissioner; \* \* \*

35 (d) Any person who possesses a certification from a  
36 person or entity approved by the commissioner that provides  
37 adjuster education and training and that requires, as a  
38 prerequisite to certification, an examination substantially  
39 equivalent to those of this state and approved by the  
40 commissioner; or

41 ( \* \* \*e) Any person who has completed a course or  
42 training program in adjusting of losses as prescribed and approved  
43 by the commissioner and is certified to the commissioner upon  
44 completion of the course that such person has completed the course



45 or training program, and has passed an examination testing his  
46 knowledge and qualification, as prescribed by the commissioner.

47 (2) Each examination for a license as an adjuster shall be  
48 as the commissioner may prescribe and shall be of sufficient scope  
49 reasonably to test the applicant's knowledge relative to the kinds  
50 of insurance which may be dealt with under the license applied for  
51 and the duties, responsibilities and laws of this state applicable  
52 to such a licensee.

53 (3) The commissioner shall prepare and make available to  
54 applicants a manual or instructions specifying in general terms  
55 the subjects which may be covered in any examination for such a  
56 license.

57 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
58 and after July 1, 2017.

