

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.

