

By: Representative Chism

To: Insurance

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 nationally recognized insurance claims association with at least  
13 ten thousand (10,000) members providing extensive adjuster  
14 educational and training services and determined by the  
15 commissioner to require pre-licensing coursework, examination and  
16 continuing education requirements substantially equivalent to  
17 those of this state. No applicant with a valid license from  
18 another state shall be rejected solely on the basis that the  
19 individual is not a resident of the United States of America.



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

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

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

31           (b) An applicant for the renewal of a license issued  
32 hereunder;

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

37           (d) Any person who possesses a certification from a  
38 nationally recognized insurance claims association with at least  
39 ten thousand (10,000) members providing extensive adjuster  
40 educational and training services determined by the commissioner  
41 to require, as a prerequisite to certification, an examination  
42 substantially equivalent to those of this state; or

43           ( \* \* \*e) Any person who has completed a course or  
44 training program in adjusting of losses as prescribed and approved



45 by the commissioner and is certified to the commissioner upon  
46 completion of the course that such person has completed the course  
47 or training program, and has passed an examination testing his  
48 knowledge and qualification, as prescribed by the commissioner.

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

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

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

