

By: Senator(s) Parks

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2723

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-407, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO WAIVE ANY
3 REQUIREMENT FOR AN INSURANCE ADJUSTER LICENSE FOR AN APPLICANT
4 WITH A CERTIFICATION FROM A CERTAIN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
5 INSURANCE CLAIMS ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-417,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE EXEMPTIONS FROM
7 EXAMINATION REQUIRED FOR AN ADJUSTER LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

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

12 83-17-407. The commissioner may waive any license
13 requirement for an applicant with a valid license from another
14 state having license requirements substantially equivalent to
15 those of this state, or an applicant with a certification from a
16 nationally recognized insurance claims association with at least
17 ten thousand (10,000) members providing extensive adjuster
18 educational and training services and determined by the
19 commissioner to require prelicensing coursework, examination and
20 continuing education requirements substantially equivalent to
21 those of this state. No applicant with a valid license from



22 another state shall be rejected solely on the basis that the
23 individual is not a resident of the United States of America.

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

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

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

35 (b) An applicant for the renewal of a license issued
36 hereunder;

37 (c) An applicant who is licensed as an insurance
38 adjuster, as defined by this article, in another state with which
39 state a reciprocal agreement has been entered into by the
40 commissioner; * * *

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



47 (d) Any person who has completed a course or training
48 program in adjusting of losses as prescribed and approved by the
49 commissioner and is certified to the commissioner upon completion
50 of the course that such person has completed the course or
51 training program, and has passed an examination testing his
52 knowledge and qualification, as prescribed by the commissioner.

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

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

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

