AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:456, 1547(F) and (I)(introductory paragraph), 1551(C)(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 1564(B)(2), 1573(C), (E), and (G), 1575(A)(1), and 1808.4(A)(2), relative to insurance producers and consultants; to provide for appointments of producers; to provide for technical corrections relative to exemptions from examinations, licensing, and continuing education of producers and consultants; to modify terminology relative to accident and health insurance; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.  R.S. 22:456, 1547(F) and (I)(introductory paragraph), 1551(C)(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 1564(B)(2), 1573(C), (E), and (G), 1575(A)(1), and 1808.4(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§456. Producers; appointment

A. Any self-insurer who has been issued a certificate of authority under
pursuant to this Subpart may contract with and appoint as its representatives in this
state, as its producer or producers, any person or persons licensed as a life and health
producer under producer for the line of accident and health or sickness pursuant to
Chapter 5 of this Title, R.S. 22:1541 et seq. No solicitation of insurance shall be
made by any producer prior to notification of such self-insurer that its appointment
has been recorded by the commissioner of insurancen. If the commissioner has not
notified the self-insurer of his disapproval of a particular producer within thirty days
after receipt of the self-insurer's appointment of such producer, the producer
thereafter may commence solicitation of insurance.

B. On or before the first day of March of each year, each self-insurer shall
submit to the commissioner of insurance by certified mail an alphabetical list of the
licensed producers which it wishes to appoint, together with a fee of ten dollars for
each such appointment. Any appointment shall remain in full force and effect until
the thirtieth day of April following the date of recordation by the commissioner of
insurance, unless the license of the appointed producer is revoked by the
commissioner or until cancelled by the self-insurer upon written notice to the
producer and the commissioner. To appoint a producer as its agent, the self-insurer
shall file, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, a notice of appointment
within fifteen days from the date the agency contract is executed. Each notice of
appointment shall include the fee in the amount set forth in R.S. 22:821.

C. Any self-insurer who violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined
the sum of ten dollars for each producer's appointment received after the first day of
March of each year. If any producer is operating or intends to operate its business
affairs as a partnership, corporation, or other business entity, the appointments in this
Section may be issued by a self-insurer in the name of the partnership, corporation,
or other business entity if all persons in the partnership, corporation, or other
business entity actively engaged in soliciting, negotiating, or effecting contracts of
insurance or renewals thereof also hold an active producer license issued in
accordance with the provisions of R.S. 22:1541 et seq. and are registered pursuant
to R.S. 22:1546(B).

D. An appointment as provided for in this Section remains effective until the
following date of renewal, unless the license of the named appointed producer is
revoked by the commissioner as provided for in R.S. 22:1541 et seq., or until
canceled by the self-insurer upon written notice to the producer with a copy thereof
filed with the commissioner.

E. Appointments for individual producers expire on January first of each year
and a self-insurer shall submit to the commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the
commissioner, a list of appointed individual producers which it intends to reappoint no later than the expiration date of January first and the fee in the amount set forth in R.S. 22:821.

F. Appointments for a business entity expire on August first of each year and a self-insurer shall submit to the commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, a list of appointed business entity producers which it intends to reappoint no later than the expiration date of August first and the fee in the amount set forth in R.S. 22:821.

G.(1) Any self Insurer which issues or delivers a policy or contract of insurance pursuant to the application or request of a producer who is not appointed to represent the self-insurer as a producer shall be deemed to have authorized such producer to act on the self-insurer's behalf. The payment to such a producer shall be payment to the self-insurer with all resultant obligations and duties.

(2) This Subsection establishes an agency relationship only for the matter of premiums collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

§1547. License

F. The license shall state the name and mailing business address of the licensee, date of issuance, the renewal or expiration date, the line or lines of insurance covered by the license, and such other information as the commissioner of insurance deems necessary.

I. Any licensed property and casualty or health and accident and health or sickness insurance producer maintaining an office at a designated location in this state and having at least two years experience in the insurance business with an insurer or as an insurance producer may be licensed as a surplus lines broker as follows:
§1551. Exemption from examination

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C. The following resident applicants shall be exempt from the requirement of an examination:

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(3) Any applicant who shall be licensed for a license to act only as a producer with respect to life, health, and accident and health or sickness insurance on borrowers or debtors or with respect to property and casualty insurance on collateral and involuntary unemployment, commonly known as credit insurance.

(4) Any applicant who shall be licensed for a license to act only as a producer with respect to travel insurance.

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§1564. Producers of record

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(2) Except as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection upon the specific, written instruction of the owner of the policy or the first-named insured, no insurer or producer shall cancel and rewrite any such contracts contract during the term of such contract or until the renewal date of the contract, whichever occurs first, which would change the producer of record.

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§1573. Continuing education requirements

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C. Life insurance producers and consultants and health accident and health or sickness insurance producers and consultants shall complete twenty-four hours of approved instruction or verifiable approved self-study prior to each renewal of license, with at least three hours dedicated to the subject of ethics. A person who holds a combination of life or health accident and health or sickness insurance producer licenses and life or health accident and health or sickness consultant
licenses shall complete a total of twenty-four hours of approved instruction or
verifiable approved self-study, with at least three hours dedicated to the subject of
ethics.

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E. For producers authorized to write life, health and or accident and health
or sickness insurance and also authorized to write property, casualty, or property and
casualty or personal lines insurance business, and consultants authorized to consult
on life, health and or accident and health or sickness insurance and also authorized
to consult on property, casualty, or property and casualty or personal lines insurance
business, the continuing education requirement for renewal of license shall be is
twenty-four hours of approved instruction or verifiable approved self-study with at
least three hours of approved instruction or verifiable approved self-study dedicated
to the subject of ethics and three hours dedicated to the subject of flood insurance.
Persons who hold a combination of life, health and accident and health or sickness,
property, casualty, or property and casualty insurance producer licenses and life,
health and accident and health or sickness, property, casualty, or property and
casualty consultant licenses shall complete a total of twenty-four hours of approved
instruction or verifiable approved self-study, with at least three hours dedicated to
the subject of ethics and three hours dedicated to the subject of flood insurance.

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G. Producers and consultants licensed for life, health and accident and health
or sickness, property, casualty or personal lines may carry over no more than ten
excess hours of approved insurance instruction accumulated during one renewal
period to be applied to the continuing education requirement for the next renewal
period.

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§1575. Producer training requirements to sell long-term care insurance

A.(1) An individual shall not sell, solicit or negotiate long-term care
insurance unless the individual is licensed as an insurance producer for health and
accident or life or accident and health or sickness and has completed a one-time

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training course. The training shall meet the requirements set forth in Subsection B of this Section.

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§1808.4. License

A. Unless denied licensure pursuant to R.S. 22:1808.8, persons who have met the requirements of this Part shall be issued an insurance consultant license. An insurance consultant may receive qualification for a license in one or more of the following lines of authority:

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(2) Health and accident. Accident and health or sickness, which provides insurance coverage for sickness, bodily injury, or accidental death, and may include benefits for disability income.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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