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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to continuing education for insurance claims adjusters.

Present law provides that claims adjusters shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education courses, including ethics, reported on a biennial basis in conjunction with the license renewal cycle, unless exempt pursuant to present and proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that the adjusters in present law are claims adjusters.

Proposed law provides that claims adjusters may carry over no more than 10 excess hours of continuing education credit into the next renewal period.

Proposed law provides that a person teaching an approved continuing education program shall qualify for the same number of hours of credits as would be granted to a person taking and successfully completing the program.

Proposed law exempts claims adjusters from the continuing education requirement who are 65 years of age or older who have at least 15 years of experience as a licensed claims adjuster when either of the following applies:

- (1) The claims adjuster is no longer actively engaged in the insurance business as a claims adjuster and is receiving social security benefits.
- (2) The claims adjuster is actively engaged in the insurance business as a claims adjuster and directly or indirectly represents a licensed Louisiana insurer.

Proposed law provides that every applicant for the exemption provided in proposed law shall attest to his eligibility on forms provided by the commissioner.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner may grant continuing education credits to any of the following:

- (1) A licensed claims adjuster who participates in a qualified graduate level national designation program, passes the test required of such program, and earns a certificate of completion.
- (2) A licensed claims adjuster who is a member of, and actively participates in, a state or

national insurance association. The continuing education credit for such shall not exceed four hours.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner shall grant 24 hours of continuing education credits to a licensed claims adjuster who is a member of the legislature while that person is serving a term in the legislature.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

(Amends R.S. 22:1673)