

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE CLAIMS-ADJUSTR: Provides relative to continuing education for insurance claims adjusters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1673, relative to continuing education for insurance claims
3 adjusters; to provide for carryover credits; to provide for instructor credits; to
4 provide for exemptions from the continuing education requirements; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1673 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1673. Continuing education

9 A. An individual who holds ~~an~~ a claims adjuster license and who is not
10 exempt under ~~Subsection B~~ Subsection D or G of this Section shall satisfactorily
11 complete a minimum of twenty-four hours of continuing education courses,
12 including ethics, reported on a biennial basis in conjunction with the license renewal
13 cycle.

14 B. Claims adjusters may carry over no more than ten excess hours of
15 approved insurance instruction accumulated during one renewal period to be applied
16 to the continuing education requirement for the next renewal period.

17 C. A person teaching an approved continuing education program shall
18 qualify for the same number of hours of approved instruction as would be granted
19 to a person taking and successfully completing the program.

1 D.(1) The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not apply to any
2 person sixty-five years of age or older who has at least fifteen years of experience
3 as a licensed claims adjuster and who is either:

4 (a) No longer actively engaged in the insurance business as a claims adjuster
5 and who is receiving social security benefits, if eligible.

6 (b) Actively engaged in the insurance business as a claims adjuster and who
7 directly or indirectly represents a licensed Louisiana insurer.

8 (2) Every applicant for the exemption provided in this Subsection shall attest
9 to his eligibility on forms to be provided by the commissioner.

10 E. The commissioner may grant continuing education credits to any of the
11 following:

12 (1) A licensed claims adjuster who participates in a qualified graduate level
13 national designation program, passes the test required of such program, and earns a
14 certificate of completion.

15 (2) A licensed claims adjuster who is a member of, and actively participates
16 in, a state or national insurance association. The continuing education credit shall not
17 exceed four hours.

18 F. The commissioner shall grant twenty-four hours of continuing education
19 credits to a licensed claims adjuster who is a member of the legislature while that
20 person is serving a term in the legislature.

21 G. This Section shall not apply to either of the following:

22 (1) An individual renewing ~~an~~ a claims adjuster license for the first time after
23 initial issuance.

24 (2) Licensees holding nonresident claims adjuster licenses who have met the
25 continuing education requirements of their home states and whose home states give
26 credit to residents of this state on the same basis.

27 ~~E.H.~~ Only continuing education courses approved by the commissioner shall
28 satisfy the continuing education requirement of Subsection A of this Section.

DIGEST

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HB 281 Engrossed

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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)