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## DIGEST

Martiny (SB 266)

Present law provides for the registration of investment adviser representatives.

<u>Present law</u> provides that no applicant shall be registered as an investment adviser representative, nor shall any such registration be renewed unless such investment adviser representative has passed a written examination.

Present law exempts certain individuals from the examination requirement as follows:

- (1) An individual holding one or more certifications that the commissioner may designate by rule.
- (2) An individual who is employed by an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the present law exemption for individuals who are employed by an investment adviser registered with the SEC.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that beginning on August 31, 2016, and thereafter, investment adviser representatives registered or required to be registered under <u>present law</u> and who are employed by a federal covered adviser shall be required to satisfy the examination requirement or certification requirement.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 51:703(D)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer</u> <u>Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill</u>

- 1. Changes the date for compliance of the examination requirement or certification requirement <u>from</u> January 1, 2016, <u>to</u> August 31, 2016.
- 2. Specifies that the requirements apply to investment adviser representatives

registered or required to be registered under law and who are employed by a federal covered adviser.