INSURERS/AGENTS: Provides relative to certain exemptions from the continuing education requirements for producers

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1573(I)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (I)(1)(b), relative to continuing education requirements for producers; to revise the age requirement for exemption; to clarify that a producer may qualify for the exemption when representing or operating through a licensed Louisiana insurance agency; and to provide for related matters.
3 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
4 Section 1. R.S. 22:1573(I)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (I)(1)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
5 §1573. Continuing education requirements
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7 I.(1) The provisions of this Section, imposing continuing education requirements for renewal of a license, shall not apply to any person sixty-five years of age or older on January 1, 2012, who has at least fifteen years of experience as a licensed producer and who either:
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9 (b) Is actively engaged in the insurance business as a producer and who represents or operates through a licensed Louisiana insurer or insurance agency.
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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes requirement that an insurance producer must be 65 years or older on January 1, 2012, to qualify for exemption from continuing education requirements. Further allows a producer who otherwise qualifies for the exemption to operate through a licensed La. insurance agency, in addition to representing or operating through a licensed La. insurer.

Present law provides an exemption from continuing education requirements for licensed insurance producers who are 65 years or older on January 1, 2012, and who have at least 15 years of experience as a licensed producer and meet certain other requirements.

Proposed law retains present law but deletes the January 1, 2012, deadline for being 65 to qualify for the exemption.

Present law provides that a producer may qualify for the age 65 exemption if he is actively engaged in the insurance business as a producer and represents or operates through a licensed insurance insurer.

Proposed law retains present law but adds that the producer may also operate through a licensed La. insurance agency.

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

(Amends R.S. 22:1573(I)(1)(intro. para.) and (I)(1)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add effective date upon signature of the governor.

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