

## HOUSE BILL NO. 721

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1573(I)(1) and (3), (J), (K), (L), and (M), relative to insurance producer continuing education requirements; provides that the commissioner shall grant twenty-four continuing education credits to a licensed producer who is a member of the legislature during the member's term; provides that a licensed producer who actively participates in a state or national insurance association may receive up to four continuing education credits; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1573(I)(1) and (3), (J), (K), (L), and (M) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### §1573. Continuing education requirements

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I.(1)(a) 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:

(i)(a) Is no longer actively engaged in the insurance business as a producer and who is receiving social security benefits, if eligible.

(ii)(b) Is actively engaged in the insurance business as a producer and who represents or operates through a licensed Louisiana insurer.

~~(b) The provisions of this Section, imposing continuing education requirements for renewal of a license, shall not apply to any person who is a member of the legislature while that person is serving a term in the legislature.~~

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(3) The provisions of ~~Item~~Subparagraph (1)(a)(~~i~~) of this Subsection shall ~~only apply only to an individual~~ only apply only to a person who retires on or after January 1, 1994.

J. The ~~department~~ commissioner may grant continuing education credits to an individual for participating any of the following:

(1) A licensed producer who participates in a qualified graduate-level national designation program, ~~only if the individual~~ passes the test required of such program, and earns a certificate of completion. Qualified graduate-level national designation programs include programs in which ~~an individual~~ a person may be designated as a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), and other such national professional designations.

~~K. (2) The department may grant four continuing education credits, as determined by the commissioner, to a A licensed producer who is a member of, and actively participates in, a state or national insurance association. The continuing education credits shall not exceed four hours.~~

K. The commissioner shall grant twenty-four continuing education credits to a licensed producer who is a member of the legislature while that person is serving a term in the legislature.

L. Beginning with license renewals effective in 2015, title insurance producers licensed pursuant to Subpart R of Part 1 of Chapter 2 of this Title, R.S. 22:511 et seq., shall complete twelve hours of approved instruction or verifiable approved self-study prior to the renewal of the license with at least two hours dedicated to matters related to state and federal consumer finance protection laws.

1                   M. Any property and casualty insurance producer, upon receiving his initial  
2                   license, shall complete three hours of approved instruction dedicated to flood  
3                   insurance on his first license renewal when continuing education is required.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_