

Senate Bill No. 2190

An act relating to continuing education for public adjusters; amending s. 626.869, F.S.; requiring continuing education for public adjusters; providing requirements; requiring the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 626.869, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

626.869 License, adjusters.—

(5)(a) Any person holding a license for 24 consecutive months or longer and who engages in adjusting workers' compensation insurance must, beginning in their birth month and every 2 years thereafter, have completed 24 hours of courses, 2 hours of which relate to ethics, in subjects designed to inform the licensee regarding the current workers' compensation laws of this state, so as to enable him or her to engage in business as a workers' compensation insurance adjuster fairly and without injury to the public and to adjust all claims in accordance with the policy or contract and the workers' compensation laws of this state.

(b) Any individual holding a license as a public adjuster for 24 consecutive months or longer, beginning in their birth month and every 2 years thereafter, must have completed 24 hours of courses, 2 hours of which relate to ethics, in subjects designed to inform the licensee regarding the current laws of this state pertaining to all lines of insurance other than life and annuities, so as to enable him or her to engage in business as an adjuster fairly and without injury to the public and to adjust all claims in accordance with the policy or contract and laws of this state.

(c) In order to qualify as an eligible course under this subsection, the course must:

1.(a) Have a course outline approved by the department.

2.(b) Be taught at a school training facility or other location approved by the department.

3.(c) Be taught by instructors with at least 5 years of experience in the area of workers' compensation, general lines of insurance, or other persons approved by the department. However, a member of The Florida Bar is exempt from the 5 years' experience requirement.

4.(d) Furnish the attendee a certificate of completion. The course provider shall send a roster to the department in a format prescribed by the department.

(d) The Financial Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement and administer the continuing education requirements of this subsection.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 4, 2003.

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