

By Representative Bitner

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to insurance; amending s.  
3           626.072, F.S.; authorizing general lines agents  
4           and general lines agencies to appoint temporary  
5           representatives to assist in transacting the  
6           business of insurance or private passenger  
7           motor vehicle insurance; providing conditions  
8           of appointment; providing a limitation;  
9           providing responsibilities of agents and  
10          agencies that make such appointments; providing  
11          responsibility; providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Section 626.072, Florida Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17           626.072 "Customer representative," "limited customer  
18 representative," "temporary representative"~~"Customer~~  
19 ~~representative" and "limited customer representative"~~  
20 defined.--For the purposes of this code:

21           (1) A "customer representative" is an individual  
22 appointed by a general lines agent or general lines agency to  
23 assist the agent or agency in transacting the business of  
24 insurance from the office of the agent or agency.

25           (2) A "limited customer representative" is a customer  
26 representative appointed by a general lines agent or general  
27 lines agency to assist the agent or agency in transacting only  
28 the business of private passenger motor vehicle insurance from  
29 the office of the agent or agency. A limited customer  
30 representative is subject to this code in the same manner as a  
31 customer representative unless otherwise specified.

1           (3) A "temporary representative" is a person who does  
2 not hold a license issued by the department and who is  
3 appointed by a general lines agent or a general lines agency  
4 to assist the agent or agency from its office in transacting  
5 the business of insurance or in transacting the business of  
6 private passenger motor vehicle insurance. A person may be  
7 appointed a temporary representative only one time. The period  
8 of an appointment may not exceed 180 days. Prior to being  
9 appointed a temporary representative, a person must provide  
10 the appointing agent or agency with evidence that he or she is  
11 enrolled in a qualified insurance class and has applied to the  
12 department for a license as a customer representative or  
13 limited customer representative. Upon receipt of a certificate  
14 of enrollment or other evidence of enrollment, the agent or  
15 agency may appoint the person a temporary representative. The  
16 agent or agency must then certify to the department that the  
17 person appointed is an employee of the agent or agency, and  
18 that the agent or agency will provide on-the-job training for  
19 the temporary representative including quoting, writing, and  
20 receipting insurance. An agent or agency that appoints a  
21 person as its temporary representative is responsible for the  
22 actions of such person relating to the insurance business of  
23 the agent or agency.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes general lines agents and general lines agencies to appoint temporary representatives to assist in transacting the business of insurance or private passenger motor vehicle insurance. Provides conditions of appointment. Limits a person to only one appointment as a temporary representative. The period of an appointment may not exceed 180 days. Provides responsibilities of agents and agencies that make such appointments. Provides that agents and agencies that appoint a temporary representative are responsible for their actions relating to the business of insurance.