

By Senator Holzendorf

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to insurance; amending s.  
3           626.2815, F.S.; allowing certain interactive,  
4           on-line continuing education courses to use  
5           unmonitored testing; providing an effective  
6           date.

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

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section  
11 626.2815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           626.2815 Continuing education required; application;  
13 exceptions; requirements; penalties.--

14           (4) The following courses may be completed in order to  
15 meet the continuing education course requirements:

16           (j) Any course, including courses relating to agency  
17 management or errors and omissions, developed or sponsored by  
18 any authorized insurer or recognized agents' association or  
19 insurance trade association or any independent study program  
20 of instruction, subject to approval by the department,  
21 qualifies for the equivalency of the number of classroom hours  
22 assigned thereto by the department. However, unless otherwise  
23 provided in this section, continuing education hours may not  
24 be credited toward meeting the requirements of this section  
25 unless the course is provided by classroom instruction or  
26 results in a monitored examination. A monitored examination is  
27 not required for an independent study program of instruction  
28 that is presented through interactive, on-line technology that  
29 the department determines has sufficient internal testing to  
30 validate the student's full comprehension of the materials  
31 presented.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Allows the use of unmonitored examinations for certain continuing education courses presented through interactive, on-line technology.