

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.