

By Representative Waters

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to insurance agent continuing  
3           education requirements; amending s. 626.2815,  
4           F.S.; providing an exception to certain  
5           monitored examination requirements under  
6           certain circumstances; providing an effective  
7           date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section  
12 626.2815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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1 student's full comprehension of the materials presented, the  
2 requirement of a monitored examination shall be waived.

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

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6 HOUSE SUMMARY

7 Provides an exception to a monitored examination  
8 requirement in continuing education requirements for  
9 insurance agents for interactive, on-line courses with  
10 sufficient internal testing to validate the student's  
11 full comprehension of materials presented.

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