

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to continuing education for  
3           public adjusters; amending s. 626.869, F.S.;  
4           requiring continuing education for public  
5           adjusters; providing requirements; requiring  
6           the Financial Services Commission to adopt  
7           rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

13           626.869 License, adjusters.--

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

25           (b) Any individual holding a license as a public  
26   adjuster for 24 consecutive months or longer, beginning in  
27   their birth month and every 2 years thereafter, must have  
28   completed 24 hours of courses, 2 hours of which relate to  
29   ethics, in subjects designed to inform the licensee regarding  
30   the current laws of this state pertaining to all lines of  
31   insurance other than life and annuities, so as to enable him

1 or her to engage in business as an adjuster fairly and without  
2 injury to the public and to adjust all claims in accordance  
3 with the policy or contract and laws of this state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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