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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Insurance recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to continuing education for public adjusters; amending s. 626.869, F.S.; requiring continuing education for public adjusters; providing requirements; requiring the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

626.869 License, adjusters.--

(5)(a) Any person holding a license for 24 consecutive months or longer and who engages in adjusting workers' compensation insurance must, beginning in their birth month and every 2 years thereafter, have completed 24 hours of courses, 2 hours of which relate to ethics, in subjects designed to inform the licensee regarding the current workers' compensation laws of this state, so as to enable him or her to engage in business as



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29 a workers' compensation insurance adjuster fairly and without  
30 injury to the public and to adjust all claims in accordance with  
31 the policy or contract and the workers' compensation laws of  
32 this state.

33 (b) Any individual holding a license as a public adjuster  
34 for 24 consecutive months or longer, beginning in their birth  
35 month and every 2 years thereafter, must have completed 24 hours  
36 of courses, 2 hours of which relate to ethics, in subjects  
37 designed to inform the licensee regarding the current laws of  
38 this state pertaining to all lines of insurance other than life  
39 and annuities, so as to enable him or her to engage in business  
40 as an adjuster fairly and without injury to the public and to  
41 adjust all claims in accordance with the policy or contract and  
42 laws of this state.

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

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

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

48 3.(e) Be taught by instructors with at least 5 years of  
49 experience in the area of workers' compensation, general lines  
50 of insurance, or other persons approved by the department.

51 However, a member of The Florida Bar is exempt from the 5 years'  
52 experience requirement.

53 4.(d) Furnish the attendee a certificate of completion.

54 The course provider shall send a roster to the department in a  
55 format prescribed by the department.



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56 |       (d) The Financial Services Commission shall adopt rules  
57 | necessary to implement and administer the continuing education  
58 | requirements of this subsection.

59 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.