Florida Senate - 2007

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{By}}$ the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Haridopolos

597-2107-07

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to limited insurance licenses;
3	amending s. 624.501, F.S.; providing
4	appointment fees for motor vehicle rental
5	insurance agents; creating s. 624.6082, F.S.;
6	defining the term "travel insurance"; amending
7	s. 626.321, F.S.; providing for limited
8	licenses to transact travel insurance;
9	specifying authorized entities; specifying
10	applicable coverage; providing limitations;
11	providing requirements for training; providing
12	for limited licenses to transact motor vehicle
13	rental insurance; specifying authorized
14	entities; specifying applicable coverage;
15	providing limitations; providing application
16	requirements; providing responsibilities of
17	licensees; providing an effective date.
18	
19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
20	
21	Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 624.501, Florida
22	Statutes, is amended to read:
23	624.501 Filing, license, appointment, and
24	miscellaneous feesThe department, commission, or office, as
25	appropriate, shall collect in advance, and persons so served
26	shall pay to it in advance, fees, licenses, and miscellaneous
27	charges as follows:
28	(9) <u>(a)</u> Except as provided in paragraph (b), all
29	limited appointments as agent, as provided for in s. 626.321.
30	Agent's original appointment and biennial renewal or
31	continuation thereof, each insurer:
	1

1

1 Appointment fee.....\$42.00 2 State tax.....12.00 3 4 Total.....\$60.00 5 (b) For all limited appointments as agent as provided in s. 626.321(1)(d), the agent's original appointment and б 7 biennial renewal or continuation thereof for each insurer shall be equal to the number of offices, branch offices, or 8 places of business covered by the license multiplied by the 9 10 fees set forth in paragraph (a). Section 2. Section 624.6082, Florida Statutes, is 11 12 created to read: 13 624.6082 "Travel insurance" defined.--"Travel insurance" means policies or certificates of insurance that 14 provide coverage for risks incidental to travel, planned 15 travel, or accommodations while traveling, including, but not 16 17 limited to, accidental death and dismemberment of a traveler; 18 trip cancellation, interruption, or delay; loss of or damage to personal effects or travel documents; baggage delay; 19 emergency medical travel or evacuation of a traveler; or 20 21 medical, surgical, and hospital expenses related to an illness 2.2 or emergency of a traveler. 23 Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of section 626.321, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2.4 626.321 Limited licenses.--25 26 (1) The department shall issue to a qualified 27 individual, or a qualified individual or entity under 2.8 paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (i), a license as agent authorized to transact a limited class of business in any of 29 30 the following categories: 31 2

1	(c) <u>Travel</u> Personal accident insuranceLicense
2	covering only policies of <u>travel</u> personal accident insurance
3	as defined in s. 624.6082 covering the risks of travel, except
4	as provided in subparagraph 2. Any such policy or certificate
5	may be issued for terms longer than 60 days, but each policy
б	or certificate must be limited to coverage for travel or use
7	of accommodations of no longer than 60 days. The license may
8	be issued only:
9	1. To a full-time salaried employee of a common
10	carrier or a full-time salaried employee or owner of a
11	transportation ticket agency and may authorize the sale of
12	such ticket policies only in connection with the sale of
13	transportation tickets, or to the full-time salaried employee
14	of such an agent. No such policy shall be for a duration of
15	more than 48 hours or for the duration of a specified one-way
16	trip or round trip.
17	2. To an entity or individual that is:
18	a. The developer of a timeshare plan that is the
19	subject of an approved public offering statement under chapter
20	<u>721;</u>
21	b. An exchange company operating an exchange program
22	approved under chapter 721;
23	c. A managing entity operating a timeshare plan
24	approved under chapter 721;
25	<u>d. A seller of travel as defined in chapter 559; or</u>
26	e. A subsidiary or affiliate of any of the entities
27	described in sub-subparagraphs ad.
28	
29	<u>A licensee shall require each employee who offers policies or</u>
30	certificates under this subparagraph to receive initial
31	training from a general lines agent or an insurer authorized
	3

1	under chapter 624 to transact insurance within this state. For
2	an entity applying for a license as a travel insurance agent,
3	the fingerprinting requirement of this section applies only to
4	the president, secretary, and treasurer and to any other
5	officer or person who directs or controls the travel insurance
б	operations of the entity. To a full time salaried employee of
7	a business which offers motor vehicles for rent or lease, or
8	to a business entity which offers motor vehicles for rent or
9	lease. A business office licensed or a person licensed
10	pursuant to this subparagraph may, as an agent of an insurer,
11	transact insurance that provides coverage for accidental
12	personal injury or death of the lessee and any passenger who
13	is riding or driving with the covered lessee in the rental
14	motor vehicle if the lease or rental agreement is for not more
15	than 30 days, or if the lessee is not provided coverage for
16	more than 30 consecutive days per lease period; however, if
17	the lease is extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be
18	extended one time only for a period not to exceed an
19	additional 30 days.
20	(d) Baggage and Motor vehicle <u>rental</u> excess liability
21	insurance
22	1. License covering only insurance of the risks set
23	forth in this paragraph when offered, sold, or solicited with
24	and incidental to the rental or lease of a motor vehicle and
25	which applies only to the motor vehicle that is the subject of
26	the lease or rental agreement and occupants of the motor
27	vehicle:
28	a. Excess motor vehicle liability insurance providing
29	coverage in excess of the standard liability limits provided
30	by the lessor in its lease to a person renting or leasing a
31	motor vehicle from the licensee's employer for liability
	4

1 arising in connection with the negligent operation of the 2 leased or rented motor vehicle. 3 b. Insurance covering the liability of the lessee to 4 the lessor for damage to the leased or rented motor vehicle. 5 c. Insurance covering the loss of or damage to 6 baggage, personal effects, or travel documents of a person 7 renting or leasing a motor vehicle. Insurance covering accidental personal injury or 8 d. death of the lessee and any passenger who is riding or driving 9 10 with the covered lessee in the leased or rented motor vehicle. Insurance under this license may be issued only if 11 the lease or rental agreement is for no more than 60 days; the 12 13 lessee is not provided coverage for more than 60 consecutive days per lease period; and the lessee is given written notice 14 that his or her personal insurance policy providing coverage 15 on an owned motor vehicle may provide coverage of these risks 16 17 and that the purchase of the insurance is not required in 18 connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle. If the lease is extended beyond 60 days, the coverage may be extended 19 one time only for a period not to exceed an additional 60 20 21 days. Insurance may be provided to the lessee as an additional insured on a policy issued to the licensee's employer. 2.2 23 personal effects except as provided in subparagraph 2. 2.4 3. The license may be issued only: To a full time salaried employee of a common 25 carrier or a full time salaried employee or owner of a 26 27 transportation ticket agency, which person is engaged in the 2.8 sale or handling of transportation of baggage and personal 29 effects of travelers, and may authorize the sale of such 30 insurance only in connection with such transportation; or 31

1	b. to the full-time salaried employee of a licensed
2	general lines agent or to a business entity that offers motor
3	vehicles for rent or lease if insurance sales activities
4	authorized by the license are in connection with and
5	incidental to the rental <u>or lease</u> of a motor vehicle.
б	a. A license issued to a business entity that offers
7	motor vehicles for rent or lease must license each office,
8	branch office, or place of business making use of the entity's
9	business name in order to offer, solicit, and sell insurance
10	pursuant to this paragraph.
11	b. The application for licensure must list the name,
12	address, and phone number for each office, branch office, or
13	place of business that is to be covered by the license. The
14	licensee shall notify the department of the name, address, and
15	phone number of any new location that is to be covered by the
16	license before the office, branch office, or place of business
17	engages in the sale of insurance pursuant to this paragraph.
18	The licensee shall notify the department within 30 days after
19	closing or terminating an office, branch office, or place of
20	business. Upon receipt of the notice, the department shall
21	delete the office, branch office, or place of business from
22	the license. An entity applying for a license under this
23	sub subparagraph:
24	(I) Is required to submit only one application for a
25	license under s. 626.171. The requirements of s. 626.171(4)
26	shall apply only to the officers and directors of the entity
27	submitting the application.
28	(II) Is required to obtain a license for each office,
29	branch office, or place of business making use of the entity's
29 30	branch office, or place of business making use of the entity's business name by applying to the department for the license on

1 a simplified application form developed by rule of the 2 department for this purpose. (III) Is required to pay the applicable fees for a 3 4 license as prescribed in s. 624.501, be appointed under s. 626.112, and pay the prescribed appointment fee under s. 5 б 624.501. 7 c. A licensed and appointed entity is shall be 8 directly responsible and accountable for all acts of the 9 licensee's employees. 10 The purchaser of baggage insurance shall be provided written 11 12 information disclosing that the insured's homeowner's policy 13 may provide coverage for loss of personal effects and that the purchase of such insurance is not required in connection with 14 the purchase of tickets or in connection with the lease or 15 rental of a motor vehicle. 16 17 2. A business entity that offers motor vehicles for 18 rent or lease, may include lessees under a master contract 19 providing coverage to the lessor or may transact excess motor 20 vehicle liability insurance providing coverage in excess of 21 the standard liability limits provided by the lessor in its 2.2 lease to a person renting or leasing a motor vehicle from the licensee's employer for liability arising in connection with 23 the negligent operation of the leased or rented motor vehicle, 2.4 provided that the lease or rental agreement is for not more 25 than 30 days; that the lessee is not provided coverage for 26 27 more than 30 consecutive days per lease period, and, if the 2.8 lease is extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be extended one time only for a period not to exceed an additional 30 29 days; that the lessee is given written notice that his or her 30 personal insurance policy providing coverage on an owned motor 31

1 vehicle may provide additional excess coverage; and that the 2 purchase of the insurance is not required in connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle. The excess liability 3 4 insurance may be provided to the lessee as an additional 5 insured on a policy issued to the licensee's employer. б 3. A business entity that offers motor vehicles for 7 rent or lease, may, as an agent of an insurer, transact 8 insurance that provides coverage for the liability of the 9 lessee to the lessor for damage to the leased or rented motor 10 vehicle if: The lease or rental agreement is for not more than 11 a. 12 30 days; or the lessee is not provided coverage for more than 13 30 consecutive days per lease period, but, if the lease is extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be extended one time 14 only for a period not to exceed an additional 30 days; 15 b. The lessee is given written notice that his or her 16 17 personal insurance policy that provides coverage on an owned 18 motor vehicle may provide such coverage with or without a deductible; and 19 20 c. The purchase of the insurance is not required in 21 connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle. 22 Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2008. 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

8

Florida Senate - 2007 597-2107-07

CS for SB 1678

1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2 3	<u>Senate Bill 1678</u>
4	The Committee Substitute provides the following changes:
5 6	1. Changes the calculation of fees collected by the Department of Financial Services for the motor vehicle rental insurance limited license.
7	2. Creates the travel insurance limited license, requires the licensee to require employees to receive initial
8 9	training, and mandates fingerprinting of specified officers of the licensed entity.
10	 Creates the motor vehicle rental insurance limited license, expands the coverage period, and mandates application and notification criteria.
11 12	4. Changes the effective date to January 1, 2008.
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	
28	
29	
30	
31	