By the Committees on Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; and Senator Haridopolos

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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; amending s. 626.321, F.S.;
6	providing for limited licenses to transact
7	travel insurance; specifying authorized
8	entities; specifying applicable coverage;
9	providing limitations; providing entity
10	training requirements; providing for limited
11	licenses to transact motor vehicle rental
12	insurance; specifying authorized entities;
13	specifying applicable coverage; providing
14	limitations; providing application
15	requirements; providing responsibilities of
16	licensees; providing an effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 624.501, Florida
21	Statutes, is amended to read:
22	624.501 Filing, license, appointment, and
23	miscellaneous feesThe department, commission, or office, as
24	appropriate, shall collect in advance, and persons so served
25	shall pay to it in advance, fees, licenses, and miscellaneous
26	charges as follows:
27	(9)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), all
28	limited appointments as agent, as provided for in s. 626.321.
29	Agent's original appointment and biennial renewal or
30	continuation thereof, each insurer:
31	Appointment fee\$42.00

1	State tax12.00
2	County tax6.00
3	Total\$60.00
4	(b) For all limited appointments as agent as provided
5	for in s. 626.321(1)(d), the agent's original appointment and
6	biennial renewal or continuation thereof for each insurer
7	shall be equal to the number of offices, branch offices, or
8	places of business covered by the license multiplied by the
9	fees set forth in paragraph (a).
10	Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of
11	section 626.321, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection
12	(5) is added to that section, to read:
13	626.321 Limited licenses
14	(1) The department shall issue to a qualified
15	individual, or a qualified individual or entity under
16	paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (i), a license as agent
17	authorized to transact a limited class of business in any of
18	the following categories:
19	(c) <u>Travel</u> <del>Personal accident</del> insuranceLicense
20	covering only policies <u>and certificates</u> of <u>travel</u> <del>personal</del>
21	accident insurance, which are subject to review by the office
22	under s. 624.605(1)(q) covering the risks of travel, except as
23	provided in subparagraph 2. Policies and certificates of
24	travel insurance may provide coverage for risks incidental to
25	travel or planned travel or accommodations while traveling,
26	including, but not limited to, accidental death and
27	dismemberment of a traveler; trip cancellation, interruption,
28	or delay; loss of or damage to personal effects or travel
29	documents; baggage delay; emergency medical travel or
30	evacuation of a traveler; or medical, surgical, and hospital
31	expenses related to an illness or emergency of a traveler. Any

such policy or certificate may be issued for terms longer than 60 days, but each policy or certificate must be limited to coverage for travel or use of accommodations of no longer than 60 days. The license may be issued only:

- 1. To a full-time salaried employee of a common carrier or a full-time salaried employee or owner of a transportation ticket agency and may authorize the sale of such ticket policies only in connection with the sale of transportation tickets, or to the full-time salaried employee of such an agent. No such policy shall be for a duration of more than 48 hours or for the duration of a specified one-way trip or round trip.
  - 2. To an entity or individual that is:
- 14 <u>a. The developer of a timeshare plan that is the</u>
  15 <u>subject of an approved public offering statement under chapter</u>
  16 721;
  - b. An exchange company operating an exchange program approved under chapter 721;
  - c. A managing entity operating a timeshare plan
    approved under chapter 721;
- d. A seller of travel as defined in chapter 559; or
- e. A subsidiary or affiliate of any of the entities
  described in sub-subparagraphs a.-d.

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- 25 A licensee shall require each employee who offers policies or
- 26 certificates under this subparagraph to receive initial
- 27 training from a general lines agent or an insurer authorized
- 28 under chapter 624 to transact insurance within this state. For
- 29 an entity applying for a license as a travel insurance agent,
- 30 the fingerprinting requirement of this section applies only to
- 31 the president, secretary, and treasurer and to any other

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operations of the entity. To a full time salaried employee of a business which offers motor vehicles for rent or lease, or to a business entity which offers motor vehicles for rent or lease. A business office licensed or a person licensed pursuant to this subparagraph may, as an agent of an insurer, transact insurance that provides coverage for accidental personal injury or death of the lessee and any passenger who is riding or driving with the covered lessee in the rental motor vehicle if the lease or rental agreement is for not more than 30 days, or if the lessee is not provided coverage for more than 30 consecutive days per lease period; however, if the lease is extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be extended one time only for a period not to exceed an additional 30 days.

- (d) Baggage and Motor vehicle  $\underline{\text{rental}}$  excess liability insurance.--
- 1. License covering only insurance of the risks set forth in this paragraph when offered, sold, or solicited with and incidental to the rental or lease of a motor vehicle and which applies only to the motor vehicle that is the subject of the lease or rental agreement and occupants of the motor vehicle:
- a. Excess motor vehicle liability insurance providing coverage in excess of the standard liability limits provided by the lessor in its lease to a person renting or leasing a motor vehicle from the licensee's employer for liability arising in connection with the negligent operation of the leased or rented motor vehicle.
- b. Insurance covering the liability of the lessee to the lessor for damage to the leased or rented motor vehicle.

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

30 authorized by the license are in connection with and 31 incidental to the rental <u>or lease</u> of a motor vehicle.

1	a. A license issued to a business entity that offers
2	motor vehicles for rent or lease must license each office,
3	branch office, or place of business making use of the entity's
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	business name in order to offer, solicit, and sell insurance
5	pursuant to this paragraph.
6	b. The application for licensure must list the name,
7	address, and phone number for each office, branch office, or
8	place of business that is to be covered by the license. The
9	licensee shall notify the department of the name, address, and
10	phone number of any new location that is to be covered by the
11	license before the office, branch office, or place of business
12	engages in the sale of insurance pursuant to this paragraph.
13	The licensee shall notify the department within 30 days after
14	closing or terminating an office, branch office, or place of
15	business. Upon receipt of the notice, the department shall
16	delete the office, branch office, or place of business from
17	the license. An entity applying for a license under this
18	sub subparagraph:
19	(I) Is required to submit only one application for a
20	license under s. 626.171. The requirements of s. 626.171(4)
21	shall apply only to the officers and directors of the entity
22	submitting the application.
23	(II) Is required to obtain a license for each office,
24	branch office, or place of business making use of the entity's
25	business name by applying to the department for the license on
26	a simplified application form developed by rule of the
27	department for this purpose.
28	(III) Is required to pay the applicable fees for a
29	license as prescribed in s. 624.501, be appointed under s.
30	626.112, and pay the prescribed appointment fee under s.
31	<del>624.501.</del>

 $\underline{c}$ . A licensed and appointed entity  $\underline{is}$   $\underline{shall}$   $\underline{be}$  directly responsible and accountable for all acts of the licensee's employees.

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The purchaser of baggage insurance shall be provided written information disclosing that the insured's homeowner's policy may provide coverage for loss of personal effects and that the purchase of such insurance is not required in connection with the purchase of tickets or in connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle.

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A business entity that offers motor vehicles for rent or lease, may include lessees under a master contract providing coverage to the lessor or may transact excess motor vehicle liability insurance providing coverage in excess of the standard liability limits provided by the lessor in its lease to a person renting or leasing a motor vehicle from the licensee's employer for liability arising in connection with the negligent operation of the leased or rented motor vehicle, provided that the lease or rental agreement is for not more than 30 days; that the lessee is not provided coverage for more than 30 consecutive days per lease period, and, if the lease is extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be extended one time only for a period not to exceed an additional 30 days; that the lessee is given written notice that his or her personal insurance policy providing coverage on an owned motor vehicle may provide additional excess coverage; and that the purchase of the insurance is not required in connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle. The excess liability insurance may be provided to the lessee as an additional insured on a policy issued to the licensee's employer.

1	3. A business entity that offers motor vehicles for
2	rent or lease, may, as an agent of an insurer, transact
3	insurance that provides coverage for the liability of the
4	lessee to the lessor for damage to the leased or rented motor
5	vehicle if:
6	a. The lease or rental agreement is for not more than
7	30 days; or the lessee is not provided coverage for more than
8	30 consecutive days per lease period, but, if the lease is
9	extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be extended one time
10	only for a period not to exceed an additional 30 days;
11	b. The lessee is given written notice that his or her
12	personal insurance policy that provides coverage on an owned
13	motor vehicle may provide such coverage with or without a
14	<del>deductible; and</del>
15	c. The purchase of the insurance is not required in
16	connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle.
17	(5) This section does not permit the sale of an
18	insurance policy or certificate for any limited class of
19	business in a category identified under subsection (1) by a
20	person or entity other than an insurance policy or certificate
21	offered by an authorized insurer in this state or an eliqible
22	surplus lines insurer in this state.
23	Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2008.
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1 2	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  CS for Senate Bill 1678
3	CS TOT SENACE BITT 10/0
4 5	The committee substitute for committee substitute (CS/CS) does not create s. 624.6082, F.S., to define the term "travel insurance."
6	The CS/CS amends s. 626.321(1), F.S., to define the term
7	"travel insurance."
8	The CS/CS creates s. 626.321(5), F.S., to clarify that the limited insurance policies or certificates may only be sold by
an authorized insurer or surplus lines insurer.	an authorized insurer or surplus lines insurer.
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