

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 SB1758

Introduced 2/15/2013, by Sen. William R. Haine

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/500-20 215 ILCS 5/500-100 215 ILCS 5/500-135

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a license as an insurance producer shall not be required of a person selling or soliciting lines of insurance that are exempt from the definition of insurance in the provision of the Code concerning financial institutions. Includes credit life and credit accident and health insurance and other credit insurance policies approved or permitted by the Director of Insurance among the classes of insurance for which a person may obtain a limited lines producer license; makes a corresponding change concerning fees. Provides that a credit insurance company must conduct a training program in which an applicant shall receive basic instruction about the credit insurance products that they will be selling. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by changing Sections 500-20, 500-100, and 500-135 as follows:
- 6 (215 ILCS 5/500-20)
- 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)
- 8 Sec. 500-20. Exceptions to licensing.
- 9 (a) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to require 10 an insurer to obtain an insurance producer license. In this 11 Section, the term "insurer" does not include an insurer's 12 officers, directors, employees, subsidiaries, or affiliates.
- 13 (b) A license as an insurance producer shall not be 14 required of the following:
- 15 (1) an officer, director, or employee of an insurer or
 16 of an insurance producer, provided that the officer,
 17 director, or employee does not receive any commission on
 18 policies written or sold to insure risks residing, located,
 19 or to be performed in this State and:
- 20 (A) the officer's, director's, or employee's
 21 activities are executive, administrative, managerial,
 22 clerical, or a combination of these, and are only
 23 indirectly related to the sale, solicitation, or

negotiation of insurance;

- (B) the officer's, director's, or employee's function relates to underwriting, loss control, inspection, or the processing, adjusting, investigating, or settling of a claim on a contract of insurance; or
- (C) the officer, director, or employee is acting in the capacity of a special agent or agency supervisor assisting insurance producers if the person's activities are limited to providing technical advice and assistance to licensed insurance producers and do not include the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance;
- (2) a person who secures and furnishes information for the purpose of group life insurance, group property and casualty insurance, group annuities, or group or blanket accident and health insurance or for the purpose of enrolling individuals under plans, issuing certificates under plans or otherwise assisting in administering plans or who performs administrative services related to mass marketed property and casualty insurance, if no commission is paid to the person for the service;
- (3) an employer or association or its officers, directors, employees, or the trustees of an employee trust plan, to the extent that the employers, officers, employees, directors, or trustees are engaged in the

administration or operation of a program of employee benefits for the employer's or association's own employees or the employees of its subsidiaries or affiliates, which program involves the use of insurance issued by an insurer, as long as the employers, associations, officers, directors, employees, or trustees are not in any manner compensated, directly or indirectly, by the company issuing the contracts;

- (4) employees of insurers or organizations employed by insurers who are engaging in the inspection, rating, or classification of risks or in the supervision of the training of insurance producers and who are not individually engaged in the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance;
- (5) a person whose activities in this State are limited to advertising without the intent to solicit insurance in this State through communications in printed publications or forms of electronic mass media whose distribution is not limited to residents of this State, provided that the person does not sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance that would insure risks residing, located, or to be performed in this State;
- (6) a person who is not a resident of this State who sells, solicits, or negotiates a contract of insurance for commercial property and casualty risks to an insured with risks located in more than one state insured under that

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- contract, provided that the person is otherwise licensed as an insurance producer to sell, solicit, or negotiate that insurance in the state where the insured maintains its principal place of business and the contract of insurance insures risks located in that state; or
 - (7) a salaried, full-time employee who counsels or advises his or her employer relative to the insurance interests of the employer or of the subsidiaries or business affiliates of the employer provided that the employee does not sell or solicit insurance or receive a commission; or—
 - (8) a person selling or soliciting lines of insurance exempt from the definition of insurance pursuant to Section 1402 of this Code.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 92-386, eff. 1-1-02.)
- 16 (215 ILCS 5/500-100)
- 17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)
- 18 Sec. 500-100. Limited lines producer license.
- 19 (a) An individual who is at least 18 years of age and whom
 20 the Director considers to be competent, trustworthy, and of
 21 good business reputation may obtain a limited lines producer
 22 license for one or more of the following classes:
- 23 (1) insurance on baggage or limited travel health,
 24 accident, or trip cancellation insurance sold in
 25 connection with transportation provided by a common

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- 2 (2) industrial life insurance, as defined in Section 3 228 of this Code;
 - (3) industrial accident and health insurance, as defined in Section 368 of this Code;
 - (4) insurance issued by a company organized under the Farm Mutual Insurance Company Act of 1986;
 - (5) legal expense insurance;
 - (6) enrollment of recipients of public aid or medicare in a health maintenance organization;
 - (7) a limited health care plan issued by an organization having a certificate of authority under the Limited Health Service Organization Act; \div
 - (8) credit life and credit accident and health insurance and other credit insurance policies approved or permitted by the Director; a credit insurance company must conduct a training program in which an applicant shall receive basic instruction about the credit insurance products that they will be selling.
 - (b) The application for a limited lines producer license must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Director by a designee of the insurance company, health maintenance organization, or limited health service organization appointing the limited insurance representative. The insurance company, health maintenance organization, or limited health service organization must pay the fee required by Section

- 1 500-135.
- 2 (c) A limited lines producer may represent more than one
- 3 insurance company, health maintenance organization, or limited
- 4 health service organization.
- 5 (d) An applicant who has met the requirements of this
- 6 Section shall be issued a perpetual limited lines producer
- 7 license.
- 8 (e) A limited lines producer license shall remain in effect
- 9 as long as the appointing insurance company pays the respective
- 10 fee required by Section 500-135 prior to January 1 of each
- 11 year, unless the license is revoked or suspended pursuant to
- 12 Section 500-70. Failure of the insurance company to pay the
- 13 license fee or to submit the required documents shall cause
- 14 immediate termination of the limited line insurance producer
- license with respect to which the failure occurs.
- 16 (f) A limited lines producer license may be terminated by
- the insurance company or the licensee.
- 18 (q) A person whom the Director considers to be competent,
- 19 trustworthy, and of good business reputation may be issued a
- 20 car rental limited line license. A car rental limited line
- 21 license for a rental company shall remain in effect as long as
- the car rental limited line licensee pays the respective fee
- 23 required by Section 500-135 prior to the next fee date unless
- 24 the car rental license is revoked or suspended pursuant to
- 25 Section 500-70. Failure of the car rental limited line licensee
- 26 to pay the license fee or to submit the required documents

- 1 shall cause immediate suspension of the car rental limited line
- 2 license. A car rental limited line license for rental companies
- 3 may be voluntarily terminated by the car rental limited line
- 4 licensee. The license fee shall not be refunded upon
- 5 termination of the car rental limited line license by the car
- 6 rental limited line licensee.
- 7 (h) A limited lines producer issued a license pursuant to
- 8 this Section is not subject to the requirements of Section
- 9 500-30.
- 10 (i) A limited lines producer license must contain the name,
- 11 address and personal identification number of the licensee, the
- date the license was issued, general conditions relative to the
- license's expiration or termination, and any other information
- 14 the Director considers proper. A limited line producer license,
- 15 if applicable, must also contain the name and address of the
- 16 appointing insurance company.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 92-386, eff. 1-1-02.)
- 18 (215 ILCS 5/500-135)
- 19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)
- 20 Sec. 500-135. Fees.
- 21 (a) The fees required by this Article are as follows:
- 22 (1) a fee of \$180 for a person who is a resident of
- 23 Illinois, and \$250 for a person who is not a resident of
- 24 Illinois, payable once every 2 years for an insurance
- 25 producer license;

- 1 (2) a fee of \$50 for the issuance of a temporary
 2 insurance producer license;
 3 (3) a fee of \$150 payable once every 2 years for a
 4 business entity;
 - (4) an annual \$50 fee for a limited line producer license issued under items (1) through (8) (7) of subsection (a) of Section 500-100;
 - (5) a \$50 application fee for the processing of a request to take the written examination for an insurance producer license;
 - (6) an annual registration fee of \$1,000 for registration of an education provider;
 - (7) a certification fee of \$50 for each certified pre-licensing or continuing education course and an annual fee of \$20 for renewing the certification of each such course;
 - (8) a fee of \$180 for a person who is a resident of Illinois, and \$250 for a person who is not a resident of Illinois, payable once every 2 years for a car rental limited line license;
 - (9) a fee of \$200 payable once every 2 years for a limited lines license other than the licenses issued under items (1) through (8) (7) of subsection (a) of Section 500-100, a car rental limited line license, or a self-service storage facility limited line license;
 - (10) a fee of \$50 payable once every 2 years for a

- 1 self-service storage facility limited line license.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided, all fees paid to and 2 collected by the Director under this Section shall be paid 3 promptly after receipt thereof, together with a detailed 4 5 statement of such fees, into a special fund in the State 6 Treasury to be known as the Insurance Producer Administration 7 The moneys deposited into the Insurance Producer 8 Administration Fund may be used only for payment of the 9 expenses of the Department in the execution, administration, 10 and enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, and shall 11 be appropriated as otherwise provided by law for the payment of 12 those expenses with first priority being any expenses incident 13 to or associated with the administration and enforcement of this Article. 14
- 15 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.