

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1241 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY GEBHARD AND ROTHMAN, JUNE 5, 2024

SENATOR DiSANTO, BANKING AND INSURANCE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 11, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), entitled "An
2 act, relating to insurance; establishing an insurance
3 department; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law
4 relating to the licensing, qualification, regulation,
5 examination, suspension, and dissolution of insurance
6 companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-
7 insurance exchanges, and certain societies and orders, the
8 examination and regulation of fire insurance rating bureaus,
9 and the licensing and regulation of insurance agents and
10 brokers; the service of legal process upon foreign insurance
11 companies, associations or exchanges; providing penalties,
12 and repealing existing laws," in insurance producers, further
13 providing for definitions, for powers and duties of
14 department, for license prerequisites and for licensing.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. The definition of "candidate" in section 601-A of
18 the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The
19 Insurance Department Act of 1921, is amended to read:

20 Section 601-A. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this article
22 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
23 context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 \* \* \*

1 "Candidate." An individual who [has satisfactorily completed  
2 or is exempt from the preexamination educational requirements  
3 of] applies to take an insurance producer licensing examination  
4 under section 604-A.

5 \* \* \*

6 Section 2. Sections 602-A(a)(2), 604-A(a), (b), (c) and (d)  
7 introductory paragraph and 606-A(a)(3) of the act are amended to  
8 read:

9 Section 602-A. Powers and duties of department.

10 (a) Responsibilities.--The commissioner shall do all of the  
11 following:

12 \* \* \*

13 (2) Approve and administer or contract for the overall  
14 administration of the [preexamination program, preexamination  
15 courses of study,] insurance producer licensing examinations  
16 and continuing education programs. [A preexamination  
17 education program approved by the department shall include no  
18 less than three credit hours on ethics.]

19 \* \* \*

20 Section 604-A. License prerequisites.

21 (a) General rule.--Prior to applying to the department for  
22 an insurance producer license, an individual shall [do the  
23 following:

24 (1) satisfactorily complete the preexamination education  
25 requirements of subsection (b); and

26 (2)] pass an insurance producer licensing examination  
27 required for the lines of authority for which a candidate  
28 desires a license.

29 [(b) Preexamination education requirements.--Prior to making  
30 an application for the insurance producer licensing examination,

1 an individual who desires to be licensed as an insurance  
2 producer shall complete a minimum of 24 credit hours of approved  
3 preexamination courses. Upon satisfactory completion of an  
4 approved preexamination course of study, the individual shall be  
5 issued proof of completion by the provider.]

6 (c) Insurance producer licensing examination.--[Except as  
7 provided in subsection (d), upon satisfactory completion of an  
8 approved preexamination course of study a candidate may apply to  
9 take an insurance producer licensing examination.] A candidate  
10 shall remit a completed application for examination indicating  
11 the lines of authority for which the candidate desires to be  
12 licensed[, a copy of the candidate's approved preexamination  
13 study certificate] and the nonrefundable examination fee  
14 established by the department prior to taking an insurance  
15 producer licensing examination.

16 (d) Exceptions.--The examination [or preexamination  
17 education] requirements of this act shall not be required if the  
18 person is:

19 \* \* \*

20 Section 606-A. Licensing.

21 (a) Applicants.--The department shall review each  
22 application and may conduct an investigation of each applicant  
23 who applies for a license in accordance with this act. The  
24 department shall issue a resident or nonresident insurance  
25 producer license, as appropriate, to the applicant when the  
26 department determines that all of the following criteria have  
27 been met:

28 \* \* \*

29 [(3) The applicant has satisfied the preexamination  
30 education requirements of this act.]

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2           Section 3. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 180 days.           <--