

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to allow licensed insurance agents to act as consultants in certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 58-30-142 be amended to read as follows:

58-30-142. Terms used in §§ 58-30-141 to 58-30-195, inclusive, mean:

- (1) "Agent of the insurer," any insurance producer who is compensated directly or indirectly by an insurer and sells, solicits, or negotiates any product of that insurer;
- (2) "Agent of insured," any insurance producer or person who secures compensation from an insured or insurance customer only and receives no compensation directly or indirectly from an insurer for a transaction with that insured or insurance customer;
- (3) "Business entity," a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other legal entity;
- (3A) "Consultant," an agent of the insured who sells, solicits, or negotiates insurance on behalf of an insured or prospective insured or who assists an insured or prospective insured in the procurement of insurance;
- (4) "Credit insurance," insurance that includes credit life, credit disability, credit property, credit unemployment, involuntary unemployment, mortgage life, mortgage guaranty, mortgage disability, guaranteed automobile protection insurance, and any other form of insurance offered in connection with an extension of credit that is limited to partially or wholly extinguishing that credit obligation that the director determines should be designated a form of limited line credit insurance;
- (5) "Crop insurance," insurance providing protection against damage to crops from unfavorable weather conditions, fire or lightning, flood, hail, insect infestation, disease

or other yield-reducing conditions or perils provided by the private insurance market, or that is subsidized by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, including Multi-Peril Crop Insurance;

- (6) "Home state," the District of Columbia and any state or territory of the United States in which an insurance producer maintains the insurance producer's principal place of residence or principal place of business and is licensed to act as an insurance producer;
- (7) "Limited lines producer," any person authorized by the director to sell, solicit, or negotiate limited lines insurance;
- (8) "Negotiate," the act of conferring directly with or offering advice directly to a purchaser or prospective purchaser of a particular contract of insurance concerning any of the substantive benefits, terms, or conditions of the contract if the person engaged in that act either sells insurance or obtains insurance from insurers for purchasers;
- (9) "Sell," to exchange a contract of insurance by any means, for money or its equivalent, on behalf of an insurance company;
- (10) "Solicit," attempting to sell insurance or asking or urging a person to apply for a particular kind of insurance from a particular company;
- (11) "Terminate," the cancellation of the relationship between an insurance producer and the insurer or the termination of an insurance producer's authority to transact insurance;
- (12) "Travel insurance," insurance coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption, baggage, life, sickness and accident, disability, and personal effects when limited to a specific trip and sold in connection with transportation provided by a common carrier.

Section 2. That chapter 58-30 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any person acting as a consultant shall be licensed as an agent pursuant to this chapter. A

consultant may collect a fee from an insurance customer for services provided as a consultant but may not collect a fee for any insurance placed with that insurance customer if a commission is payable to that consultant. A consultant may act as a consultant and collect a fee from an insurance customer and also receive a commission for insurance sold, solicited, or negotiated with that same insurance customer provided that the fee and commission are for separate and distinct insurance products. The term, fee, as used in this section, does not include a fee that is payable pursuant to the terms or conditions of an insurance policy, contract, or certificate or that are required to be paid for reasons other than the services provided by the consultant.

A separate license for acting as a consultant is not required of a licensed agent. Any consultant collecting a fee from an insurance customer shall set forth the fee to be charged to that insurance customer and the terms and conditions of the services provided to that insurance customer in the form of a written agreement with that insurance customer.

Section 3. An insurer may by contract prohibit an insurance producer from collecting a fee from an insurance customer for services provided as a consultant.

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I certify that the attached Act
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SENATE as Bill No. 61

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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Secretary of State

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