INSURANCE MODIFICATIONS
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STATE OF UTAH
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies the Insurance Code to address travel insurance.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
• enacts the Travel Insurance Act, including:
 defining terms;
 providing for the issuance of a limited lines insurance producer license;
 establishing requirements related to travel retailers;
 addressing offering or disseminating travel insurance;
 providing that travel insurance can be an individual, group, or master policy;
and
 addressing market conduct and penalties;
addresses sharing of commissions; and
makes technical and conforming changes.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
31A-23a-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 319
31A-23a-504, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 319

30	ENACTS:
31	31A-23a-901, Utah Code Annotated 1953
32	31A-23a-902, Utah Code Annotated 1953
33	31A-23a-903 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
34	31A-23a-904 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
35	31A-23a-905 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
36	31A-23a-906 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
37	31A-23a-907 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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39	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
40	Section 1. Section 31A-23a-106 is amended to read:
41	31A-23a-106. License types.
42	(1) (a) A resident or nonresident license issued under this chapter shall be issued under
43	the license types described under Subsection (2).
44	(b) A license type and a line of authority pertaining to a license type describe the type
45	of licensee and the lines of business that a licensee may sell, solicit, or negotiate. A license
46	type is intended to describe the matters to be considered under any education, examination, and
47	training required of a license applicant under Sections 31A-23a-108, 31A-23a-202, and
48	31A-23a-203.
49	(2) (a) A producer license type includes the following lines of authority:
50	(i) life insurance, including a nonvariable contract;
51	(ii) variable contracts, including variable life and annuity, if the producer has the life
52	insurance line of authority;
53	(iii) accident and health insurance, including a contract issued to a policyholder under
54	Chapter 7, Nonprofit Health Service Insurance Corporations, or Chapter 8, Health Maintenance
55	Organizations and Limited Health Plans;
56	(iv) property insurance;
57	(v) casualty insurance, including a surety or other bond;

58	(vi) title insurance under one or more of the following categories:
59	(A) search, including authority to act as a title marketing representative;
60	(B) escrow, including authority to act as a title marketing representative; and
61	(C) title marketing representative only; and
62	(vii) personal lines insurance.
63	(b) A surplus lines producer license type includes the following lines of authority:
64	(i) property insurance, if the person holds an underlying producer license with the
65	property line of insurance; and
66	(ii) casualty insurance, if the person holds an underlying producer license with the
67	casualty line of authority.
68	(c) A limited line producer license type includes the following limited lines of
69	authority:
70	(i) limited line credit insurance;
71	(ii) travel insurance, as set forth in Part 9, Travel Insurance Act;
72	(iii) motor club insurance;
73	(iv) car rental related insurance;
74	(v) legal expense insurance;
75	(vi) crop insurance;
76	(vii) self-service storage insurance;
77	(viii) bail bond producer;
78	(ix) guaranteed asset protection waiver; and
79	(x) portable electronics insurance.
80	(d) A consultant license type includes the following lines of authority:
81	(i) life insurance, including a nonvariable contract;
82	(ii) variable contracts, including variable life and annuity, if the consultant has the life
83	insurance line of authority;
84	(iii) accident and health insurance, including a contract issued to a policyholder under
85	Chapter 7, Nonprofit Health Service Insurance Corporations, or Chapter 8, Health Maintenance

86	Organizations and Limited Health Plans;
87	(iv) property insurance;
88	(v) casualty insurance, including a surety or other bond; and
89	(vi) personal lines insurance.
90	(e) A managing general agent license type includes the following lines of authority:
91	(i) life insurance, including a nonvariable contract;
92	(ii) variable contracts, including variable life and annuity, if the managing general
93	agent has the life insurance line of authority;
94	(iii) accident and health insurance, including a contract issued to a policyholder under
95	Chapter 7, Nonprofit Health Service Insurance Corporations, or Chapter 8, Health Maintenance
96	Organizations and Limited Health Plans;
97	(iv) property insurance;
98	(v) casualty insurance, including a surety or other bond; and
99	(vi) personal lines insurance.
100	(f) A reinsurance intermediary license type includes the following lines of authority:
101	(i) life insurance, including a nonvariable contract;
102	(ii) variable contracts, including variable life and annuity, if the reinsurance
103	intermediary has the life insurance line of authority;
104	(iii) accident and health insurance, including a contract issued to a policyholder under
105	Chapter 7, Nonprofit Health Service Insurance Corporations, or Chapter 8, Health Maintenance
106	Organizations and Limited Health Plans;
107	(iv) property insurance;
108	(v) casualty insurance, including a surety or other bond; and
109	(vi) personal lines insurance.
110	(g) A person who holds a license under Subsection (2)(a) has the qualifications
111	necessary to act as a holder of a license under Subsection (2)(c), except that the person may not
112	act under Subsection (2)(c)(viii) or (ix).
113	(3) (a) The commissioner may by rule recognize other producer, surplus lines producer,

114 limited line producer, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary lines of 115 authority as to kinds of insurance not listed under Subsections (2)(a) through (f). 116 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), for purposes of title insurance the Title and 117 Escrow Commission may by rule, with the concurrence of the commissioner and subject to Section 31A-2-404, recognize other categories for an individual title insurance producer or 118 119 agency title insurance producer line of authority not listed under Subsection (2)(a)(vi). 120 (4) The variable contracts line of authority requires: 121 (a) for a producer, licensure by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority as a: 122 (i) registered broker-dealer; or 123 (ii) broker-dealer agent, with a current registration with a broker-dealer; and (b) for a consultant, registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission or 124 125 licensure by the Utah Division of Securities as an: 126 (i) investment adviser; or 127 (ii) investment adviser representative, with a current association with an investment 128 adviser. 129 (5) A surplus lines producer is a producer who has a surplus lines license. 130 Section 2. Section 31A-23a-504 is amended to read: 131 31A-23a-504. Sharing commissions. 132 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection 31A-15-103(3), a licensee under this chapter 133 or an insurer may only pay consideration or reimburse out-of-pocket expenses to a person if the 134 licensee knows that the person is licensed under this chapter as to the particular type of 135 insurance to act in Utah as: 136 (i) a producer; 137 (ii) a limited line producer; (iii) a consultant; 138 139 (iv) a managing general agent; or 140 (v) a reinsurance intermediary. 141 (b) A person may only accept commission compensation or other compensation as a

142	person described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) through (v) that is directly or indirectly the result of
143	an insurance transaction if that person is licensed under this chapter to act as described in
144	Subsection (1)(a).
145	(2) (a) Except as provided in Section 31A-23a-501, a consultant may not pay or receive
146	a commission or other compensation that is directly or indirectly the result of an insurance
147	transaction.
148	(b) A consultant may share a consultant fee or other compensation received for
149	consulting services performed within Utah only:
150	(i) with another consultant licensed under this chapter; and
151	(ii) to the extent that the other consultant contributed to the services performed.
152	(3) This section does not prohibit:
153	(a) the payment of renewal commissions to former licensees under this chapter, former
154	Title 31, Chapter 17, or their successors in interest under a deferred compensation or agency
155	sales agreement;
156	(b) compensation paid to or received by a person for referral of a potential customer
157	that seeks to purchase or obtain an opinion or advice on an insurance product if:
158	(i) the person is not licensed to sell insurance;
159	(ii) the person does not sell or provide opinions or advice on the product; and
160	(iii) the compensation does not depend on whether the referral results in a purchase or
161	sale; or
162	(c) the payment or assignment of a commission, service fee, brokerage, or other
163	valuable consideration to an agency or a person who does not sell, solicit, or negotiate
164	insurance in this state, unless the payment would constitute an inducement or commission
165	rebate under Section 31A-23a-402 or 31A-23a-402.5.
166	(4) (a) In selling a policy of title insurance, sharing of commissions under Subsection
167	(1) may not occur if it will result in:
168	(i) an unlawful rebate;

(ii) compensation in connection with controlled business; or

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170	(iii) payment of a forwarding fee or finder's fee.
171	(b) A person may share compensation for the issuance of a title insurance policy only
172	to the extent that the person contributed to the search and examination of the title or other
173	services connected with the title insurance policy.
174	(5) This section does not apply to:
175	(a) a bail bond producer or bail enforcement agent as defined in Section 31A-35-102
176	and as described in Subsection 31A-23a-106(2)(c);
177	(b) a travel retailer registered pursuant to Part 9, Travel Insurance Act; or
178	(c) a nonlicensed individual employee or authorized representative of a licensed
179	limited line producer who holds one or more of the following limited lines of authority as
180	described in Subsection 31A-23a-106(2)(c):
181	[(a)] (i) car rental related insurance;
182	[(b)] (ii) self-service storage insurance; [or]
183	[(c)] (iii) portable electronics insurance[:]; or
184	(iv) travel insurance.
185	Section 3. Section 31A-23a-901 is enacted to read:
186	Part 9. Travel Insurance Act
187	31A-23a-901. Title.
188	This part is known as the "Travel Insurance Act."
189	Section 4. Section 31A-23a-902 is enacted to read:
190	31A-23a-902. Definitions.
191	As used in this part, unless the context requires otherwise:
192	(1) "Limited lines travel insurance producer" means one of the following designated by
193	an insurer as the travel insurance supervising entity as provided in Subsection 31A-23a-905(4):
194	(a) a licensed managing general agent or third party administrator; or
195	(b) a licensed insurance producer, including a limited lines producer.
196	(2) "Offer and disseminate" means:
197	(a) providing general information, including a description of the coverage and price;

198	(b) processing an application;
199	(c) collecting a premium; and
200	(d) performing activities that the state permits to be done by a person who is not
201	<u>licensed.</u>
202	(3) (a) "Travel insurance" means insurance coverage for personal risks incident to
203	planned travel, including:
204	(i) interruption or cancellation of a trip or event;
205	(ii) loss of baggage or personal effects;
206	(iii) damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; or
207	(iv) sickness, accident, disability, or death during travel.
208	(b) "Travel insurance" does not include a major medical plan that provides
209	comprehensive medical protection for a traveler with a trip lasting six months or longer,
210	including an individual working overseas or military personnel being deployed.
211	(4) "Travel retailer" means a business entity that makes, arranges, or offers travel
212	services and may offer and disseminate travel insurance as a service to its customers on behalf
213	of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer.
214	Section 5. Section 31A-23a-903 is enacted to read:
215	31A-23a-903. Issuance of limited lines travel insurance producer license.
216	Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter:
217	(1) The commissioner may issue to an individual or business entity that has filed with
218	the commissioner an application in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner a
219	limited lines travel insurance producer license that authorizes the limited lines travel insurance
220	producer to sell, solicit, or negotiate travel insurance through a licensed insurer.
221	(2) A limited lines travel insurance producer, and those registered under the license of
222	the limited lines travel producer, are exempt from:
223	(a) the examination requirements under Section 31A-23a-108; and
224	(b) the continuing education requirements under Section 31A-23a-202.
225	Section 6. Section 31A-23a-904 is enacted to read:

226	31A-23a-904. Travel retailers.
227	Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a travel retailer may offer and
228	disseminate travel insurance under a limited lines travel insurance producer business entity
229	license only if the following conditions are met:
230	(1) The limited lines travel insurance producer or travel retailer shall provide to a
231	purchaser of travel insurance:
232	(a) a description of the material terms or the actual material terms of the insurance
233	coverage;
234	(b) a description of the process for filing a claim;
235	(c) a description of the review or cancellation process for the travel insurance policy;
236	<u>and</u>
237	(d) the identity and contact information of the insurer and limited lines travel insurance
238	producer.
239	(2) (a) At the time of licensure, the limited lines travel insurance producer shall
240	establish and maintain a register on a form prescribed by the commissioner of each travel
241	retailer that offers travel insurance on the limited lines travel insurance producer's behalf.
242	(b) The limited lines travel insurance producer shall maintain and update the register
243	annually and include:
244	(i) the name, address, and contact information of the travel retailer;
245	(ii) the name, address, and contact information of an officer or person who directs or
246	controls the travel retailer's operations; and
247	(iii) the travel retailer's federal tax identification number.
248	(c) The limited lines travel insurance producer shall submit the register to the
249	department upon reasonable request by the department.
250	(d) The limited lines travel insurance producer shall certify that the travel retailer
251	registered with the limited lines travel insurance producer has not violated 18 U.S.C. Sec.
252	<u>1033.</u>
253	(3) The limited lines travel insurance producer shall designate one of its employees

who is a licensed individual travel insurance producer as the designated responsible pro-	<u>oducer</u>
who is responsible for the limited lines travel insurance producer's compliance with the	e travel
insurance laws and rules of the state.	
(4) The designated responsible producer, president, secretary, treasurer, and an	y other
officer or person who directs or controls the limited lines travel insurance producer's in	surance
operations shall comply with the fingerprinting requirements applicable to insurance pr	roducers
in the resident state of the limited lines travel insurance producer.	
(5) The limited lines travel insurance producer shall pay all applicable insurance	<u>ce</u>
producer licensing fees imposed in accordance with Section 31A-3-103.	
(6) The limited lines travel insurance producer shall require an employee or au	thorized
representative of a travel retailer whose duties include offering and disseminating trave	<u>el</u>
insurance to receive a program of instruction or training that may be subject to review	by the
commissioner. The training materials shall, at a minimum, contain instructions on the	types of
insurance offered, ethical sales practices, and required disclosures to prospective custo	mers.
Section 7. Section 31A-23a-905 is enacted to read:	
31A-23a-905. Offering or disseminating travel insurance.	
(1) A travel retailer offering or disseminating travel insurance shall make avail	lable to a
prospective purchaser a brochure or other written material that:	
(a) provides the identity and contact information of the insurer and the limited	lines
travel insurance producer;	
(b) explains that the purchase of travel insurance is not required to purchase ar	ny other
product or service from the travel retailer; and	
(c) explains that an unlicensed travel retailer is permitted to provide general	
information about the insurance offered by the travel retailer, including a description o	f the
coverage and price, but is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about	out the
terms and conditions of the insurance offered by the travel retailer or to evaluate the ad-	lequacy
of the prospective purchaser's existing insurance coverage.	
(2) A travel retailer's employee or authorized representative who is not licensed	d as an

282	insurance producer may not:
283	(a) evaluate or interpret the technical terms, benefits, and conditions of the offered
284	travel insurance coverage;
285	(b) evaluate or provide advice concerning a prospective purchaser's existing insurance
286	coverage; or
287	(c) hold the person out as a licensed insurer, licensed producer, or insurance expert.
288	(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a travel retailer whose
289	insurance-related activities, and those of its employees and authorized representatives, are
290	limited to offering and disseminating travel insurance on behalf of and under the direction of a
291	limited lines travel insurance producer meeting the conditions stated in this part, is authorized
292	to do so and receive related compensation for services, upon registration of the limited lines
293	travel insurance producer as described in Subsection 31A-23a-904(2).
294	(4) As the insurer designee, the limited lines travel insurance producer is responsible
295	for the acts of the travel retailer and shall use responsible means to ensure compliance by the
296	travel retailer under this part.
297	Section 8. Section 31A-23a-906 is enacted to read:
298	<u>31A-23a-906.</u> Travel insurance.
299	Travel insurance may be provided under an individual policy or under a group or master
300	policy.
301	Section 9. Section 31A-23a-907 is enacted to read:
302	31A-23a-907. Market conduct and penalties.
303	A limited lines travel insurance producer and any travel retailer offering and
304	disseminating travel insurance under the limited lines travel insurance producer license are
305	subject to Sections 31A-2-308, 31A-23a-402, and 31A-23a-402.5.