

CHAPTER 290—H. F. No. 1503

An act relating to qualifications of insurance agents; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 60A.17, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1969, Chapter 7, Section 18:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 60A.17, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1969, Chapter 7, Section 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Insurance; license procedure and requirements.

(1) **Requisition by insurer.** A license to any person to act as insurance agent shall only be granted by the commissioner, upon the written requisition of an insurer, to a qualified person.

(2) **Examination.** To become qualified, a person shall complete a written application furnished by the commissioner, and he shall take and pass the examination prescribed for one or more of the following lines of insurance: fire and marine, automobile, accident and health, life, general casualty, fidelity and surety, farm windstorm and hail. The examination shall be given only after the applicant has completed a program of studies in a school, which shall include a school conducted by an admitted insurer, a correspondence course given by an admitted insurer, or other such course of study. Said course of study shall consist of a minimum of ten hours study for each line for which a license application is made. If the applicant has been previously licensed for the particular line of insurance in the state of Minnesota, the requirement of a program of studies or a study course shall be waived. A certification of compliance by an admitted insurer shall accompany the agent's license application. This program of studies in a school or a study course shall not apply to farm windstorm and hail applicants, or to agents writing such other lines of insurance as the commissioner may exempt from examination by directive.

(3) **Fees.** Prior to his taking the examination, the applicant shall transmit to the commissioner of insurance, by money order or cashier's check payable to the state treasurer, a fee of \$10 for taking the examination for one line of insurance and an additional \$10 fee for each examination for additional lines of insurance or for re-examination in any one line. *If an applicant pays an examination fee and within one year from the date of that payment does not either make a written request for a refund or take the examination for which the fee was paid, that fee is forfeited to the state of Minnesota.*

The insurer shall remit for each agent a fee of \$2. The license issued shall expire May 31 of each year, unless renewed by written

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request of the insurer with payment of renewal fee of \$2. Further the insurer shall remit \$1 for each amendment requested on a license.

Any applicant who has held a license as an agent for a specific line within three years prior to his application or renewal application shall be entitled to a renewal of his license for that line without examination.

(4) **Exceptions.** (a) Any officer of a licensed insurer may, without license or other qualification, act in its behalf in the negotiation and consummation of insurance and appoint agents for the company.

(b) Where the agent or solicitor has previously filed with the commissioner such an application, the commissioner may renew his license without requiring further application.

(c) No agent or solicitor licensed on January 1, 1944, shall be required to take an examination to determine his competence to transact business in the lines of insurance for which he was licensed on that date.

(d) No examination or program of studies or study course shall be required of an applicant for a license as a non-resident agent who is duly licensed as an agent or broker in the state of his residence, provided such state requires no like examination of licensed agents of this state.

Approved May 6, 1969.

CHAPTER 291—H. F. No. 1929

An act relating to insurance fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 60A.17, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1969, Chapter 7, Section 18, and Subdivision 3; Section 60A.19, Subdivision 4; and Section 60A.14, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1969, Chapter 7, Section 17.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 60A.17, Subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 1969, Chapter 7, Section 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Insurance; fees; license procedure and re-**

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