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	CONTINUING EDUCATION IN INSURANCE		
	2006 GENERAL SESSION		
	STATE OF UTAH		
	Chief Sponsor: Thomas V. Hatch		
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]	LONG TITLE		
(General Description:		
	This bill modifies the Insurance Code to address continuing education requirements.		
]	Highlighted Provisions:		
	This bill:		
	 provides different continuing education requirements for title insurance producers 		
who have been licensed 20 or more consecutive years;			
	 provides that an attorney meeting requirements for the Utah State Bar meets the 		
(continuing education requirements for certain title insurance licenses;		
	 requires continuing education documentation to be retained for two years; and 		
	makes technical changes.		
]	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:		
	None		
(Other Special Clauses:		
	None		
1	Utah Code Sections Affected:		
1	AMENDS:		
	31A-23a-202 , as last amended by Chapter 219, Laws of Utah 2005		
	31A-26-206 , as last amended by Chapter 219, Laws of Utah 2005		
1	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:		
-	Section 1. Section 31A-23a-202 is amended to read:		
	31A-23a-202. Continuing education requirements.		

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30	(1) [The] Pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall by rule prescribe the
31	continuing education requirements for a producer and a consultant.
32	(2) (a) The commissioner may not state a continuing education requirement in terms of
33	formal education.
34	(b) The commissioner may state a continuing education requirement in terms of
35	classroom hours, or their equivalent, of insurance-related instruction received.
36	(c) Insurance-related formal education may be a substitute, in whole or in part, for
37	classroom hours, or their equivalent, required under Subsection (2)(b).
38	(3) (a) The commissioner shall impose continuing education requirements in
39	accordance with a two-year licensing period in which the licensee meets the requirements of
40	this Subsection (3).
41	(b) (i) Except as provided in [Subsection (3)(b)(iii)] this section, the continuing
42	education requirements shall require:
43	(A) that a licensee complete 24 credit hours of continuing education for every two-year
44	licensing period;
45	(B) that three of the 24 credit hours described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)(A) be ethics
46	courses; and
47	(C) that the licensee complete at least half of the required hours through classroom
48	hours of insurance-related instruction.
49	(ii) The hours not completed through classroom hours in accordance with Subsection
50	(3)(b)(i)(C) may be obtained through:
51	(A) home study;
52	(B) video recording;
53	(C) experience credit; or
54	(D) other methods provided by rule.
55	(iii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsections (3)(b)(i)(A) and (B), a title insurance producer is
56	required to complete 12 credit hours of continuing education for every two-year licensing
57	period, with three of the credit hours being ethics courses unless the title insurance producer

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58	has been licensed in this state as a title insurance producer for 20 or more consecutive years.
59	(B) If a title insurance producer has been licensed in this state as a title insurance
60	producer for 20 or more consecutive years, the title insurance producer is required to complete
51	six credit hours of continuing education for every two-year licensing period, with three of the
52	credit hours being ethics courses.
53	(C) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(b)(iii)(A) or (B), a title insurance producer is
54	considered to have met the continuing education requirements imposed under Subsection
65	(3)(b)(iii)(A) or (B) if the title insurance producer:
66	(I) is an active member in good standing with the Utah State Bar;
67	(II) is in compliance with the continuing education requirements of the Utah State Bar;
58	<u>and</u>
59	(III) if requested by the department, provides the department evidence that the title
70	insurance producer complied with the continuing education requirements of the Utah State Bar
71	(c) A licensee may obtain continuing education hours at any time during the two-year
72	licensing period.
73	(d) (i) Beginning May 3, 1999, a licensee is exempt from continuing education
74	requirements under this section if:
75	(A) the licensee was first licensed before April 1, 1970;
76	(B) the licensee requests an exemption from the department; and
77	(C) the department approves the exemption.
78	(ii) If the department approves the exemption under Subsection (3)(d)(i), the licensee is
79	not required to apply again for the exemption.
80	(e) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
31	commissioner shall, by rule:
32	(i) publish a list of insurance professional designations whose continuing education
33	requirements can be used to meet the requirements for continuing education under Subsection
34	(3)(b); and
35	(ii) authorize continuing education providers and professional producer or consultant

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(A) offer qualified programs for all license types and lines of authority on a geographically accessible basis; and

- (B) collect reasonable fees for funding and administration of the continuing education program, subject to the review and approval of the commissioner.
- (iii) The fees permitted under Subsection (3)(e)(ii)(B) that are charged for attendance at a professional producer or consultant association program may be less for an association member, based on the member's affiliation expense, but shall preserve the right of a nonmember to attend without affiliation.
- (4) The commissioner shall approve continuing education providers and continuing education courses [which] that satisfy the requirements of this section.
- (5) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commissioner shall by rule set the processes and procedures for continuing education provider registration and course approval.
- (6) The requirements of this section apply only to producers or consultants who are natural persons.
- (7) A nonresident producer or consultant is considered to have satisfied this state's continuing education requirements if the nonresident producer or consultant satisfies the nonresident producer's or consultant's home state's continuing education requirements for a licensed insurance producer or consultant.
- (8) A producer or consultant subject to this section shall keep documentation of completing the continuing education requirements of this section for two years after the end of the two-year licensing period to which the continuing education applies.
- Section 2. Section **31A-26-206** is amended to read:
- 110 31A-26-206. Continuing education requirements.
- 111 (1) [The] <u>Pursuant to this section, the</u> commissioner shall by rule prescribe continuing 112 education requirements for each class of license under Section 31A-26-204.
- 113 (2) (a) The commissioner shall impose continuing education requirements in

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114 accordance with a two-year licensing period in which the licensee meets the requirements of 115 this Subsection (2). 116 (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(iii), the continuing education 117 requirements shall require: 118 (A) that a licensee complete 24 credit hours of continuing education for every two-year 119 licensing period; 120 (B) that three of the 24 credit hours described in Subsection (2)(b)(i)(A) be ethics 121 courses; and 122 (C) that the licensee complete at least half of the required hours through classroom 123 hours of insurance-related instruction. 124 (ii) The hours not completed through classroom hours in accordance with Subsection 125 (2)(b)(i)(C) may be obtained through: 126 (A) home study; (B) video recording; 127 128 (C) experience credit; or 129 (D) other methods provided by rule. 130 (iii) Notwithstanding Subsections (2)(b)(i)(A) and (B), a title insurance adjuster is 131 required to complete 12 credit hours of continuing education for every two-year licensing 132 period, with three of the credit hours being ethics courses. 133 (c) A licensee may obtain continuing education hours at any time during the two-year licensing period. 134 135 (d) (i) Beginning May 3, 1999, a licensee is exempt from the continuing education 136 requirements of this section if: 137 (A) the licensee was first licensed before April 1, 1970; 138 (B) the licensee requests an exemption from the department; and 139 (C) the department approves the exemption. 140 (ii) If the department approves the exemption under Subsection (2)(d)(i), the licensee is 141 not required to apply again for the exemption.

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142 (e) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the 143 commissioner shall by rule: 144 (i) publish a list of insurance professional designations whose continuing education 145 requirements can be used to meet the requirements for continuing education under Subsection 146 (2)(b); and 147 (ii) authorize professional adjuster associations to: 148 (A) offer qualified programs for all classes of licenses on a geographically accessible 149 basis; and 150 (B) collect reasonable fees for funding and administration of the continuing education 151 programs, subject to the review and approval of the commissioner. 152 (f) (i) The fees permitted under Subsection (2)(e)(ii)(B) that are charged to fund and 153 administer a program shall reasonably relate to the costs of administering the program. 154 (ii) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a provider of continuing education programs 155 or courses from charging fees for attendance at courses offered for continuing education credit. 156 (iii) The fees permitted under Subsection (2)(e)(ii)(B) that are charged for attendance 157 at an association program may be less for an association member, based on the member's 158 affiliation expense, but shall preserve the right of a nonmember to attend without affiliation. 159 (3) The requirements of this section apply only to licensees who are natural persons. 160 (4) The requirements of this section do not apply to members of the Utah State Bar. 161 (5) The commissioner shall designate courses that satisfy the requirements of this section, including those presented by insurers. 162 163 (6) A nonresident adjuster is considered to have satisfied this state's continuing 164 education requirements if: 165 (a) the nonresident adjuster satisfies the nonresident producer's home state's continuing 166 education requirements for a licensed insurance adjuster; and 167 (b) on the same basis the nonresident adjuster's home state considers satisfaction of Utah's continuing education requirements for a producer as satisfying the continuing education 168 169 requirements of the home state.

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170	(7) A licensee subject to this section shall keep documentation of completing the
171	continuing education requirements of this section for two years after the end of the two-year
172	licensing period to which the continuing education requirement applies.