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By Representatives Simpson, Bush, Benson, Hatfield, Santos and Keiser; by request of Insurance Commissioner

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1 AN ACT Relating to licensing insurance agents, brokers,  
2 solicitors, and adjusters; and amending RCW 48.17.090 and  
3 48.17.330.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.17.090 and 1982 c 181 s 6 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Application for any such license shall be made to the  
8 commissioner upon forms as prescribed and furnished by ~~((him))~~ the  
9 commissioner. As a part of or in connection with any such  
10 application the applicant shall furnish information concerning his  
11 or her identity, including ~~((his))~~ fingerprints, personal history,  
12 experience, business record, purposes, and other pertinent facts,  
13 as the commissioner may reasonably require.

14 (2) Persons resident in the United States but not in Washington  
15 may apply for such a license on a form prepared by the national  
16 association of insurance commissioners or others, if those forms  
17 are approved by the commissioner by rule. An applicant shall also

1 furnish any other information required to be submitted but not  
2 provided for in that form.

3 (3) Any person willfully misrepresenting any fact required to  
4 be disclosed in any such application shall be liable to penalties  
5 as provided by this code.

6 ((+3)) (4) If in the process of verifying fingerprints,  
7 business records, or other information the commissioner's office  
8 incurs fees or charges from another governmental agency or from a  
9 business firm, the amount of such fees or charges shall be paid to  
10 the commissioner's office by the applicant and shall be considered  
11 the recovery of a previous expenditure.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 48.17.330 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 107 s 1 are each  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (1) The commissioner may license as an agent or as a broker, a  
15 person (~~who is otherwise qualified therefor under this code but~~)  
16 who is not a resident of or domiciled in this state and who holds  
17 a corresponding license issued by the state or province of his or  
18 her residence or domicile, subject to RCW 48.17.530, if by the  
19 laws of the state or province of his or her residence or domicile  
20 a similar privilege is extended to residents of or corporations  
21 domiciled in this state. As used in this section, "state" means a  
22 state of the United States, the District of Columbia, any  
23 territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,  
24 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands,  
25 and the Northern Mariana Islands; and "province" means a province  
26 of Canada.

27 (2) Any such licensee shall be subject to the same obligations  
28 and limitations, and to the commissioner's supervision as though  
29 resident or domiciled in this state, subject to RCW 48.14.040.

30 (3) No such person shall be so licensed unless he or she files  
31 the power of attorney provided for in RCW 48.17.340, and, if a  
32 corporation, it must have complied with the laws of this state  
33 governing the admission of foreign corporations.

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