

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1547**

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2001 Regular Session

INSURANCE AGENTS--LICENSING

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Passed by the House March 9, 2001  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 5, 2001  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 18, 2001.

GARY LOCKE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1547** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

**Chief Clerk**

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

**Chief Clerk**

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April 18, 2001 - 1:31 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

Read first time 01/29/2001. Referred to Committee on Financial  
Institutions & Insurance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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