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1 AN ACT Relating to the elimination of prelicensing education
2 requirements for licensed insurance producers; and amending RCW
3 48.17.090.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.17.090 and 2009 c 162 s 15 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) An individual applying for a resident insurance producer
8 license shall make application to the commissioner on the uniform
9 application and declare under penalty of refusal, suspension, or
10 revocation of the license that the statements made in the application
11 are true, correct, and complete to the best of the individual's
12 knowledge and belief. As a part of or in connection with the
13 application, the individual applicant shall furnish information
14 concerning the applicant's identity, including fingerprints for
15 submission to the Washington state patrol, the federal bureau of
16 investigation, and any governmental agency or entity authorized to
17 receive this information for a state and national criminal history
18 background check. If, in the process of verifying fingerprints,
19 business records, or other information, the commissioner's office
20 incurs fees or charges from another governmental agency or from a

1 business firm, the amount of the fees or charges shall be paid to the
2 commissioner's office by the applicant.

3 (2) Before approving the application, the commissioner shall find
4 that the individual:

5 (a) Is at least eighteen years of age;

6 (b) Has not committed any act that is a ground for denial,
7 suspension, or revocation set forth in RCW 48.17.530;

8 ~~((Has completed a prelicensing course of study for the lines
9 of authority for which the person has applied;~~

10 ~~(d))~~ Has paid the fees set forth in RCW 48.14.010; and

11 ~~((e))~~ (d) Has successfully passed the examinations for the
12 lines of authority for which the person has applied.

13 (3) A resident business entity acting as an insurance producer is
14 required to obtain an insurance producer license. Application shall
15 be made using the uniform business entity application, and the
16 individual signing the application shall declare under penalty of
17 refusal, suspension, or revocation of the license that the statements
18 made in the application are true, correct, and complete to the best
19 of the individual's knowledge and belief. Before approving the
20 application, the commissioner shall find that:

21 (a) The business entity has paid the fees set forth in RCW
22 48.14.010;

23 (b) The business entity has designated a licensed insurance
24 producer responsible for the business entity's compliance with the
25 insurance laws and rules of this state; and

26 (c) The business entity has not committed any act that is a
27 ground for denial, suspension, or revocation set forth in RCW
28 48.17.530.

29 (4) A resident business entity acting as a title insurance agent
30 is required to obtain a title insurance agent license. Application
31 shall be made to the commissioner on the uniform business entity
32 application, and the individual submitting the application shall
33 declare under penalty of refusal, suspension, or revocation of the
34 license that the statements made in the application are true,
35 correct, and complete to the best of the individual's knowledge and
36 belief. Before approving the application, the commissioner shall find
37 that the business entity:

38 (a) Has paid the fees set forth in RCW 48.14.010;

39 (b) Maintains a lawfully established place of business in this
40 state;

1 (c) Is empowered to be a title insurance agent under a members'
2 agreement, if a limited liability company, or by its articles of
3 incorporation;
4 (d) Is appointed as an agent by one or more authorized title
5 insurance companies; and
6 (e) Has complied with RCW 48.29.155 and 48.29.160.
7 (5) The commissioner may require any documents reasonably
8 necessary to verify the information contained in an application and
9 may, from time to time, require any licensed insurance producer or
10 title insurance agent to produce the information called for in an
11 application for license.

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