

Chapter 377

(House Bill 537)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance Producers – Continuing Education – Online Courses

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Insurance Commissioner from disapproving a continuing education course for insurance producers solely on a certain basis; authorizing insurance producers to obtain all or part of the credit hours of continuing education required for license renewal from correspondence courses or online courses approved by the Commissioner; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to continuing education for insurance producers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 10–116(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 10–116(d–1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Insurance

10–116.

(d) **(1)** The Commissioner may review all continuing education courses submitted and approve or disapprove courses.

(2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT DISAPPROVE A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE METHODOLOGY OR TECHNOLOGY USED TO DELIVER INSTRUCTION TO INDIVIDUALS TAKING THE COURSE.

(D–1) (1) AN INSURANCE PRODUCER MAY OBTAIN ALL OR PART OF THE CREDIT HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL OF A

LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION FROM CORRESPONDENCE COURSES OR ONLINE COURSES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO ALL INSURANCE PRODUCERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSE RENEWAL UNDER THIS SECTION, REGARDLESS OF THE KIND OR SUBDIVISION OF INSURANCE FOR WHICH THE INSURANCE PRODUCER HAS RECEIVED A LICENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.