

HOUSE BILL 537

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance Producers – Continuing Education – Online Courses**

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Insurance
12 Section 10–116(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Insurance
17 Section 10–116(d–1)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Insurance**

23 10–116.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

7 **(D-1) (1)** **AN INSURANCE PRODUCER MAY OBTAIN ALL OR PART OF THE**
8 **CREDIT HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL OF A**
9 **LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION FROM CORRESPONDENCE COURSES OR ONLINE**
10 **COURSES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER.**

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

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