

HB 654 -- Limited Lines Travel Insurance Producer Licensure

Sponsor: Hansen

This bill allows the Director of the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to issue an individual or business entity that has complied with specified requirements a limited lines travel insurance producer license that authorizes the producer to sell, solicit, or negotiate travel insurance through a licensed insurer. An application must be filed with the department director in a form and manner prescribed by the department director.

A travel retailer must make available to prospective purchasers brochures or other written materials that provide the identity and contact information of the insurer and the limited lines travel insurance producer; explain that the purchase of travel insurance is not required to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer; and explain that an unlicensed travel retailer is permitted to provide general information about the insurance offered by the travel retailer, including a description of the coverage and price, but is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms and conditions of the insurance offered by the travel retailer or to evaluate the adequacy of the customer's existing insurance coverage. A travel retailer's employee or authorized representative may not engage in specified practices such as holding himself or herself out as a licensed insurer, licensed producer, or insurance expert or evaluate or provide advice concerning insurance coverage.

As the insurer designee, the limited lines travel insurance producer is responsible for the acts of the travel retailer and must use reasonable means to ensure compliance by the retailer with these provisions. The limited lines travel insurance producer and any travel retailer selling travel insurance under the limited lines travel insurance producer license must be subject to the trade practices and enforcement provisions of this state.