

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

**REGULATION CHAPTER 120-2-3
CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS**

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DOCKET NUMBER I-14-I-2

ORDER

I. STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

On February 26, 2014, Notice of Intent to Adopt Rule Changes and Notice of Hearing was given regarding the proposed amendments to Regulations 120-2-3-.09, .15, and .19 entitled “Examinations,” “Resident Continuing Education Requirements,” and “Exemptions or Reductions in Requirements for Continuing Education.” By letter dated March 19, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General opined that the proposed amendments are within this office’s scope of authority (Record, Exhibit 5). Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(e), the proposed amendments were transmitted to Wayne R. Allen, Legislative Counsel for the General Assembly, for assignment to the appropriate standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives (Record, Exhibit 6) and were assigned accordingly (Record, Exhibit 7).

Interested persons were given the opportunity to participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting their written comments by April 4, 2014, and by making oral comments at the public hearing held April 8, 2014. No written comments were received. Tammy Holmes, Director of the Agents Licensing Division of this office and Jerry Duke of Professional Insurance Agents (“PIA”) were the only persons to offer oral comments at the hearing.

According to Ms. Holmes, the proposed changes to licensee continuing education requirements promote state conformity of insurance regulations and continue this office’s efforts

to keep its regulations generally consistent with NAIC recommendations. Additionally, the proposed changes would add Registered Employee Benefits Consultants (“REBCs”) to the list of designees that are exempt from having to take the life, accident and sickness counselor’s examination in order to obtain a life, accident and sickness counselor’s license. This proposed change acknowledges the special background and education of REBCs.

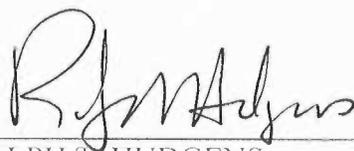
II. CONSIDERATION OF INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Mr. Duke expressed PIA’s support for the proposed modifications to the regulations discussed herein.

III. DECISION

The Commissioner has given careful consideration to Ms. Holmes’ and Mr. Duke’s comments expressed at the hearing. **WHEREAS**, he finds those comments persuasive, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the proposed amendments to Regulations 120-2-3-.09, .15, and .19, respectively entitled “Examinations,” “Resident Continuing Education Requirements,” and “Exemptions or Reductions in Requirements for Continuing Education,” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part by reference, is **HEREBY ADOPTED**.

Given under my Hand and Seal this 16th day of April, 2014.



RALPH T. HUDGENS
INSURANCE AND SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF GEORGIA