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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **743** Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MR. WADE, JUNE 6, 1961.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, JUNE 6, 1961.

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**AN ACT**

Amending the act of May 17 1921 (P L 789) entitled as amended "An act relating to insurance establishing an insurance department and amending revising and consolidating the law relating to the licensing qualification regulation examination suspension and dissolution of insurance companies Lloyds associations reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges and certain societies and orders the examination and regulation of fire insurance rating bureaus and the licensing and regulation of insurance agents and brokers the service of legal process upon foreign insurance companies

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

associations or exchanges providing penalties and repealing existing laws" further regulating the issuance of agents' licenses

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 Section six hundred three of the act of May 17 1921  
2 (P L 789) known as "The Insurance Department Act of one thousand  
3 nine hundred and twenty-one" amended May 9 1949 (P L 953) is amend-  
4 ed to read
- 5 Section 603 Agent's Licenses The Insurance Commissioner may  
6 issue upon certification as aforesaid by any company association or ex-  
7 change authorized by law to transact business within this Commonwealth  
8 an agent's license to any person of at least twenty-one years of age and  
9 to any copartnership or corporation No license as agent shall be granted  
10 to any corporation unless by provisions of its charter it is authorized to  
11 engage in the business of insurance or real estate and unless individual  
12 licenses are also secured for each active officer of such corporation and  
13 no license shall be granted to a copartnership or firm unless individual  
14 licenses are also secured for each active member of such copartnership  
15 or firm Before any such license is granted the applicant shall first make  
16 answer in writing and under oath to interrogatories on forms and supple

1 ments such as the Insurance Commissioner shall prepare and submit  
2 which answers shall be vouched for by endorsement of the company  
3 association or exchange interested and to the effect that the applicant  
4 is of good business reputation and of experience in underwriting other  
5 than soliciting and is worthy of a license. Provided That any applicant  
6 who shall [have held for any period during the five years immediately  
7 preceding the application] hold a license to transact as agent any class  
8 or kind of insurance business for any company association or exchange  
9 authorized to transact business within this Commonwealth shall be en-  
10 titled upon proper application to receive a license to transact as agent  
11 the same class or kind of insurance business for any other company as-  
12 sociation or exchange so authorized to transact business without the  
13 necessity of submitting to an examination. When the Insurance Commis-  
14 sioner is satisfied that the applicant is worthy of license and that he is  
15 reasonably familiar with provisions of the insurance law of this Com-  
16 monwealth he shall issue a license stating that the company association  
17 or exchange represented by the agent has complied with the require-  
18 ments of law and has been authorized by the Insurance Commissioner  
19 to transact business within this Commonwealth and that the agent has  
20 been duly appointed by the company association or exchange named in

1 the license Licenses of life insurance agents shall expire annually at  
2 midnight of March thirty-first licenses of fire insurance agents shall ex-  
3 pire annually at midnight of September thirtieth and the licenses of  
4 casualty and health and accident insurance agents shall expire annually  
5 at midnight of December thirty-first unless sooner terminated as the  
6 result of severance of business relations between the company associ-  
7 ation or exchange and the agent or unless revoked by the Insurance  
8 Commissioner for cause Licenses for casualty insurance agents issued  
9 to expire at midnight November thirtieth one thousand nine hundred  
10 forty-nine are hereby extended until midnight December thirty-first one  
11 thousand nine hundred forty-nine The department shall collect an addi-  
12 tional fee for each such license extended at the rate of one-twelfth of  
13 the annual rate as fixed by this act for each additional month that the  
14 term of such licenses are extended Any person whose license is revoked  
15 may appeal to the court of common pleas of Dauphin County within  
16 thirty days of the date of receipt by registered mail of a notice of the  
17 fact of such revocation Nothing in this section shall be construed as  
18 applying to domestic mutual fire insurance companies

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The ..... day of ..... A. D. 1961.

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**Governor**