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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO OFFER ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED TO CERTAIN LICENSEES IN THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-702d of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2019*):

4 (a) A resident individual applying for an insurance producer license
5 shall pass a written examination unless exempt under section 38a-
6 702h. The examination shall (1) be given in English or Spanish at the
7 option of the individual, and (2) test the knowledge of the individual
8 concerning the lines of authority for which application is made, the
9 duties and responsibilities of an insurance producer and the insurance
10 laws and regulations of this state, except that no additional course or
11 examination shall be required for the line of variable life and variable
12 annuity products. Examinations required by this section shall be
13 developed and conducted under rules prescribed by the commissioner,
14 or regulations which the commissioner may adopt pursuant to section
15 38a-702p.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 38a-769 of the general statutes is
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
18 *October 1, 2019*):

19 (c) Each applicant for a license shall furnish satisfactory evidence to
20 the commissioner that the applicant is a person of good moral
21 character and that the applicant is financially responsible. In order to
22 determine the trustworthiness and competency of an applicant the
23 commissioner shall subject the applicant to personal written
24 examination as to the applicant's competency to act as a licensee for
25 each line of insurance for which the applicant desires to be licensed.
26 The commissioner may, at the commissioner's discretion, designate an
27 independent testing service to prepare and administer such
28 examination, provided any examination fees charged by such service
29 shall be paid by the applicant. The commissioner shall collect the
30 appropriate examination fee as specified in section 38a-11, which shall
31 entitle the applicant to take the examination for the license desired,
32 except that when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay
33 such fee to the commissioner for each examination taken by an
34 applicant. In either case, each such examination shall be (1) as the
35 commissioner prescribes, (2) given in English or Spanish at the option
36 of the applicant, and [shall be] (3) of sufficient scope to test the
37 applicant's knowledge of insurance, the duties and responsibilities of a
38 licensee and the laws of this state applicable to insurance. The
39 commissioner may require a waiting period not exceeding six months,
40 before reexamining any applicant who has failed to pass any such
41 examination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	38a-702d(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	38a-769(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Insurance Commissioner to offer English and Spanish language versions of examinations administered to certain applicants for licenses from the commissioner.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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