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S.B. No. 1584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to satisfaction of continuing education requirements for certain insurance adjusters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 4101, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 4101.062 to read as follows:

Sec. 4101.062. ALTERNATIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION: CLAIMS CERTIFICATION. Notwithstanding Section 4004.051, the department shall accept as satisfaction of any continuing education requirement imposed on an adjuster under this chapter or Chapter 4004 a claims certification that the adjuster receives during a license period for which the continuing education is required if:

(1) the claims certification is issued by a national or state claims association with a certification program;

(2) the number of hours required to complete the certification program is not less than the number of hours of continuing education that an adjuster is required to complete during the license period under Sections 4004.053 and 4004.054;

(3) the content of the certification program:

(A) includes the content required under Section 4004.105; and

(B) is made available through an electronic portal maintained by the association for review and audit by the department;

1 (4) the association is approved by the department as a
2 continuing education provider;

3 (5) the association reports the adjuster's completion
4 of the certification program to the department through an
5 electronic portal maintained by the department; and

6 (6) the association, through an electronic portal
7 maintained by the association, provides the department access to
8 the adjuster's transcript showing the adjuster's completion of the
9 certification program.

10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 4101.062,
11 Insurance Code, as added by this Act, applies to continuing
12 education requirements for an insurance adjuster's license period
13 beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.