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NOTICE

TO: Independent Insurance Adjusters and Public Insurance Adjusters

DATE: November 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Changes to Insurance Adjuster Licensing Laws

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 2782 (Chapter 400, Statutes of 2010) will become effective on January 1, 2011. Included among the provisions of the bill was to set the ethics training requirement for both independent and public insurance adjusters at three hours each two-year license term and to stagger the renewal dates for new applicants. The effects of this change are as follows:

Current Insurance Adjuster Licensees

Current law specifies that both independent and public insurance adjusters must complete a minimum of 24 hours, including ethics, of continuing education (CE) courses pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of their insurance adjuster license every two years prior to renewing their license. However, current law does not specify the number of hours of training on ethics that should be completed.

AB 2782 amends the California Insurance Code to specify that 3 of the required 24 hours of CE must be on ethics. Therefore, current independent and public insurance adjuster licensees who renew their license, which expires on May 31, 2012, will need to ensure that in addition to completing 24 CE hours prior to their renewal that 3 of those 24 hours must be in ethics. Licenses will not be renewed unless both these requirements are met.

Insurance Adjuster License Applicants

Further, beginning on January 1, 2011, all new independent and public insurance adjuster license applicants, who qualify for a license, will be issued a two-year license that will expire in two years on the last day of the same month the original license was issued. For instance, a license issued on January 15, 2011 will expire on January 31, 2013.

Questions

For further information regarding the independent and public insurance adjuster license changes, please e-mail CDI's Producer Licensing Bureau at https://interactive.web.insurance.ca.gov/pli/servlet/InformationRequest or call CDI's Producer Licensing Insurance Adjuster voice mail at (916) 492-3085. Please be sure to include your name, telephone number, license number and e-mail address in all correspondence with the CDI.

You may also review AB 2782 at the following link: <u>http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab 2751-2800/ab 2782 bill 20100927 chaptered.pdf</u>.