

General Assembly

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LCO No. 3406



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: (INS)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC ADJUSTERS.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 38a-723 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):
- As used in this title <u>and section 2 of this act</u>, unless the context or
- 4 subject matter otherwise requires, "public adjuster" means any person,
- 5 partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation who
- 6 or which:
- 7 (1) On behalf of an insured and for monetary or other compensation
- 8 or anything of value, (A) prepares, documents and submits a first-party
- 9 property claim to an insurance company for loss or damage by a covered
- 10 peril under a personal or commercial risk insurance policy, as defined
- in section 38a-663, issued by such company, or (B) negotiates, adjusts or
- 12 effects the settlement of such claim;
- 13 (2) Advertises or solicits business as a public adjuster; or

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- (3) Holds himself or itself out to the public as engaging in the activities set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (1) of this section as a business. Lawyers settling claims of clients shall not be deemed to be public adjusters.
- Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The Insurance Commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish continuing education requirements for public adjusters.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | October 1, 2021 | 38a-723 |
| Sec. 2 | October 1, 2021 | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

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To require the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations establishing continuing education requirements for public adjusters.

[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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