

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 38.2-1816 of the Code of Virginia, relating to course study required*
3 *prior to taking the insurance agents' examination.*

4 [H 2817]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 38.2-1816 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 38.2-1816. Study course required; exception based upon employment experience.

9 A.1. Before registering to take an examination for a license, each applicant shall have completed a
10 ~~forty-five classroom-hour~~ *an insurance study course of forty-five hours of classroom instruction or*
11 *equivalent distance learning, or any combination thereof*, in accordance with an examination content
12 outline approved by the Commission and shall submit proof of such completion in a form acceptable to
13 the Commission. However, applicants for a health agent license shall complete a ~~twenty-five~~
14 ~~classroom-hour~~ *an insurance study course of twenty-five hours of classroom instruction or equivalent*
15 *distance learning, or any combination thereof*, in accordance with an examination content outline
16 approved by the Commission.

17 2. The term "classroom instruction" as used in this section shall mean actual hours in a classroom
18 environment with an instructor. Instructors shall have the right to consider an applicant to have met the
19 classroom-hour requirement if the applicant was present for no less than ninety-five percent of the
20 required hours. The term "distance learning" as used in this section means instruction delivered under
21 the general supervision of an instructor though a medium other than a classroom setting.

22 B. An applicant shall register to take an examination for a license and shall attain a passing grade on
23 such examination within one year after meeting the education requirement in subsection A of this
24 section. The Commission, however, may waive this time limit in individual circumstances in accordance
25 with such criteria as may be prescribed.

26 C. An applicant may apply to the Commission to take the examination for a license without taking
27 the required study course if the applicant submits proof in a form acceptable to the Commission that he
28 has attained equivalent knowledge through employment experience as determined by the Commission.
29 The employment experience shall include no less than one year of full-time experience as an employee
30 of an insurer, an insurance department, an insurance agency, or equivalent employment as determined by
31 the Commission. The employment experience shall have involved the performance of responsible
32 insurance duties in connection with the kind of insurance for which the applicant has applied for a
33 license. The applicant shall register for and attain a passing grade on such examination within one year
34 of completion of the required employment experience.

35 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on September 1, 1997.**

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