

STATE OF MAINE SENATE 101st LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 624, L. D. 880, Bill, "An Act Establishing an Insurance Adviser's License."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"'XI. Insurance adviser's license.

Insurance adviser defined. Whoever, not being an officer Α. or employee of an insurance company and acting for such company, or not being duly licensed as an insurance broker or agent of an insurance company and acting for such company, or not being a duly authorized attorney-at-law, for a fee, offers to examine, or examines any policy of insurance or any annuity or endowment contract for the purpose of giving, or gives or offers to give, any advice, counsel, recommendation or information in respect to the terms, benefits, coverage or premium of any such policy or contract, or in respect to the advisability of altering, exchanging, converting, surrendering, continuing, renewing or rejecting any such policy or contract, or of accepting or procuring any such policy or contract from any company, or whoever, in or on advertisements, cards, signs, circulars or letterheads, or elsewhere, or in any other way by which public announcements are made, uses the title "insurance adviser," "insurance specialist," "insurance counselor, " "insurance analyst, " "policyholders' adviser," "policyholders' counselor" or other similar title, or any title, word or combination of words indicating that he gives (Filing # \$-250)

advice, counsel or recommendation to holders of policies of insurance, annuity or endowment contracts, shall be deemed an insurance adviser.

License to act as insurance adviser. The commissioner в. may, upon payment of a fee of \$25, issue to any person at least 21 years of age a license to act as an insurance adviser. The applicant for the license shall file with the commissioner a written application, and shall satisfactorily pass all examinations given to applicants for the various types of licenses, and shall pay the prescribed fees for each examination. If the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is trustworthy and competent by reason of education and experience in all lines he shall issue the license, which shall expire in one year from its date. The license may be renewed for any succeeding year upon payment of the \$25 fee, without requiring anew the detailed information specified in the written application. The commissioner may at any time require such information as he deems necessary with respect to the business methods, policies and transactions of a licensee under this section. Whoever fails or refuses to furnish the commissioner any such information within 30 days after receiving a written request therefor shall forfeit his license as provided.

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<u>C. Contract with insurance adviser. All agreements of</u> <u>the type referred to in paragraph A with an insurance</u> <u>adviser shall be reduced to writing and executed in</u> <u>duplicate by the person to be charged or by his legal</u> <u>representative, and each party to any such agreement</u> <u>shall receive a copy thereof. It shall state the amount</u> <u>of the fee and the services to be rendered by such</u> <u>insurance adviser and shall be in a form approved by the</u> Insurance Commissioner.

D. Statement of adviser. An insurance adviser who furnishes any advice shall give to the recipient thereof a statement in writing, signed by him, in a form approved by the commissioner, specifying the advice or information given, and a receipt, in a form approved by the commissioner, for the fee. The commissioner may, at any time, for cause shown, after

hearing, due notice whereof has been given as provided in

section 289, suspend or revoke said license.' "

Proposed by Senator FARRIS of KENNEBEC

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