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AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES; ELIMINATING THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL; ALLOWING CONTRACTS FOR EDUCATION COURSE REVIEW; AMENDING SECTION 33-17-1204, MCA.

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

**Section 1.** Section 33-17-1204, MCA, is amended to read:

**"33-17-1204. Review and approval of continuing education courses by commissioner ~~and~~**

The commissioner shall, ~~after review by and at the recommendations of the advisory council established under~~ (2), approve only those continuing education courses, lectures, seminars, and instructional programs that the commissioner determines would improve the product knowledge, management, ethics, or marketing capability of the licensee. The content, instructors, material, instructional format, and the sponsoring organization must be approved and reviewed by the commissioner. The fee for approval of a course, lecture, seminar, or instructional program is \$708(2). The commissioner shall also determine the number of credit hours to be awarded for completion of continuing education activity.

(2) The commissioner ~~shall appoint an advisory council, pursuant to 2-15-122, consisting of at least one representative of the independent insurance agents of Montana, one representative of the national association of insurance and financial advisors in Montana, one representative of the professional insurance agents of Montana, one representative of the Montana state adjusters association, one title insurance producer, two public members who are not directly involved in the insurance industry, one insurance producer or consultant not affiliated with any of the three listed organizations, and a nonvoting presiding officer from the department who will be appointed by the commissioner as a representative of the department. The members of the council shall serve a term of 2 years, except that the initial term of the representatives of each organization is 3 years. The commissioner shall consult with the council in formulating rules and standards for the approval of continuing education activities and prior to approving specific education activities. The provisions of 33-17-1204(10) do not apply to this council.~~ may enter into a contract with a person to review and recommend for approval continuing education courses, lectures, seminars, and instructional programs that the commissioner determines would improve the product knowledge, management, ethics, or marketing capability of the licensee.

(3) In conducting periodic review of course content, instructors, material, instructional format, or

place the activity under probationary approval, or issue a cease and desist order under 33-1-318."

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