

SENATE BILL No. 1401

June 19, 2008, Introduced by Senators SANBORN, RICHARDVILLE, GILBERT, THOMAS, JACOBS, ALLEN and HUNTER and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 1239 (MCL 500.1239), as amended by 2007 PA 187.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1239. (1) In addition to any other powers under this act,
2 the commissioner may place on probation, suspend, **OR** revoke ~~or~~
3 ~~refuse to issue~~ an insurance producer's license or may levy a civil
4 fine under section 1244 or any combination of actions for any 1 or
5 more of the following causes:

6 (a) Providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially
7 untrue information in the license application.

8 (b) Violating any insurance laws or violating any regulation,
9 subpoena, or order of the commissioner or of another state's
10 insurance commissioner.

1 (c) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license through
2 misrepresentation or fraud.

3 (d) Improperly withholding, misappropriating, or converting
4 any money or property received in the course of doing insurance
5 business.

6 (e) Intentionally misrepresenting the terms of an actual or
7 proposed insurance contract or application for insurance.

8 (f) Having been convicted of a felony.

9 (g) Having admitted or been found to have committed any
10 insurance unfair trade practice or fraud.

11 (h) Using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices or
12 demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial
13 irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or
14 elsewhere.

15 (i) Having an insurance producer license or its equivalent
16 denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province,
17 district, or territory.

18 (j) Forging another's name to an application for insurance or
19 to any document related to an insurance transaction.

20 (k) Improperly using notes or any other reference material to
21 complete an examination for an insurance license.

22 (l) Knowingly accepting insurance business from an individual
23 who is not licensed.

24 (m) Failing to comply with an administrative or court order
25 imposing a child support obligation.

26 (n) Failing to pay the single business tax or the Michigan
27 business tax or comply with any administrative or court order

1 directing payment of the single business tax or the Michigan
2 business tax.

3 (2) Before the commissioner denies an application for a
4 license **UNDER SECTION 1205**, the commissioner shall notify in
5 writing the applicant or licensee of the denial and of the reason
6 for the denial. Not later than 30 days after this written denial,
7 the applicant or licensee may make written demand upon the
8 commissioner for a hearing before the commissioner to determine the
9 reasonableness of the commissioner's action. A hearing under this
10 subsection shall be held pursuant to the administrative procedures
11 act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

12 (3) The license of a business entity may be suspended,
13 revoked, or refused if the commissioner finds, after hearing, that
14 an individual licensee's violation was known or should have been
15 known by 1 or more of the partners, officers, or managers acting on
16 behalf of the partnership or corporation and the violation was
17 neither reported to the commissioner nor corrective action taken.

18 (4) In addition to or in lieu of any applicable denial,
19 suspension, or revocation of a license, a person may, after
20 hearing, be subject to a civil fine under section 1244.

21 (5) In addition to the penalties under this section, the
22 commissioner may enforce the provisions of and impose any penalty
23 or remedy authorized by this act against any person who is under
24 investigation for or charged with a violation of this act even if
25 the person's license or registration has been surrendered or has
26 lapsed by operation of law.