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House Bill 5497 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Joe Hune  
House Committee: Insurance  
Senate Committee: Banking and Financial Institutions

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to require the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) to waive the Code's continuing education requirements for an insurance producer who was licensed to write only limited line credit insurance.

Currently, the Commissioner must waive the continuing education requirements for an insurance producer who is unable to comply with the continuing education requirements due to military service or if the Commissioner determines that enforcement of the requirements would cause a severe hardship. In addition, the Commissioner must waive those requirements for an insurance producer who is licensed to write only travel or baggage insurance policies and whose employment is for a purpose other than the sale of those policies. The bill also would require a waiver for an insurance producer licensed to write only limited line credit insurance.

(Under the Code, an insurance producer's hours of study must be reviewed every two years unless the producer has renewed his or her license. A producer wishing to renew his or her license must, before the review date, attend or instruct at least 24 hours of continuing education classes approved by the OFIS Commissioner or 24 hours of home study evidenced by successful completion of course work approved by the Commissioner. Of the 24 hours required, at least three hours must be in ethics in insurance classes or course work.)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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