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**BULLETIN # 01 - 02**

TO All Insurance related Continuing Education Providers  
FROM J Robert Wooley, Acting Commissioner  
RE Acts 2001, Number 290  
Enactment of 22 1193 J. "Continuing Education Requirements"  
DATE October 1, 2001

Act 290 of the 2001 General Session of the Louisiana Legislature amended LRS 22 1193 by adding Subsection J. The new law, which took effect on August 15, 2001, changes the manner in which continuing education credits are calculated for persons participating in qualified graduate-level national designation programs such as CLU, CPCU, and CIC. It applies to individual or "self-study" courses only.

Subsection J of §1193 provides in pertinent part as follows.

"The Department may grant continuing education credits to an individual for participating in a qualified graduate-level national designation program only if the individual *passes* the test required of such program and earns a certificate of completion."

Enactment of this subsection supercedes the provision found in Rule 10 10 G, which allowed 50% credit to be given to licensees who participated but failed to pass the examination. Therefore, effective August 15, 2001, only those participants who pass the examination can be awarded CE credits.

The Department is in the process of developing internal procedures designed to implement full compliance with Act 290. We will simultaneously work with individual groups to address any short-term concerns that may arise as a result of the law's August 15<sup>th</sup> effective date.

Inquiries regarding this issue should be made to Frieda Causey.

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