

The Facts About the New Licensing & Continuing Education Law

House Bill 1589 was passed (Chapter 331) during the past legislative session and was signed by the Governor on April 24, 2008.

The bill becomes effective 10-1-08, however, there are varying effective dates within the law.

☞ The bill increases continuing education requirements from sixteen (16) hours to twenty-four (24) hours. The twenty-four (24) hours go into effect on **October 1, 2009**.

☞ There is a three (3) hour MANDATORY Ethics requirement. This too goes into effect on **October 1, 2009**.

☞ Those now enjoying the reduced eight (8) hour requirement (those licensed for 25 consecutive years in the State) will continue to obtain the 8 hours. If you currently do not have 25 consecutive years and will not have by **October 1, 2008**, you will need twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education credits. However, those that qualify for the eight (8) hours will still be required to obtain the MANDATORY Ethics credits.

☞ The MANDATORY Flood and the MANDATORY Long Term Care provisions have not been changed, each requiring two (2) hours if you sell that particular coverage.

☞ The exemption for age remains as always (70).

☞ The law also expands specific designations for pre-licensing education requirements. The designee is still required to test.