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DIVISION 5. INSURANCE ADJUSTERS [14000 - 16032] (*Division 5 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1190, Sec. 11.*)

CHAPTER 2. Public Insurance Adjusters Act [15000 - 15062] (*Chapter 2 added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

ARTICLE 8. Expiration and Renewal of Licenses and Cards [15054 - 15062] (*Article 8 added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15054. Every license, branch office certificate, and pocket card issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire on the day two years after the last calendar day of the month in which the initial license was issued. Licenses issued prior to January 1, 2011, shall expire on May 31 of each even-numbered year. To renew an unexpired license or certificate, the licensee shall, on or before the date on which it would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and pay the renewal fee prescribed by this chapter. On renewal, the evidence of renewal of the license or certificate as the commissioner may prescribe, and renewal pocket cards for the persons mentioned in Section 15022 shall be issued to the licensee.

(Amended by Stats. 2010, Ch. 400, Sec. 31. (AB 2782) Effective January 1, 2011.)

15055. Notwithstanding Section 15054, the commissioner may establish license periods and renewal dates for all licenses issued pursuant to this chapter so as to distribute the renewal work to permit the most efficient and economic use of personnel and equipment. In such cases, to the extent practical, provisions shall be made for the proration or other adjustment of fees so that no person shall be required to pay more than that which he or she would have been required to pay and no change in license period or renewal date shall be made.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.)

15056. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, an expired license or branch office certificate may be renewed at any time within one year after its expiration on the filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and the payment of a renewal fee in effect on the actual renewal date. If the license or certificate is renewed after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the renewal fee is paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever occurs last. If so renewed, the license or certificate shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 15054 that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

(b) Renewal of a license or certificate does not prohibit the bringing of disciplinary proceedings for an act committed before the effective date of the renewal.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 833, Sec. 21. (SB 488) Effective January 1, 2017.)

15057. A suspended license or branch office certificate is subject to expiration and shall be renewed as provided in this article, but renewal of the license does not entitle the licensee, while the license remains suspended and until it is reinstated, to engage in the licensed activity, or any other activity or conduct in violation of the order or judgment by which the license was suspended, and renewal of the branch office certificate does not entitle the licensee, while the certificate remains suspended, and until it is reinstated, to engage in the license activity at the location for which the certificate was issued, or to engage in any other activity or conduct in violation with an order or judgment by which certificate was suspended.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.)

15058. A revoked license or branch officer certificate is subject to expiration as provided in this article, but it may not be renewed. If it is reinstated after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to its reinstatement, shall pay a reinstatement fee in the amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which it is reinstated, plus the delinquency fee, if any accrued at the time of its revocation.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.)

15059. A license or branch office certificate which is not renewed within one year after its expiration may not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued thereafter.

The holder of the license or certificate may obtain a new license or certificate only on compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter relating to the issuance of an original license or certificate.

(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 448, Sec. 23. Effective January 1, 2006.)

15059.1. (a) An individual who holds a public insurance adjuster license and who is not exempt under subdivision (b) shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 24 hours, of which three hours are to be in ethics, of continuing education courses pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of a public insurance adjuster license, to be reported to the insurance commissioner on a biennial basis in conjunction with his or her license renewal cycle.

(b) This section shall not apply to:

(1) A licensee not licensed for one full year prior to the end of the applicable continuing education biennium.

(2) A licensee holding a nonresident public insurance adjuster license who has met the continuing education requirements of his or her designated state or residence.

(Amended by Stats. 2010, Ch. 400, Sec. 32. (AB 2782) Effective January 1, 2011.)

15059.2. A person who fails to meet the requirements imposed by Section 15059.1, and who has not been granted an extension of time by the commissioner within which to comply, shall have his or her license placed on inactive status until he or she demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that he or she has complied with all of the requirements of this article and all other applicable law. A licensee placed on inactive status may not perform the activities described in Section 1631. If a person cannot perform the requirements of this article due to a disability or inactivity due to special circumstances, the commissioner shall provide a procedure for the person to place his or her license on inactive status until the person demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that he or she has complied with all of the requirements of this article for the period of disability or inactivity.

(Added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 833, Sec. 22. (SB 488) Effective January 1, 2017.)

15060. The amount of fees prescribed by this chapter is that in the following schedule:

(a) The fee for the qualifying examination for an original license is sixty-two dollars (\$62).

(b) The application fee for an original branch office certificate is thirty-five dollars (\$35).

(c) The fee for an original license application is two hundred forty dollars (\$240). If the license will expire less than one year after its issuance, then the fee is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the license is issued.

(d) The renewal fees are as follows:

(1) For a license as a public insurance adjuster, two hundred forty dollars (\$240).

(2) For a branch office certificate, fifty dollars (\$50).

(e) The fee for replacing an identification card is twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(f) The delinquency fee shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the date of expiration.

(g) The fee for reexamination of an applicant is twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 833, Sec. 23. (SB 488) Effective January 1, 2017.)

15061. The department shall receive and account for all moneys derived from the operation of this chapter and, at the end of each month, shall report such money to the Controller and shall pay it to the Treasurer, to the credit of the Insurance Fund.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.)

15062. Application or license fees shall not be refunded pursuant to Section 1751.5.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 833, Sec. 24. (SB 488) Effective January 1, 2017.)