

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1923

By: Phillips

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 1991, Section 6218, which relates to licensing adjusters in the event of a catastrophe; limiting claims which an emergency adjuster may adjust; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 1991, Section 6218, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6218. A. In the event of a catastrophe, the Insurance Commission may declare an emergency to exist, and in the event of such a declaration, the Commissioner may issue a license as an emergency adjuster to any resident or nonresident applicant. ~~Said~~ An individual licensed as an emergency adjuster pursuant to this section shall only adjust claims related to the catastrophe. The applicant shall not have to be a licensed adjuster. An applicant for this license shall be certified in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner by an adjuster licensed in this state or by an insurer who maintains an office in this state and is licensed to do business in this state. A licensed adjuster or insurer who certifies an applicant for this license shall be responsible for any losses caused by the applicant or for any improper claim handling practices committed by the applicant. The employer of this applicant shall certify the application for license as an emergency adjuster to the

Commissioner within five (5) days after the applicant begins working as an emergency adjuster for said employer. The license as an emergency adjuster shall remain in force for not more than ninety (90) days from the date of issue, unless extended for an additional ninety (90) days by the Commissioner.

B. The Commissioner may suspend or revoke the right of any person acting as an adjuster or an emergency adjuster in this state pursuant to the authority derived from the provisions of the Insurance Adjusters Licensing Act to continue to adjust claims in this state after a hearing on the suspension or revocation if the Commissioner finds that said person has engaged in any of the practices forbidden to a licensed adjuster. Notice of the hearing on said suspension or revocation shall be given personally or shall be sent by mail to the address stated in the registration. A duplicate copy of the notice shall be given to the insurer.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate