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Senate Bill 41

Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Energy at the request of the Department of Labor and Regulation

An Act to modify an administrative procedure for revoking a nonresponsive insurance producer's license.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 58-30 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

If the director has reasonable evidence that a licensed insurance producer has violated any provision of this title and the licensed producer has also violated subdivision 58-33-66(1) for failing to respond to division inquiries regarding the same, the director may, after sufficient notice, revoke the producer's license by an order of the director without a hearing. An order under this section must include the applicable provisions of § 58-4-16 and chapter 1-26 for final agency decisions and must be accompanied by exhibits demonstrating the alleged violations.

For purposes of this section, the term "sufficient notice" means:

- (1) The producer is provided notice of the alleged violations at the producer's last reported mailing address on file with the director; and
- (2) The producer is provided a second notice at the producer's last reported mailing address on file with the director stating the producer is in violation of § 58-33-66 and must respond to avoid administrative action by the division.

Section 2. That chapter 58-30 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

An order under section 1 of this Act must allow sixty days for the producer to request a hearing in writing. If a timely request for hearing is received, the director shall issue a notice of hearing within thirty days. The office of hearing examiners shall hold the hearing, review the director's order with the evidence presented at hearing, and issue a proposed decision. If a producer does not timely request a hearing, the director's order revoking the license becomes the final agency decision pursuant to \S 1-26-25.