

January 22, 1957.  
Insurance.

*Substituted for SF 27*  
**House File 9**  
By McNEAL, NELSON, SANTEE, LOSS,  
MILROY, MOWRY, REPERT, VERMEER,  
and BALCH (Nolan, et al.).

Passed House, Date *2-12* Passed Senate, Date *2-28*  
Vote: Ayes *90* Nays *11* Vote: Ayes *46* Nays *0*  
Approved *Mar 19-57*

*House concurs in Sen. Amendments & Notes 3-14*  
**A BILL FOR** *ayes 98*  
*nays 5*

An Act to amend section five hundred twenty-two point three  
(522.3), Code 1954, relating to issuance and revocation of  
insurance agents' licenses.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**This is a Companion Bill; for complete text see Senate File 27.**

#### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 9

Insurance agents in Iowa have been required to be licensed for more than fifty years. However, the law has not required the insurance commissioner to establish rules and regulations for qualifying for such license. Nearly all of the states require a showing of character and competency by way of affidavit or in some cases by written examination. This bill is not an umbrella measure nor does it establish a new licensing board. Existing facilities within the insurance department will be used and the public will be protected in that all insurance agents will be required to provide reasonable proof of character and competency in order to sell insurance in Iowa.

HOUSE FILE 9

- 1 Amend House File 9 by striking all after the enacting clause
- 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 3 Section 1. Section five hundred twenty-two point three
- 4 (522.3), Code 1954, is amended by striking all of said section
- 5 and substituting therefor the following:
- 6 "The commissioner shall require of each first-time applicant
- 7 such reasonable proof of character and competency with respect
- 8 to the type and kind of insurance the applicant proposes to sell
- 9 as will protect public interest, before issuing such license and
- 10 may, for good cause, after hearing, decline to issue such
- 11 license or may, for like cause, after hearing, revoke the
- 12 same. The commissioner is authorized and directed to establish
- 13 and publish reasonable rules and regulations setting forth the
- 14 required qualifications for such license."

Filed  
January 24, 1957

*withdrawn*  
2-11  
NELSON of Winnebago.

HOUSE FILE 9

(The following amendment is identical to the Nelson amendment filed January 24, and is now the main bill)

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- 11 license or may, for like cause, after hearing, revoke the
- 12 same. The commissioner is authorized and directed to establish
- 13 and publish reasonable rules and regulations setting forth the
- 14 required qualifications for such license."

Filed  
February 6, 1957

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

*adopted*  
*ins committee*  
2-12

HOUSE FILE 9

- 1 Amend House File 9 by adding the following new section:
- 2 The Commissioner shall require an examination fee of \$5.00
- 3 from each first time applicant.

Filed  
February 8, 1957.

SANTER of Black Hawk.

*adopted*  
2-12

HOUSE FILE 9

- 1 Amend the committee amendment to House File 9, by
- 2 inserting after the period (.) in line fourteen (14)
- 3 the following: "The afore-said rules shall be subject to
- 4 the approval of the Attorney General."

Offered and withdrawn  
February 11, 1957.

STEVENS of Greene.

HOUSE FILE 9

- 1 Amend the insurance committee amendment to House File
- 2 9 by adding as a new section the following:
- 3 "Sec. 2. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the license
- 4 from engaging in any other lawful business, occupation or
- 5 profession".

Offered  
February 11, 1957

MCNEAL of Wright.

*adopted*  
2-12

HOUSE FILE 9

- 1 Amend the Committee amendments filed on February 6th to House File 9 as follows:
- 2 Amend by inserting after the word "hearing" in line 10 thereof
- 3 the words "held within sixty (60) days from the date of application"

Filed  
February 11, 1957.

*adopted*  
MCNEAL of Wright. 2-12

HOUSE FILE 9

- 1 Amend the committee amendment to House File 9 as
- 2 follows:
- 3 Insert "After passage of this act" at beginning of line
- 4 six (6), Section 1.

Offered and lost  
February 12, 1957.

McCoy of Wapello.

*House  
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~~SENATE~~ FILE 9

1 Amend House File 9 by inserting after the  
2 period (.) in line 13 the following:  
3 Prior to April 1, 1958, the certificate of the  
4 company or association requesting the license shall be  
5 considered sufficient proof of competency, but thereafter  
6 such competency for any applicant not previously licensed  
7 shall be established in accordance with the rules and  
8 regulations established by the commissioner as provided  
9 herein. The commissioner may issue a temporary license  
10 for a period of not to exceed six (6) months and for such  
11 temporary license may waive the requirements established  
12 herein."

*adopted  
2-28*

Filed  
February 21, 1957.

By DAILEY.

HOUSE FILE 9

1 Amend House File 9 by adding the following as a  
2 new sentence in line 16 of Section 1 thereof;  
3 "Nothing contained herein shall be applicable to  
4 duly licensed attorneys providing surety bonds incident  
5 to their practice or to persons selling transportation  
6 tickets of a common carrier of persons or property who  
7 shall act as such agents only as to transportation ticket  
8 policies of health and accident insurance or baggage  
9 insurance on personal effects."

*adopted 2-28*

Filed  
February 22, 1957.

By DAILEY.

HOUSE FILE 9

1 Amend House File 9 by adding after the period in  
2 line 18 the following: "The annual fee for each  
3 agent's license shall be five dollars (\$5.00), said  
4 fee to be in addition to the fee charged in section  
5 five hundred twenty-two point four (522.4), Code of  
6 Iowa."

*withdrawn  
2-28*

Filed  
February 27, 1957.

By LONG.

HOUSE FILE 9

1 Amend House File 9 by striking lines 17 and 18 and  
2 inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
3 "The commissioner shall require of each first time  
4 applicant an application fee of five dollars (\$5.00)."

*adopted  
2-28*

Filed and adopted  
February 28, 1957.

By LONG.