

(3) meets the continuing education requirement for renewal of a license under § 3-309.1 of this subtitle.

(f) The Secretary may determine that licenses issued under this subtitle shall expire on a staggered basis.

3-309.1.

(a) (1) To qualify for renewal of a license under this subtitle, a licensee shall complete [12] 24 continuing education contact hours per [12-month] 24-MONTH period since the last renewal of a license, including [8] 16 continuing education contact hours that are related to the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(i) a licensee who is granted an initial license may renew a license for the next full term without complying with the continuing education requirement of this section;

(ii) a licensee serving on temporary active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding 120 consecutive days in a year, if the activity restricts participation in a continuing education program, may renew a license for the next full term without complying with the continuing education requirement of this section; and

(iii) a licensee experiencing physical disability, illness, or other extenuating circumstances as reviewed and approved by the Board may renew a license for the next full term without complying with the continuing education requirement of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 26, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 216**

**(House Bill 507)**

AN ACT concerning

**Consumer Protection - Enforcement Authority of Consumer Protection Division**

FOR the purpose of altering the stipulations or conditions that the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General may include in a written assurance of discontinuance, settlement agreement, or cease and desist order provided for under certain provisions of the Consumer Protection Act; requiring the Division to consider certain criteria in determining the amount of security a certain person must post under certain circumstances; making certain