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Amends GS 58-33-26(g) to delete motor club insurance from the list of licenses for which examination is not necessary. Enacts new GS 58-33-26(p) governing the interrelationship between an agent's license and an adjuster's license and makes a conforming change to GS 58-33-10(2). Amends GS 58-33-32(k) to include actions by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) among the administrative actions that must be reported by an insurance producer to the Commissioner. Amends GS 58-33-46(a)(2) and (6) to include violation of NASD rules and conviction of misdemeanors involving moral turpitude respectively among the grounds for probations, suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew a license to sell insurance. Makes changes to the fee schedule in GS 58-33-125. Amends GS 58-33-130 to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to contract directly with persons for the administration of a continuing education program for adjusters and motor vehicle damage appraisers and to authorize extensions of time or administrative fees when an adjuster or motor vehicle damage appraiser has failed to comply with continuing education requirements for good cause. Amends GS 58-33-133 to raise the course provider fee from \$1 to \$2 per credit hour per individual and imposes a licensee continuing education fee \$2 per credit hour earned. Amends GS 58-71-40(d) to authorize the Commissioner to contract directly with persons for the processing and issuance of picture identification cards for licensed bail bondsmen and runners. Makes clarifying changes to various statutory sections governing appointments of bail bondsmen and reports and notices required of bail and surety bondsmen. Amends GS 58-2-69 governing notices from licensees under GS Chapter 58 to the Commissioner of Insurance, including imposing a \$75 fee for violation of the notice requirement. Authorizes the Commission to contract for the provisions of services and allow the contractor to charge licensees a fee for services provided to them. Amends GS 58-35-85(5) by providing that return premiums are to be calculated on a pro-rata basis except when the contract to be cancelled is subject to a minimum premium and the contractual amount is the minimum premium. Applies to fees or charges due, and actions occurring on or after January 1, 2008.

**Intro. by Wainwright.**

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