An act to amend Section 791.03 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 791.03 of the Insurance Code is amended to read: 791.03. No-An insurance institution, agent agent, or insurance-support organization shall not use or authorize the use of pretext interviews to obtain information in connection with an insurance transaction; provided, however, that transaction. However, a pretext interview may be undertaken to obtain information from a person or institution that does not have a generally or statutorily recognized privileged relationship with the person to whom the information relates for the purpose of investigating a claim where if there is a reasonable basis for suspecting criminal activity, fraud, material misrepresentation misrepresentation, or material nondisclosure in connection with a claim.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. as introduced, Low.

General Subject: Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act.

Existing law, the Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act, establishes privacy standards for the collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered in connection with insurance transactions by insurance institutions, agents, or insurance-support organizations that meet specified criteria. Existing law prohibits an insurance institution, agent, or insurance-support organization from using or authorizing a pretext interview to obtain information in connection with an insurance transaction, except as specified.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision. Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

