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## SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# **SENATE BILL NO. 6**

#### **101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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# AN ACT

To repeal sections 319.131, 375.246, and 379.120, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirteen new sections relating to insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 319.131, 375.246, and 379.120, RSMo,
are repealed and thirteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof,
to be known as sections 319.131, 375.246, 376.2080, 379.120,
379.1800, 379.1803, 379.1806, 379.1809, 379.1812, 379.1815,
379.1818, 379.1821, and 379.1824, to read as follows:

319.131. 1. Any owner or operator of one or more 2 petroleum storage tanks may elect to participate in the 3 petroleum storage tank insurance fund to meet the financial 4 responsibility requirements of sections 319.114 and 5 414.036. Subject to regulations of the board of trustees, 6 owners or operators may elect to continue their 7 participation in the fund subsequent to the transfer of 8 their property to another party. Current or former refinery sites or petroleum pipeline or marine terminals are not 9 eligible for participation in the fund. 10

The board shall establish an advisory committee
 which shall be composed of insurers, owners and operators of
 petroleum storage tanks, and other interested parties. The

# **EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

14 advisory committee established pursuant to this subsection shall report to the board. The committee shall monitor the 15 16 fund and recommend statutory and administrative changes as may be necessary to assure efficient operation of the fund. 17 The committee, in consultation with the board and the 18 department of commerce and insurance, shall report every two 19 20 years to the general assembly on the availability and 21 affordability of the private insurance market as a viable 22 method of meeting the financial responsibilities required by 23 state and federal law in lieu of the petroleum storage tank 24 insurance fund.

Except as otherwise provided by this section, 25 3. (1)26 any person seeking to participate in the insurance fund shall submit an application to the board of trustees and 27 shall certify that the petroleum tanks meet or exceed and 28 29 are in compliance with all technical standards established 30 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, except 31 those standards and regulations pertaining to spill 32 prevention control and counter-measure plans, and rules established by the Missouri department of natural resources 33 and the Missouri department of agriculture. The applicant 34 shall submit proof that the applicant has a reasonable 35 assurance of the tank's integrity. Proof of tank integrity 36 37 may include but not be limited to any one of the following: tank tightness test, electronic leak detection, monitoring 38 39 wells, daily inventory reconciliation, vapor test or any 40 other test that may be approved by the director of the department of natural resources or the director of the 41 42 department of agriculture. The applicant shall submit evidence that the applicant can meet all applicable 43 financial responsibility requirements of this section. 44

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45 (2)A creditor, specifically a person who, without participating in and not otherwise primarily engaged in 46 47 petroleum production, refining, and marketing, holds indicia of ownership primarily for the purpose of, or in connection 48 with, securing payment or performance of a loan or to 49 50 protect a security interest in or lien on the tank or the property where the tank is located, or serves as trustee or 51 fiduciary upon transfer or receipt of the property, may be a 52 successor in interest to a debtor pursuant to this section, 53 54 provided that the creditor gives notice of the interest to the insurance fund by certified mail, return receipt 55 requested. Part of such notice shall include a copy of the 56 57 lien, including but not limited to a security agreement or a deed of trust as appropriate to the property. The term 58 "successor in interest" as provided in this section means a 59 60 creditor to the debtor who had qualified real property in the insurance fund prior to the transfer of title to the 61 creditor, and the term is limited to access to the insurance 62 63 fund. The creditor may cure any of the debtor's defaults in payments required by the insurance fund, provided the 64 specific real property originally qualified pursuant to this 65 section. The creditor, or the creditor's subsidiary or 66 affiliate, who forecloses or otherwise obtains legal title 67 to such specific real property held as collateral for loans, 68 quarantees or other credit, and which includes the debtor's 69 70 aboveground storage tanks or underground storage tanks, or both such tanks shall provide notice to the fund of any 71 transfer of creditor to subsidiary or affiliate. Liability 72 pursuant to sections 319.100 to 319.137 shall be confined to 73 such creditor or such creditor's subsidiary or affiliate. A 74 creditor shall apply for a transfer of coverage and shall 75 present evidence indicating a lien, contractual right, or 76

77 operation of law permitting such transfer, and may utilize 78 the creditor's affiliate or subsidiary to hold legal title 79 to the specific real property taken in satisfaction of debts. Creditors may be listed as insured or additional 80 81 insured on the insurance fund, and not merely as mortgagees, and may assign or otherwise transfer the debtor's rights in 82 the insurance fund to the creditor's affiliate or 83 subsidiary, notwithstanding any limitations in the insurance 84 fund on assignments or transfer of the debtor's rights. 85

86 (3) Any person participating in the fund shall
87 annually submit an amount established pursuant to subsection
88 1 of section 319.133 which shall be deposited to the credit
89 of the petroleum storage tank insurance fund.

4. Any person making a claim pursuant to this section 90 and sections 319.129 and 319.133 shall be liable for the 91 92 first ten thousand dollars of the cost of cleanup associated 93 with a release from a petroleum storage tank without reimbursement from the fund. The petroleum storage tank 94 95 insurance fund shall assume all costs, except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, which are greater than ten 96 thousand dollars but less than one million dollars per 97 occurrence or two million dollars aggregate per year. 98 The liability of the petroleum storage tank insurance fund is 99 100 not the liability of the state of Missouri. The provisions 101 of sections 319.100 to 319.137 shall not be construed to 102 broaden the liability of the state of Missouri beyond the provisions of sections 537.600 to 537.610 nor to abolish or 103 waive any defense which might otherwise be available to the 104 105 state or to any person. The presence of existing 106 contamination at a site where a person is seeking insurance 107 in accordance with this section shall not affect that person's ability to participate in this program, provided 108

109 the person meets all other requirements of this section.
110 Any person who qualifies pursuant to sections 319.100 to
111 319.137 and who has requested approval of a project for
112 remediation from the fund, which request has not yet been
113 decided upon shall annually be sent a status report
114 including an estimate of when the project may expect to be
115 funded and other pertinent information regarding the request.

116 5. The fund shall provide coverage for third-party claims involving property damage or bodily injury caused by 117 118 leaking petroleum storage tanks whose owner or operator is participating in the fund at the time the release occurs or 119 120 is discovered. Coverage for third-party property damage or 121 bodily injury shall be in addition to the coverage described 122 in subsection 4 of this section but the total liability of 123 the petroleum storage tank insurance fund for all cleanup 124 costs, property damage, and bodily injury shall not exceed 125 one million dollars per occurrence or two million dollars 126 aggregate per year. The fund shall not compensate an owner 127 or operator for repair of damages to property beyond that required to contain and clean up a release of a regulated 128 129 substance or compensate an owner or operator or any third party for loss or damage to other property owned or 130 belonging to the owner or operator, or for any loss or 131 132 damage of an intangible nature, including, but not limited 133 to, loss or interruption of business, pain and suffering of any person, lost income, mental distress, loss of use of any 134 135 benefit, or punitive damages.

136 6. [The fund shall, within limits specified in this
137 section, assume costs of third-party claims and cleanup of
138 contamination caused by releases from petroleum storage
139 tanks.] In addition to other coverage limits in this
140 section, the fund shall provide the defense of eligible

141 third-party claims including the negotiations of any 142 settlement and may specify a legal defense cost coverage 143 limit.

7. Nothing contained in sections 319.100 to 319.137 144 145 shall be construed to abrogate or limit any right, remedy, 146 causes of action, or claim by any person sustaining personal 147 injury or property damage as a result of any release from 148 any type of petroleum storage tank, nor shall anything 149 contained in sections 319.100 to 319.137 be construed to 150 abrogate or limit any liability of any person in any way 151 responsible for any release from a petroleum storage tank or any damages for personal injury or property damages caused 152 by such a release. 153

154 8. The fund shall provide moneys for cleanup of (1) 155 contamination caused by releases from petroleum storage 156 tanks, the owner or operator of which is participating in 157 the fund or the owner or operator of which has made application for participation in the fund by December 31, 158 1997, regardless of when such release occurred, provided 159 that those persons who have made application are ultimately 160 accepted into the fund. Applicants shall not be eligible 161 for fund benefits until they are accepted into the fund. 162 This section shall not preclude the owner or operator of 163 164 petroleum storage tanks coming into service after December 165 31, 1997, from making application to and participating in 166 the petroleum storage tank insurance fund.

167 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 319.100
168 and the provisions of subdivision (1) of this section, the
169 fund shall provide moneys for cleanup of contamination
170 caused by releases from petroleum storage tanks owned by
171 school districts all or part of which are located in a
172 county of the third classification without a township form

173 of government and having a population of more than ten 174 thousand seven hundred but less than eleven thousand 175 inhabitants, and which make application for participation in 176 the fund by August 28, 1999, regardless of when such release 177 occurred. Applicants shall not be eligible for fund 178 benefits until they are accepted into the fund, and costs 179 incurred prior to that date shall not be eligible expenses.

180 9. The fund shall provide moneys for cleanup of (1)181 contamination caused by releases from underground storage 182 tanks which contained petroleum and which have been taken out of use prior to December 31, 1997, provided such sites 183 184 have been documented by or reported to the department of natural resources prior to December 31, 1997, and provided 185 186 further that the fund shall make no reimbursements for 187 expenses incurred prior to August 28, 1995. The fund shall 188 also provide moneys for cleanup of contamination caused by 189 releases from underground storage tanks which contained petroleum and which have been taken out of use prior to 190 191 December 31, 1985, if the current owner of the real property 192 where the tanks are located purchased such property before 193 December 31, 1985, provided such sites are reported to the 194 fund on or before June 30, 2000. The fund shall make no 195 payment for expenses incurred at such sites prior to August 196 28, 1999. Nothing in sections 319.100 to 319.137 shall 197 affect the validity of any underground storage tank fund insurance policy in effect on August 28, 1996. 198

(2) An owner or operator who submits a request as
provided in this subsection is not required to bid the costs
and expenses associated with professional environmental
engineering services. The board may disapprove all or part
of the costs and expenses associated with the environmental
engineering services if the costs are excessive based upon

205 comparable service costs or current market value of similar 206 services. The owner or operator shall solicit bids for 207 actual remediation and cleanup work as provided by rules of 208 the board.

(3) After December 31, 2017, the current legal owner 209 210 of the site shall be the responsible party for corrective action, pursuant to section 319.109, of any releases from 211 212 underground storage tanks described in this subsection, 213 provided the creditor, who is a successor in interest as 214 provided in subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section, 215 is subject to no greater or lesser responsibility for corrective action than such successor in interest would have 216 on or before December 31, 2017. Nothing in this subdivision 217 shall in any way be construed to alter, alleviate, or modify 218 219 in any manner any liabilities that the fund has to pay for 220 in cleaning up the site.

221 10. (1) The fund shall provide moneys for cleanup of contamination caused by releases from aboveground storage 222 223 tanks utilized for the sale of products regulated by chapter 414 which have been taken out of use prior to December 31, 224 1997, provided such sites have been documented by or 225 reported to the department of natural resources prior to 226 227 December 31, 1997, and provided further that the fund shall 228 make no reimbursements for expenses incurred prior to July 1, 1997. 229

(2) After December 31, 2017, the current legal owner
of the site shall be the responsible party for corrective
action of any releases from aboveground storage tanks
described in this subsection, provided the creditor, who is
a successor in interest as provided in subdivision (2) of
subsection 3 of this section, is subject to no greater or
lesser responsibility for corrective action than such

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237 successor in interest would have on or before December 31, 238 2017. Nothing in this subdivision shall in any way be 239 construed to alter, alleviate, or modify in any manner any 240 liabilities that the fund has to pay for in cleaning up the 241 site.

375.246. 1. Credit for reinsurance shall be allowed a domestic ceding insurer as either an asset or a reduction 2 3 from liability on account of reinsurance ceded only when the 4 reinsurer meets the requirements of subdivisions (1) [to], (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of this subsection; provided 5 further, that the director may adopt by rule under 6 subdivision (2) of subsection 4 of this section specific 7 additional requirements relating to or setting forth the 8 valuation of assets or reserve credits, the amount and forms 9 10 of security supporting reinsurance arrangements described in 11 subdivision (2) of subsection 4 of this section, or the 12 circumstances under which credit will be reduced or eliminated. Credit shall be allowed pursuant to subdivision 13 14 (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection only as respects cessions of those kinds or classes of business which the assuming 15 insurer is licensed or otherwise permitted to write or 16 assume in its state of domicile or, in the case of a United 17 States branch of an alien assuming insurer, in the state 18 19 through which it is entered and licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance. Credit shall be allowed pursuant 20 to subdivision (3), (4), or (5) of this subsection only if 21 the applicable requirements of subdivision [(7)] (8) have 22 been satisfied. 23

(1) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is
ceded to an assuming insurer that is licensed to transact
insurance in this state;

(2) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is
ceded to an assuming insurer that is accredited by the
director as a reinsurer in this state. In order to be
eligible for accreditation, a reinsurer shall:

31 (a) File with the director evidence of its submission32 to this state's jurisdiction;

33 (b) Submit to the authority of the department of34 commerce and insurance to examine its books and records;

35 (c) Be licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance 36 in at least one state, or in the case of a United States 37 branch of an alien assuming insurer is entered through and 38 licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least 39 one state;

40 (d) File annually with the director a copy of its
41 annual statement filed with the insurance department of its
42 state of domicile and a copy of its most recent audited
43 financial statement; and

Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director 44 (e) 45 that it has adequate financial capacity to meet its reinsurance obligations and is otherwise qualified to assume 46 reinsurance from domestic insurers. An assuming insurer is 47 deemed to meet such requirement as of the time of its 48 application if it maintains a surplus regarding 49 50 policyholders in an amount not less than twenty million dollars and its accreditation has not been denied by the 51 52 director within ninety days after submission of its 53 application;

(3) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is
ceded to an assuming insurer that is domiciled in, or in the
case of a United States branch of an alien assuming insurer
is entered through, a state that employs standards regarding
credit for reinsurance substantially similar to those

59 applicable under this statute and the assuming insurer or 60 United States branch of an alien assuming insurer:

(a) Maintains a surplus as regards policyholders in an
amount not less than twenty million dollars; except that
this paragraph does not apply to reinsurance ceded and
assumed pursuant to pooling arrangements among insurers in
the same holding company system; and

66 (b) Submits to the authority of the department of67 commerce and insurance to examine its books and records;

68 (4)(a) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that maintains a trust fund 69 in a qualified United States financial institution, as 70 defined in subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section, 71 for the payment of the valid claims of its United States 72 73 ceding insurers, their assigns and successors in interest. 74 To enable the director to determine the sufficiency of the 75 trust fund, the assuming insurer shall report annually to the director information substantially the same as that 76 77 required to be reported on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' annual statement form by licensed 78 79 insurers. The assuming insurer shall submit to examination of its books and records by the director. 80

81 (b) Credit for reinsurance shall not be granted
82 pursuant to this subdivision unless the form of the trust
83 and any amendments to the trust have been approved by:

a. The commissioner or director of the state agency
regulating insurance in the state where the trust is
domiciled; or

b. The commissioner or director of another state who,
pursuant to the terms of the trust instrument, has accepted
principal regulatory oversight of the trust.

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90 (C) The form of the trust and any trust amendments shall also be filed with the commissioner or director in 91 92 every state in which the ceding insurer beneficiaries of the trust are domiciled. The trust instrument shall provide 93 94 that contested claims shall be valid and enforceable upon 95 the final order of any court of competent jurisdiction in 96 the United States. The trust shall vest legal title to its 97 assets in its trustees for the benefit of the assuming insurer's United States ceding insurers, their assigns and 98 99 successors in interest. The trust and the assuming insurer 100 shall be subject to examination as determined by the 101 director.

The trust shall remain in effect for as long as 102 (d) 103 the assuming insurer has outstanding obligations due under 104 the reinsurance agreements subject to the trust. No later 105 than February twenty-eighth of each year the trustees of the 106 trust shall report to the director in writing the balance of 107 the trust and listing the trust's investments at the 108 preceding year end and shall certify the date of termination of the trust, if so planned, or certify that the trust will 109 not expire prior to the next following December thirty-first. 110

(e) The following requirements apply to the following categories of assuming insurers:

a. The trust fund for a single assuming insurer shall
consist of funds in trust in an amount not less than the
assuming insurer's liabilities attributable to reinsurance
ceded by the United States ceding insurers, and, in
addition, the assuming insurer shall maintain a trusteed
surplus of not less than twenty million dollars, except as
provided in subparagraph b. of this paragraph;

b. At any time after the assuming insurer haspermanently discontinued underwriting new business secured

122 by the trust for at least three full years, the director 123 with principal regulator oversight of the trust may 124 authorize a reduction in the required trusteed surplus, but only after a finding based on an assessment of risk that the 125 126 new required surplus level is adequate for the protection of 127 United States ceding insurers, policyholders, and claimants 128 in light of reasonably foreseeable adverse loss 129 development. The risk assessment may involve an actuarial 130 review, including an independent analysis of reserves and 131 cash flows, and shall consider all material risk factors including, when applicable, the lines of business involved, 132 the stability of the incurred loss estimates, and the effect 133 134 of the surplus requirements on the assuming insurer's liquidity or solvency. The minimum required trusteed 135 surplus shall not be reduced to an amount less than thirty 136 137 percent of the assuming insurer's liabilities attributable 138 to reinsurance ceded by United States ceding insurers covered by the trust; 139

140 c. In the case of a group of incorporated and141 individual unincorporated underwriters:

(i) For reinsurance ceded under reinsurance agreements
with an inception, amendment or renewal date on or after
January 1, 1993, the trust shall consist of a trusteed
account in an amount not less than the respective
underwriter's several liabilities attributable to business
ceded by United States domiciled ceding insurers to any
underwriter of the group;

(ii) For reinsurance ceded under reinsurance
agreements with an inception date on or before December 31,
1992, and not amended or renewed after that date,
notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the
trust shall consist of a trustee account in an amount not

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154 less than the respective underwriter's several insurance and 155 reinsurance liabilities attributable to business in the 156 United States; and

(iii) In addition to these trusts, the group shall maintain in trust a trusteed surplus of which one hundred million dollars shall be held jointly for the benefit of the United States domiciled ceding insurers of any member of the group for all years of account;

d. The incorporated members of the group shall not be
engaged in any business other than underwriting as a member
of the group and shall be subject to the same level of
regulation and solvency control by the group's domiciliary
regulator as are the unincorporated members;

167 Within ninety days after its financial statements e. are due to be filed with the group's domiciliary regulator, 168 169 the group shall provide to the director an annual 170 certification by the group's domiciliary regulator of the solvency of each underwriter member; or if a certification 171 172 is unavailable, financial statements, prepared by independent public accountants, of each underwriter member 173 174 of the group;

(5) (a) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that has been certified by the director as a reinsurer in this state and secures its obligations in accordance with the requirements of this subdivision.

(b) In order to be eligible for certification, theassuming insurer shall meet the following requirements:

a. The assuming insurer shall be domiciled and
licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in a qualified
jurisdiction, as determined by the director under paragraph
(d) of this subdivision;

b. The assuming insurer shall maintain minimum capital
and surplus, or its equivalent, in an amount to be
determined by the director by rule;

c. The assuming insurer shall maintain financial
strength ratings from two or more rating agencies deemed
acceptable by the director by rule;

d. The assuming insurer shall agree to submit to the
jurisdiction of this state, appoint the director as its
agent for service of process in this state, and agree to
provide security for one hundred percent of the assuming
insurer's liabilities attributable to reinsurance ceded by
United States ceding insurers if it resists enforcement of a
final United States judgment;

e. The assuming insurer shall agree to meet applicable
information filing requirements as determined by the
director, both with respect to an initial application for
certification and on an ongoing basis; and

203 f. The assuming insurer shall satisfy any other 204 requirements for certification deemed relevant by the 205 director.

(c) An association including incorporated and individual unincorporated underwriters may be a certified reinsurer. To be eligible for certification, in addition to satisfying requirements of paragraph (b) of this subdivision:

a. The association shall satisfy its minimum capital
and surplus requirements through the capital and surplus
equivalents (net of liabilities) of the association and its
members, which shall include a joint central fund that may
be applied to any unsatisfied obligation of the association
or any of its members, in an amount determined by the
director to provide adequate protection;

b. The incorporated members of the association shall not be engaged in any business other than underwriting as a member of the association and shall be subject to the same level of regulation and solvency control by the association's domiciliary regulator as are the unincorporated members; and

c. Within ninety days after its financial statements
are due to be filed with the association's domiciliary
regulator, the association shall provide to the director:

(i) An annual certification by the association's domiciliary regulator of the solvency of each underwriter member; or

(ii) If a certification is unavailable, financial
statements prepared by independent public accountants of
each underwriter member of the association.

(d) a. The director shall create and publish a list of qualified jurisdictions, under which an assuming insurer licensed and domiciled in such jurisdiction is eligible to be considered for certification by the director as a certified reinsurer.

To determine whether the domiciliary jurisdiction 237 b. of a non-United States assuming insurer is eligible to be 238 recognized as a qualified jurisdiction, the director shall 239 240 evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of the reinsurance supervisory system of the jurisdiction, both 241 242 initially and on an ongoing basis, and consider the rights, benefits, and extent of reciprocal recognition afforded by 243 the non-United States jurisdiction to reinsurers licensed 244 and domiciled in the United States. A qualified 245 jurisdiction shall agree to share information and cooperate 246 with the director with respect to all certified reinsurers 247 domiciled within that jurisdiction. A jurisdiction shall 248

249 not be recognized as a qualified jurisdiction if the 250 director has determined that the jurisdiction does not 251 adequately and promptly enforce final United States 252 judgments and arbitration awards. Additional factors may be 253 considered at the discretion of the director.

254 The director may consider a list of gualified с. 255 jurisdictions published by the National Association of 256 Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) in determining qualified 257 jurisdictions for the purposes of this section. If the 258 director approves a jurisdiction as qualified that does not 259 appear on the list of qualified jurisdictions, the director 260 shall provide thoroughly documented justification in accordance with criteria to be developed by rule. 261

d. United States jurisdictions that meet the
requirement for accreditation under the NAIC financial
standards and accreditation program shall be recognized as
qualified jurisdictions.

e. If a certified reinsurer's domiciliary jurisdiction
ceases to be a qualified jurisdiction, the director has the
discretion to suspend the reinsurer's certification
indefinitely, in lieu of revocation.

(e) The director shall assign a rating to each
certified reinsurer, giving due consideration to the
financial strength ratings that have been assigned by rating
agencies deemed acceptable to the director by rule. The
director shall publish a list of all certified reinsurers
and their ratings.

(f) a. A certified reinsurer shall secure obligations
assumed from United States ceding insurers under this
subdivision at a level consistent with its rating, as
specified in regulations promulgated by the director.

280 b. For a domestic ceding insurer to gualify for full financial statement credit for reinsurance ceded to a 281 282 certified reinsurer, the certified reinsurer shall maintain 283 security in a form acceptable to the director and consistent 284 with the provisions of this section or in a multibeneficiary 285 trust in accordance with paragraph (e) of subdivision (4) of this subsection, except as otherwise provided in this 286 287 subdivision.

288 C. If a certified reinsurer maintains a trust to fully 289 secure its obligations under paragraph (d) of subdivision 290 (4) of this subsection and chooses to secure its obligations incurred as a certified reinsurer in the form of a 291 multibeneficiary trust, the certified reinsurer shall 292 293 maintain separate trust accounts for its obligations 294 incurred under reinsurance agreements issued or renewed as a 295 certified reinsurer with reduced security as permitted by 296 this subsection or comparable laws of other United States jurisdictions and for its obligations subject to paragraph 297 (e) of subdivision (4) of this subsection. It shall be a 298 299 condition to the grant of certification under this section 300 that the certified reinsurer shall have bound itself, by the 301 language of the trust and agreement with the director with 302 principal regulatory oversight of each such trust account, 303 to fund, upon termination of any such trust account, out of 304 the remaining surplus of such trust any deficiency of any 305 other such trust account.

d. The minimum trusteed surplus requirements provided
in paragraph (e) of subdivision (4) of this subsection are
not applicable with respect to a multibeneficiary trust
maintained by a certified reinsurer for the purpose of
securing obligations incurred under this paragraph, except

311 that such trust shall maintain a minimum trusteed surplus of 312 ten million dollars.

313 e. With respect to obligations incurred by a certified reinsurer under this paragraph, if the security is 314 insufficient, the director shall order the certified 315 316 reinsurer to provide sufficient security for such incurred obligations within thirty days. If a certified reinsurer 317 318 does not provide sufficient security for its obligations 319 incurred under this subsection within thirty days of being 320 ordered to do so by the director, the director has the discretion to allow credit in the amount of the required 321 security for one year. Following this one-year period, the 322 director shall impose reductions in allowable credit upon 323 324 finding that there is a material risk that the certified 325 reinsurer's obligations will not be paid in full when due.

326 f. (i) For purposes of this paragraph, a certified 327 reinsurer whose certification has been terminated for any 328 reason shall be treated as a certified reinsurer required to 329 secure one hundred percent of its obligations.

(ii) As used in this subparagraph, the term
"terminated" refers to revocation, suspension, voluntary
surrender, and inactive status.

(iii) If the director continues to assign a higher rating as permitted by other provisions of this subdivision, this requirement does not apply to a certified reinsurer in inactive status or to a reinsurer whose certification has been suspended.

g. If an applicant for certification has been
certified as a reinsurer in an NAIC-accredited jurisdiction,
the director has the discretion to defer to that
jurisdiction's certification and to the rating assigned by

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342 that jurisdiction, and such assuming insurer shall be 343 considered to be a certified reinsurer in this state.

344 h. A certified reinsurer that ceases to assume new 345 business in this state may request to maintain its certification in inactive status in order to continue to 346 qualify for a reduction in security for its in-force 347 348 business. An inactive certified reinsurer shall continue to 349 comply with all applicable requirements of this subsection, 350 and the director shall assign a rating that takes into 351 account, if relevant, the reasons why the reinsurer is not assuming new business. 352

353 (6) **Credit**:

(a) Shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to
 an assuming insurer meeting each of the conditions set forth
 below:

a. The assuming insurer shall have its head office or be domiciled in, as applicable, and be licensed in a reciprocal jurisdiction. A "reciprocal jurisdiction" is a jurisdiction that meets one of the following:

361 (i) A non-United States jurisdiction that is subject 362 to an in-force covered agreement with the United States, each within its legal authority, or, in the case of a 363 364 covered agreement between the United States and European 365 Union, is a member state of the European Union. For 366 purposes of this subdivision, a "covered agreement" is an agreement entered into pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall 367 Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 31 U.S.C. 368 369 Sections 313 and 314, that is currently in effect or in a 370 period of provisional application and addresses the elimination, under specified conditions, of collateral 371 372 requirements as a condition for entering into any 373 reinsurance agreement with a ceding insurer domiciled in

374 this state or for allowing the ceding insurer to recognize 375 credit for reinsurance;

(ii) A United States jurisdiction that meets the
 requirements for accreditation under the NAIC financial
 standards and accreditation program; or

(iii) A qualified jurisdiction, as determined by the director pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision (5) of this subsection, which is not otherwise described in item (i) or (ii) of this subparagraph and which meets certain additional requirements, consistent with the terms and conditions of in-force covered agreements, as specified by the director by rule.

The assuming insurer shall have and maintain, on an 386 b. 387 ongoing basis, minimum capital and surplus, or its 388 equivalent, calculated according to the methodology of its 389 domiciliary jurisdiction, in an amount to be set forth by 390 rule. If the assuming insurer is an association, including incorporated and individual unincorporated underwriters, it 391 shall have and maintain, on an ongoing basis, minimum 392 393 capital and surplus equivalents (net of liabilities) 394 calculated according to the methodology applicable to its domiciliary jurisdiction, and a central fund containing a 395 396 balance in amounts to be set forth by rule.

397 c. The assuming insurer shall have and maintain, on an 398 ongoing basis, a minimum solvency or capital ratio, as applicable, which shall be set forth by rule. 399 If the assuming insurer is an association, including incorporated 400 401 and individual unincorporated underwriters, it shall have and maintain, on an ongoing basis, a minimum solvency or 402 403 capital ratio in the reciprocal jurisdiction where the 404 assuming insurer has its head office or is domiciled, as 405 applicable, and is also licensed.

d. The assuming insurer shall agree and provide
adequate assurance to the director, in a form specified by
the director by rule, as follows:

409 (i) The assuming insurer shall provide prompt written
410 notice and explanation to the director if it falls below the
411 minimum requirements set forth in subparagraphs b or c of
412 this paragraph, or if any regulatory action is taken against
413 it for serious noncompliance with applicable law;

414 The assuming insurer shall consent in writing to (ii) 415 the jurisdiction of the courts of this state and to the appointment of the director as agent for service of 416 417 process. The director may require that consent for service of process be provided to the director and included in each 418 419 reinsurance agreement. Nothing in this provision shall 420 limit, or in any way alter, the capacity of parties to a 421 reinsurance agreement to agree to alternative dispute 422 resolution mechanisms, except to the extent such agreements are unenforceable under applicable insolvency or delinquency 423 424 laws;

(iii) The assuming insurer shall consent in writing to
pay all final judgments, wherever enforcement is sought,
obtained by a ceding insurer or its legal successor, that
have been declared enforceable in the jurisdiction where the
judgment was obtained;

430 Each reinsurance agreement shall include a (iv) 431 provision requiring the assuming insurer to provide security in an amount equal to one hundred percent of the assuming 432 insurer's liabilities attributable to reinsurance ceded 433 434 pursuant to that agreement if the assuming insurer resists enforcement of a final judgment that is enforceable under 435 436 the law of the jurisdiction in which it was obtained or a properly enforceable arbitration award, whether obtained by 437

438 the ceding insurer or by its legal successor on behalf of 439 its resolution estate; and

The assuming insurer shall confirm that it is not 440 (v) presently participating in any solvent scheme of arrangement 441 which involves this state's ceding insurers, and agree to 442 443 notify the ceding insurer and the director and to provide security in an amount equal to one hundred percent of the 444 445 assuming insurer's liabilities to the ceding insurer, should 446 the assuming insurer enter into such a solvent scheme of 447 arrangement. Such security shall be in a form consistent 448 with the provisions of subdivision (5) of this subsection 449 and subsection 2 of this section and as specified by the director by rule. 450

e. The assuming insurer or its legal successor shall
provide, if requested by the director, on behalf of itself
and any legal predecessors, certain documentation to the
director, as specified by the director by rule.

f. The assuming insurer shall maintain a practice of
prompt payment of claims under reinsurance agreements,
pursuant to criteria set forth by rule.

458 g. The assuming insurer's supervisory authority shall 459 confirm to the director on an annual basis, as of the 460 preceding December thirty-first or at the annual date 461 otherwise statutorily reported to the reciprocal 462 jurisdiction that the assuming insurer complies with the 463 requirements set forth in subparagraphs b. and c. of this 464 paragraph.

h. Nothing in this subdivision precludes an assuming
insurer from providing the director with information on a
voluntary basis.

(b) The director shall timely create and publish a
 list of reciprocal jurisdictions.

470 A list of reciprocal jurisdictions is published a. 471 through the NAIC committee process. The director's list shall include any reciprocal jurisdiction as defined under 472 items (i) and (ii) of subparagraph a. of paragraph (a) of 473 this subdivision, and shall consider any other reciprocal 474 475 jurisdiction included on the NAIC list. The director may approve a jurisdiction that does not appear on the NAIC list 476 477 of reciprocal jurisdictions in accordance with criteria to 478 be developed under rules promulgated by the director.

479 b. The director may remove a jurisdiction from the 480 list of reciprocal jurisdictions upon a determination that 481 the jurisdiction no longer meets the requirements of a reciprocal jurisdiction, in accordance with a process set 482 483 forth by rule promulgated by the director, except that the 484 director shall not remove from the list a reciprocal jurisdiction as defined under item (i) and (ii) of 485 486 subparagraph a. of paragraph (a) of this subdivision. Upon removal of a reciprocal jurisdiction from this list credit 487 for reinsurance ceded to an assuming insurer which has its 488 489 home office or is domiciled in that jurisdiction shall be 490 allowed, if otherwise allowed under this section.

491 The director shall timely create and publish a (C) 492 list of assuming insurers that have satisfied the conditions 493 set forth in this subdivision and to which cessions shall be 494 granted credit in accordance with this subdivision. The 495 director may add an assuming insurer to such list if an NAIC accredited jurisdiction has added such assuming insurer to a 496 497 list of such assuming insurers or if, upon initial eligibility, the assuming insurer submits the information to 498 499 the director as required under subparagraph d. of paragraph 500 (a) of this subdivision and complies with any additional 501 requirements that the director may adopt by rule, except to

502 the extent that they conflict with an applicable covered 503 agreement.

(d) If the director determines that an assuming insurer no longer meets one or more of the requirements under this subdivision, the director may revoke or suspend the eligibility of the assuming insurer for recognition under this subdivision in accordance with procedures set forth by rule.

510 a. While an assuming insurer's eligibility is 511 suspended, no reinsurance agreement issued, amended, or 512 renewed after the effective date of the suspension qualifies 513 for credit except to the extent that the assuming insurer's 514 obligations under the contract are secured in accordance 515 with subsection 2 of this section.

516 b. If an assuming insurer's eligibility is revoked, no 517 credit for reinsurance may be granted after the effective 518 date of the revocation with respect to any reinsurance agreements entered into by the assuming insurer, including 519 reinsurance agreements entered into prior to the date of 520 521 revocation, except to the extent that the assuming insurer's 522 obligations under the contract are secured in a form 523 acceptable to the director and consistent with the 524 provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

(e) If subject to a legal process of rehabilitation, liquidation, or conservation, as applicable, the ceding insurer, or its representative, may seek and, if determined appropriate by the court in which the proceedings are pending, may obtain an order requiring that the assuming insurer post security for all outstanding ceded liabilities.

(f) Nothing in this subdivision shall limit or in any
way alter the capacity of parties to a reinsurance agreement
to agree on requirements for security or other terms in that

reinsurance agreement, except as expressly prohibited by
this section or other applicable law or regulation.

Credit may be taken under this subdivision only 536 (a) 537 for reinsurance agreements entered into, amended, or renewed on or after December 31, 2021, and only with respect to 538 539 losses incurred and reserves reported on or after the later of: the date on which the assuming insurer has met all 540 541 eligibility requirements under paragraph (a) of this 542 subdivision; or the effective date of the new reinsurance 543 agreement, amendment, or renewal.

a. This paragraph shall not alter or impair a ceding insurer's right to take credit for reinsurance, to the extent that credit is not available under this subdivision, as long as the reinsurance qualifies for credit under any other applicable provision of this section.

549 b. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize an 550 assuming insurer to withdraw or reduce the security provided 551 under any reinsurance agreement except as permitted by the 552 terms of the agreement.

553 c. Nothing in this subdivision shall limit, or in any 554 way alter, the capacity of parties to any reinsurance 555 agreement to renegotiate the agreement.

**556** (7) Credit:

(a) Shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to
an assuming insurer not meeting the requirements of
subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), [or] (5), or (6) of this
subsection, but only as to the insurance of risks located in
a jurisdiction of the United States where the reinsurance is
required by applicable law or regulation of that
jurisdiction;

(b) May be allowed in the discretion of the directorwhen the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer not

566 meeting the requirements of subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), 567 [or] (5), or (6) of this subsection, but only as to the 568 insurance of risks located in a foreign country where the 569 reinsurance is required by applicable law or regulation of 570 that country;

571 [(7)] (8) If the assuming insurer is not licensed, 572 accredited, or certified to transact insurance or 573 reinsurance in this state, the credit permitted by 574 subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection shall not be 575 allowed unless the assuming insurer agrees in the 576 reinsurance agreements:

577 That in the event of the failure of the assuming (a) 578 insurer to perform its obligations under the terms of the 579 reinsurance agreement, the assuming insurer, at the request 580 of the ceding insurer shall submit to the jurisdiction of 581 the courts of this state, will comply with all requirements 582 necessary to give such courts jurisdiction, and will abide by the final decisions of such courts or of any appellate 583 584 courts in this state in the event of an appeal; and

To designate the director or a designated attorney 585 (b) as its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served any 586 587 lawful process in any action, suit or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the ceding insurer. This paragraph is 588 589 not intended to conflict with or override the obligation of 590 the parties to a reinsurance agreement to arbitrate their 591 disputes, if this obligation is created in the agreement and the jurisdiction and situs of the arbitration is, with 592 respect to any receivership of the ceding company, any 593 jurisdiction of the United States; 594

595 [(8)] (9) If the assuming insurer does not meet the 596 requirements of subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this 597 subsection, the credit permitted by subdivision (4) or (5)

598 of this subsection shall not be allowed unless the assuming 599 insurer agrees in the trust agreements to the following 600 conditions:

601 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the trust 602 instrument, if the trust fund is inadequate because it 603 contains an amount less than the amount required by paragraph (e) of subdivision (4) of this subsection, or if 604 605 the grantor of the trust has been declared insolvent or 606 placed into receivership, rehabilitation, liquidation or 607 similar proceedings under the laws of its state or country 608 of domicile, the trustee shall comply with an order of the commissioner or director with regulatory oversight over the 609 trust or with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction 610 directing the trustee to transfer to the commissioner or 611 612 director with regulatory oversight all of the assets of the 613 trust fund;

(b) The assets shall be distributed by and claims shall be filed with and valued by the commissioner or director with regulatory oversight in accordance with the laws of the state in which the trust is domiciled that are applicable to the liquidation of domestic insurance companies;

620 (c) If the commissioner or director with regulatory 621 oversight determines that the assets of the trust fund or 622 any part thereof are not necessary to satisfy the claims of 623 the United States ceding insurers of the grantor of the trust, the assets or part thereof shall be returned by the 624 commissioner or director with regulatory oversight to the 625 trustee for distribution in accordance with the trust 626 627 agreement; and

628 (d) The grantor shall waive any right otherwise
629 available to it under United States law that is inconsistent
630 with this subsection.

[(9)] (10) (a) If an accredited or certified
reinsurer ceases to meet the requirements for accreditation
or certification, the director may suspend or revoke the
reinsurer's accreditation or certification.

(b) The director shall give the reinsurer notice and
opportunity for a hearing. The suspension or revocation
shall not take effect until after the director's order on
hearing, unless:

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a. The reinsurer waives its right to hearing;

b. The director's order is based on regulatory action
by the reinsurer's domiciliary jurisdiction or the voluntary
surrender or termination of the reinsurer's eligibility to
transact insurance or reinsurance business in its
domiciliary jurisdiction or in the primary certifying state
of the reinsurer under subdivision (5) of this subsection; or

c. The director finds that an emergency requires
immediate action, and a court of competent jurisdiction has
not stayed the commissioner's action.

649 While a reinsurer's accreditation or certification (C) is suspended, no reinsurance contract issued or renewed 650 651 after the effective date of the suspension qualifies for 652 credit except to the extent that the reinsurer's obligations under the contract are secured in accordance with 653 subdivision (5) of this subsection or subsection 2 of this 654 section. If a reinsurer's accreditation or certification is 655 revoked, no credit for reinsurance shall be granted after 656 657 the effective date of the revocation except to the extent 658 that the reinsurer's obligations under the contract are

secured in accordance with subdivision (5) of thissubsection or subsection 2 of this section.

661 [(10)] (11) (a) A ceding insurer shall take steps to manage its reinsurance recoverables proportionate to its own 662 book of business. A domestic ceding insurer shall notify 663 664 the director within thirty days after reinsurance recoverables from any single assuming insurer or group of 665 666 affiliated assuming insurers exceeds fifty percent of the domestic ceding insurer's last reported surplus to 667 668 policyholders or after it is determined that reinsurance recoverables from any single assuming insurer or group of 669 670 affiliated assuming insurers is likely to exceed such limit. The notification shall demonstrate that the exposure 671 672 is safely managed by the domestic ceding insurer.

673 A ceding insurer shall take steps to diversify (b) 674 its reinsurance program. A domestic ceding insurer shall 675 notify the director within thirty days after ceding to any single assuming insurer or group of affiliated assuming 676 677 insurers more than twenty percent of the ceding insurer's gross written premium in the prior calendar year or after it 678 679 has determined that the reinsurance ceded to any single 680 assuming insurer or group of affiliated assuming insurers is 681 likely to exceed such limit. The notification shall 682 demonstrate that the exposure is safely managed by the 683 domestic ceding insurer.

684 2. An asset or reduction from liability for the 685 reinsurance ceded by a domestic insurer to an assuming 686 insurer not meeting the requirements of subsection 1 of this 687 section shall be allowed in an amount not exceeding the 688 liabilities carried by the ceding insurer; provided further, 689 that the director may adopt by rule pursuant to subdivision 690 (2) of subsection 4 of this section specific additional

requirements relating to or setting forth the valuation of 691 assets or reserve credits, the amount and forms of security 692 supporting reinsurance arrangements described in subdivision 693 (2) of subsection 4 of this section, or the circumstances 694 under which credit will be reduced or eliminated. 695 The 696 reduction shall be in the amount of funds held by or on behalf of the ceding insurer, including funds held in trust 697 698 for the ceding insurer, under a reinsurance contract with 699 the assuming insurer as security for the payment of 700 obligations thereunder, if the security is held in the 701 United States subject to withdrawal solely by, and under the exclusive control of, the ceding insurer; or, in the case of 702 a trust, held in a qualified United States financial 703 704 institution, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection 3 705 of this section. This security may be in the form of:

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(1) Cash;

707 (2) Securities listed by the securities valuation
708 office of the National Association of Insurance
709 Commissioners, including those deemed exempt from filing as
710 defined by the Purposes and Procedures Manual of the
711 Securities Valuation Office, and qualifying as admitted
712 assets;

(3) (a) Clean, irrevocable, unconditional letters of credit issued or confirmed by a qualified United States financial institution, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section, no later than December thirtyfirst of the year for which filing is being made, and in the possession of, or in trust for, the ceding insurer on or before the filing date of its annual statement.

(b) Letters of credit meeting applicable standards of
issuer acceptability as of the dates of their issuance or
confirmation, notwithstanding the issuing or confirming

723 institution's subsequent failure to meet applicable 724 standards of issuer acceptability, shall continue to be 725 acceptable as security until their expiration, extension, 726 renewal, modification or amendment, whichever first occurs;

727 (4) Any other form of security acceptable to the728 director.

729 3. (1) For purposes of subdivision (3) of subsection
730 2 of this section, a "qualified United States financial
731 institution" means an institution that:

(a) Is organized or, in the case of a United States
office of a foreign banking organization, licensed under the
laws of the United States or any state thereof;

(b) Is regulated, supervised and examined by federal
or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks
and trust companies; and

(c) Has been determined by either the director, or the securities valuation office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, to meet such standards of financial condition and standing as are considered necessary and appropriate to regulate the quality of financial institutions whose letters of credit will be acceptable to the director.

745 (2) A "qualified United States financial institution"
746 means, for purposes of those provisions of this law
747 specifying those institutions that are eligible to act as a
748 fiduciary of a trust, an institution that:

(a) Is organized, or in the case of a United States
branch or agency office of a foreign banking organization,
licensed under the laws of the United States or any state
thereof and has been granted authority to operate with
fiduciary powers; and

(b) Is regulated, supervised and examined by federal
or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks
and trust companies.

757 4. (1) The director may adopt rules and regulations758 implementing the provisions of this section.

759 (2) The director is further authorized to adopt rules
760 and regulations applicable to reinsurance arrangements
761 described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

762 (a) A rule adopted under this subdivision may apply
 763 only to reinsurance relating to:

a. Life insurance policies with guaranteed nonlevel
 gross premiums or guaranteed nonlevel benefits;

b. Universal life insurance policies with provisions
resulting in the ability of a policyholder to keep a policy
in force over a secondary guarantee period;

769 c. Variable annuities with guaranteed death or living
770 benefits;

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d. Long-term care insurance policies; or

e. Such other life and health insurance and annuity
products as to which the NAIC adopts model regulatory
requirements with respect to credit for reinsurance.

(b) A rule adopted under subparagraphs a or b of paragraph (a) of this subdivision may apply to any treaty containing policies issued on or after January 1, 2015, or policies issued prior to January 1, 2015, if risk pertaining to such pre-2015 policies is ceded in connection with the treaty, in whole or in part, on or after January 1, 2015.

(c) A rule adopted under this subdivision may require the ceding insurer, in calculating the amounts or forms of security required to be held under rules promulgated under this authority, to use the valuation manual adopted in accordance with subsection 6 of section 376.380, including

all amendments adopted thereto and in effect on the date as
 of which the calculation is made, to the extent applicable.

788 (d) A regulation adopted under this subdivision shall
 789 not apply to cessions to an assuming insurer that:

790 Meets the conditions set forth in subdivision (6) a. 791 of subsection 1 of this section, or if this state has not 792 fully implemented provisions substantially equivalent to 793 subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section by rule or 794 otherwise, the assuming insurer is operating in accordance 795 with provisions substantially equivalent to subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section in a minimum of five other 796 797 states;

b. Is certified in this state; or

c. Maintains at least two hundred fifty million
dollars in capital and surplus when determined in accordance
with the NAIC Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual,
including all amendments thereto adopted by the NAIC,
excluding the impact of any permitted or prescribed
practices, and is:

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(i) Licensed in at least twenty-six states; or

(ii) Licensed in at least ten states, and licensed or
 accredited in a total of at least thirty-five states.

(e) The authority to adopt regulations under this
subdivision does not limit the director's general authority
to adopt regulations under subdivision (1) of this
subsection.

5. (1) The director shall disallow any credit as an
asset or as a deduction from liability for any reinsurance
found by him to have been arranged for the purpose
principally of deception as to the ceding company's
financial condition as of the date of any financial
statement of the company. Without limiting the general

purport of this provision, reinsurance of any substantial 818 819 part of the company's outstanding risks contracted for in 820 fact within four months prior to the date of any such 821 financial statement and cancelled in fact within four months after the date of such statement, or reinsurance under which 822 823 the assuming insurer bears no substantial insurance risk or substantial risk of net loss to itself, shall prima facie be 824 825 deemed to have been arranged for the purpose principally of 826 deception within the intent of this provision.

827 (2)(a) The director shall also disallow as an asset or deduction from liability to any ceding insurer any credit 828 for reinsurance unless the reinsurance is payable to the 829 830 ceding company, and if it be insolvent to its receiver, by 831 the assuming insurer on the basis of the liability of the 832 ceding company under the contracts reinsured without 833 diminution because of the insolvency of the ceding company.

834 (b) Such payments shall be made directly to the ceding835 insurer or to its domiciliary liquidator except:

a. Where the contract of insurance or reinsurance
specifically provides for payment to the named insured,
assignee or named beneficiary of the policy issued by the
ceding insurer in the event of the insolvency of the ceding
insurer; or

b. Where the assuming insurer, with the consent of it
and the direct insured or insureds in an assumption
reinsurance transaction subject to sections 375.1280 to
375.1295, has assumed such policy obligations of the ceding
insurer as direct obligations of the assuming insurer to the
payees under such policies and in substitution for the
obligations of the ceding insurer to such payees.

848 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this849 subdivision, in the event that a life and health insurance

850 quaranty association has made the election to succeed to the 851 rights and obligations of the insolvent insurer under the 852 contract of reinsurance, then the reinsurer's liability to 853 pay covered reinsured claims shall continue under the contract of reinsurance, subject to the payment to the 854 855 reinsurer of the reinsurance premiums for such coverage. 856 Payment for such reinsured claims shall only be made by the 857 reinsurer pursuant to the direction of the guaranty 858 association or its designated successor. Any payment made 859 at the direction of the guaranty association or its 860 designated successor by the reinsurer will discharge the reinsurer of all further liability to any other party for 861 862 such claim payment.

863 The reinsurance agreement may provide that the (d) 864 domiciliary liquidator of an insolvent ceding insurer shall 865 give written notice to the assuming insurer of the pendency 866 of a claim against such ceding insurer on the contract reinsured within a reasonable time after such claim is filed 867 868 in the liquidation proceeding. During the pendency of such claim, any assuming insurer may investigate such claim and 869 870 interpose, at its own expense, in the proceeding where such 871 claim is to be adjudicated any defenses which it deems 872 available to the ceding insurer, or its liquidator. Such 873 expense may be filed as a claim against the insolvent ceding 874 insurer to the extent of a proportionate share of the 875 benefit which may accrue to the ceding insurer solely as a result of the defense undertaken by the assuming insurer. 876 Where two or more assuming insurers are involved in the same 877 claim and a majority in interest elect to interpose a 878 879 defense to such claim, the expense shall be apportioned in 880 accordance with the terms of the reinsurance agreement as 881 though such expense had been incurred by the ceding insurer.

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To the extent that any reinsurer of an insurance 882 6. 883 company in liquidation would have been required under any 884 agreement pertaining to reinsurance to post letters of credit or other security prior to an order of liquidation to 885 886 cover such reserves reflected upon the last financial 887 statement filed with a regulatory authority immediately prior to receivership, such reinsurer shall be required to 888 889 post letters of credit or other security to cover reserves 890 after a company has been placed in liquidation or 891 receivership. If a reinsurer shall fail to post letters of 892 credit or other security as required by a reinsurance 893 agreement or the provisions of this subsection, the director may consider disallowing as a credit or asset, in whole or 894 895 in part, any future reinsurance ceded to such reinsurer by a 896 ceding insurance company that is incorporated under the laws of the state of Missouri. 897

898 7. The provisions of section 375.420 shall not apply
899 to any action, suit or proceeding by a ceding insurer
900 against an assuming insurer arising out of a contract of
901 reinsurance effectuated in accordance with the laws of
902 Missouri.

903 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this 904 section, a domestic insurer may take credit for reinsurance 905 ceded either as an asset or a reduction from liability only 906 to the extent such credit is allowed by the consistent 907 application of either applicable statutory accounting 908 principles adopted by the NAIC or other accounting 909 principles approved by the director.

910 9. The director may suspend the accreditation,
911 approval, or certification under subsection 1 of this
912 section of any reinsurer for failure to comply with the
913 applicable requirements of subsection 1 of this section

914 after providing the affected reinsurer with notice and 915 opportunity for hearing.

376.2080. 1. As used in this chapter and chapter 375, 2 the term "funding agreement" means an agreement for an 3 insurer to accept and accumulate funds and to make one or 4 more payments at future dates in amounts that are not based 5 on mortality or morbidity contingencies of the person to 6 whom the funding agreement is issued. A funding agreement 7 shall not be deemed to constitute a security, as such term is defined in section 409.1-102. 8

9 2. A life insurance company formed under this chapter 10 may issue funding agreements. The issuance of a funding 11 agreement shall be deemed to be doing insurance business.

3. A funding agreement shall be a class 2 claim under
subdivision (2) of section 375.1218.

14 4. The director may promulgate rules as necessary for the implementation of this section. Any rule or portion of 15 a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is 16 created under the authority delegated in this section shall 17 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to 18 19 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, 20 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are 21 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the 22 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay 23 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 24 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 25 August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void. 26

379.120. 1. If any insurer refuses to write a policy of automobile insurance, it shall, within thirty days after such refusal, send a written explanation of such refusal to the applicant at his last known address. Notice shall be

5 sent by United States Postal Service certified mail, 6 certificate of mailing, first class mail using Intelligent 7 Mail barcode (IMb), or another mail tracking method used, 8 approved, or accepted by the United States Postal Service. 9 The explanation shall state:

10 The insurer's actual reason for refusing to write (1)the policy, the statement of reason to be sufficiently clear 11 12 and specific so that a person of average intelligence can identify the basis for the insurer's decision without 13 14 further inquiry. Generalized terms such as "personal habits", "living conditions", "poor morals", or "violation 15 or accident record" shall not suffice to meet the 16 17 requirements of this subdivision;

18 (2) That the applicant may be eligible for insurance19 through the assigned risk plan if other insurance is not20 available.

2. An insurer shall be exempt from the requirements of 22 subsection 1 of this section if the applicant is written on 23 a policy of automobile insurance issued by an affiliate or 24 subsidiary within the same insurance holding company system.

379.1800. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, no policy of group personal lines property and casualty insurance shall be issued or delivered in this state unless it conforms to one of the following descriptions:

6 (1) A policy issued to an employer, or to the trustees 7 of a fund established by an employer, which employer or 8 trustees shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure 9 employees of the employer for the benefit of persons other 10 than the employer, subject to the following requirements:

(a) The employees eligible for insurance under the
 policy shall be all of the employees of the employer, or all

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13 of any class or classes thereof. The policy may provide 14 that the term "employees" shall include the employees of one 15 or more subsidiary corporations, and the employees, individual proprietors, and partners of one or more 16 17 affiliated corporations, proprietorships or partnerships if 18 the business of the employer and of the affiliated corporations, proprietorships or partnerships is under 19 20 common control. The policy may provide that the term 21 "employees" shall include the individual proprietor or 22 partners if the employer is an individual proprietorship or 23 partnership. The policy may provide that the term 24 "employees" shall include directors of a corporate employer and retired employees. A policy issued to insure the 25 26 employees of a public body may provide that the term 27 "employees" shall include elected or appointed officials;

(b) The premium for the policy shall be paid either
from the employer's funds or from funds contributed by the
insured employees, or from both. A policy on which no part
of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by
the insured employees shall insure all eligible employees,
except those who reject such coverage in writing;

(2) A policy issued to a labor union or similar
employee organization, which shall be deemed to be the
policyholder, to insure members of the union or organization
for the benefit of persons other than the union or
organization or any of its officials, representatives or
agents, subject to the following requirements:

40 (a) The members eligible for insurance under the
41 policy shall be all of the members of the union or
42 organization, or all of any class or classes thereof;

43 (b) The premium for the policy shall be paid from
44 funds of the union or organization, from funds contributed

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45 by the insured members specifically for their insurance, or 46 from both. A policy on which no part of the premium is to 47 be derived from funds contributed by the insured members 48 specifically for their insurance shall insure all eligible 49 members, except those who reject such coverage in writing;

50 A policy issued to a trust, or to the trustees of (3) 51 a fund, established or adopted by two or more employers, or 52 by one or more labor unions or similar employee 53 organizations, or by one or more employers and one or more 54 labor unions or similar employee organizations, which trust 55 or trustees shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure employees of the employers or members of the unions or 56 organizations for the benefit of persons other than the 57 58 employers or the unions or organizations, subject to the 59 following requirements:

60 (a) The persons eligible for insurance shall be all of 61 the employees of the employers or all of the members of the unions or organizations, or all of any class or classes 62 63 thereof. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall include the employees of one or more subsidiary 64 65 corporations, and the employees, individual proprietors, and partners of one or more affiliated corporations, 66 67 proprietorships or partnerships if the business of the 68 employer and of such affiliated corporations, 69 proprietorships or partnerships is under common control. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall 70 include the individual proprietor or partners if the 71 72 employer is an individual proprietorship or partnership. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall 73 74 include directors of a corporate employer and retired 75 The policy may provide that the term "employees" employees.

76 shall include the trustees or their employees, or both, if 77 their duties are principally connected with such trusteeship;

78 (b) The premium for the policy shall be paid from funds contributed by the employer or employers of the 79 80 insured persons, by the union or unions or similar employee 81 organizations, or by both, or from funds contributed by the insured persons or from both the insured persons and the 82 83 employers or unions or similar employee organizations. Α 84 policy on which no part of the premium is to be derived from 85 funds contributed by the insured persons specifically for their insurance shall insure all eligible persons, except 86 those who reject such coverage in writing; 87

A policy issued to an association or to a trust or 88 (4) 89 to the trustees of a fund established, created or maintained 90 for the benefit of members of one or more associations. The association or associations shall have at the outset a 91 92 minimum of one hundred persons and have been organized and maintained in good faith for purposes other than that of 93 obtaining insurance, shall have been in active existence for 94 95 at least one year, and shall have a constitution and bylaws 96 which provide that:

97 (a) The association or associations hold regular
98 meetings not less than annually to further purposes of the
99 members;

(b) The association or associations collect dues or
 solicit contributions from members; and

102 (c) The members have voting privileges and
 103 representation on the governing board and committees.

104 Policies under this subdivision shall be subject to the 105 following requirements:

a. The policy may insure members of the association or
associations, employees thereof or employees of members, or
one or more of the preceding or all of any class or classes
thereof for the benefit of persons other than the employees'
employer;

111 The premium for the policy shall be paid from funds b. contributed by the association or associations, or by 112 113 employer members, or by both, or from funds contributed by 114 the insured persons or from both the insured persons and the 115 association, associations, or employer members. A policy on 116 which no part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured persons specifically for their 117 insurance shall insure all eligible persons, except those 118 119 who reject such coverage in writing;

120 c. If compensation of any kind will or may be paid to 121 the policyholder in connection with the group policy, the 122 insurer shall cause to be distributed to prospective 123 insureds a written notice that compensation will or may be 124 paid. Such notice shall be distributed:

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(i) Whether compensation is direct or indirect; and

(ii) Whether such compensation is paid to or retained
by the policyholder, or paid to or retained by a third party
at the direction of the policyholder or any entity
affiliated with the policyholder by ownership, contract or
employment.

131 The notice required by this subparagraph shall be placed on 132 or accompany any document designed for the enrollment of 133 prospective insureds;

Under this subsection, the definition of an eligible
employee or member may include the spouse of the eligible
employee or member.

137 2. Group personal lines property and casualty
138 insurance offered to a resident of this state under a group
139 personal lines property and casualty insurance policy issued
140 or delivered to a group other than one described in
141 subsection 1 of this section shall be subject to the
142 following requirements:

(1) No such group personal lines property and casualty
insurance policy shall be issued or delivered in this state
unless the director finds that:

(a) The issuance of the group policy is not contrary
to the best interest of the public;

(b) The issuance of the group policy would result in
economies of acquisition or administration; and

150 (c) The benefits are reasonable in relation to the
151 premiums charged;

(2) No group personal lines property and casualty
insurance coverage shall be offered in this state by an
insurer under a policy issued or delivered in another state
unless this state or another state having requirements
substantially similar to those contained in subdivision (1)
of this subsection has made a determination that the
requirements have been met;

(3) The premium for a group personal lines property
and casualty policy shall be paid from the policyholder's
funds, from funds contributed by the covered persons, or
from both;

(4) If compensation of any kind will or may be paid to
 the policyholder in connection with the group policy, the
 insurer shall cause to be distributed to prospective

166 insureds, a written notice that compensation will or may be167 paid. Notice shall be distributed:

(a) Whether compensation is direct or indirect; and
(b) Whether such compensation is paid to or retained
by the policyholder, or paid to or retained by a third party
at the direction of the policyholder or any entity
affiliated with the policyholder by ownership, contract or
employment.

174 The notice required by this subsection shall be placed on or 175 accompany any document designed for the enrollment of 176 prospective insureds.

379.1803. 1. A master policy shall be issued to the policyholder. Eligible employees or members insured under the master policy shall receive certificates of coverage setting forth a statement as to the insurance protection to which they are entitled.

6 2. No master policy or certificate of insurance shall 7 be issued or delivered in this state unless the master 8 policy form, together with all forms for riders, certificates and endorsements to the master policy form, 9 10 shall have met the applicable filing requirements in this No subsequent amendments to the master policy form 11 state. 12 or forms for riders, certificates and endorsements to the 13 master policy form shall be issued or delivered until they 14 have met the applicable filing requirements in this state.

3. The master policy shall set forth the coverages,
exclusions and conditions of the insurance provided therein,
together with the terms and conditions of the agreement
between the policyholder and the insurer. The master policy
shall make express provisions for the following:

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(1) Methods of premium collection;

(2) Enrollment period, effective date provisions and
 eligibility standards for employees or members;

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(3) Termination of the master policy; and

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(4) Conversion privileges of the employees or members.

4. If the master policy provides for remittance of premium by the policyholder, failure of the policyholder to remit premiums when due shall not be regarded as nonpayment of premium by the employee or member who has made his or her contribution on a timely basis.

379.1806. 1. The master policy shall provide a basic 2 package of coverages and limits that are available to all 3 eligible employees or members. The package shall include at least the minimum coverages and limits of insurance as 4 5 required by law in that employee's or member's state of 6 residence or in the state where the subject property is 7 located, if applicable. In addition, the master policy may 8 provide additional coverages or limits to be available at an increased premium to employees or members who qualify under 9 10 the terms of the master policy.

11 2. The master policy shall provide coverage for all 12 eligible employees or members who elect coverage during 13 their initial period of eligibility, which period shall not 14 be less than thirty-one days. Employees or members who do 15 not elect coverage during the initial period and later 16 request coverage shall be subject to the insurer's 17 underwriting standards.

3. Coverage under the master policy may be reduced
only as to all members of a class, and shall never be
reduced to a level below the limits required by applicable
law.

4. Coverage under the master policy may be terminated
as to an employee or member only for:

(1) Failure of the employee or member to make required
 premium contributions;

(2) Termination of the master policy in its entirety
 or as to the class to which the employee or member belongs;

28 29 (3) Discontinuance of the employee's or member's membership in a class eligible for coverage; or

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(4) Termination of employment or membership.

31 5. If optional coverages or limits are available by law in an employee's or member's state of residence, the 32 33 policyholder's acceptance or rejection of the optional 34 coverages or limits on behalf of the group shall be binding 35 on the employees or members. If the policyholder rejects any coverages or limits that are required by law to be 36 37 provided unless rejected by the named insured, notice of the 38 rejection shall be given to the employees or members at or 39 before the time their certificates of coverage are delivered.

6. Stacking of coverages or limits among separate certificates of insurance is prohibited under a master policy of group personal lines property and casualty insurance; except that, if separate certificates under the same master policy are issued to relatives living in the same household, the state law pertaining to stacking of individual policies shall apply to those certificates.

379.1809. 1. No master policy or certificate of insurance shall be issued or delivered in this state unless the rating plan and amendments thereto used in the determination of the master policy premium have met the applicable filing requirements in this state.

6 2. Group insurance premium rates shall not be deemed
7 unfairly discriminatory if adjusted to reflect past and
8 prospective loss experience or group expense factors, or if
9 averaged broadly among persons insured under the master

10 policy. Nor shall such rates be deemed to be unfairly 11 discriminatory if they do not reflect individual rating 12 factors including surcharges and discounts required for 13 individual personal lines property and casualty insurance 14 policies.

15 3. Experience refunds or dividends may be paid to the 16 policyholder of a group personal lines property and casualty 17 insurance policy if the insurer's experience under that 18 policy justifies experience refunds or dividends. However, 19 if an experience refund or dividend is declared, it shall be 20 applied by the policyholder for the sole benefit of the insured employees or members to the extent that the 21 experience refund or dividend exceeds the policyholder's 22 23 contribution to premium for the period covered by such 24 experience refund or dividend.

379.1812. 1. An insurer issuing or delivering group 2 personal lines property and casualty insurance shall 3 maintain separate statistics as to the loss and expense 4 experience pertinent thereto.

5 2. No insurer shall issue or deliver a group personal 6 lines property and casualty insurance policy if it is a 7 condition of employment or of membership in a group that any 8 employee or member purchase insurance pursuant to the 9 policy, or if any employee or member shall be subject to any 10 penalty by reason of his or her non-participation.

113. (1) No insurer shall issue or deliver a group12personal lines property and casualty insurance policy if:

(a) The purchase of insurance available under the
 policy is contingent upon the purchase of any other
 insurance, product, or service; or

(b) The purchase or price of any other insurance,
 product, or service is contingent upon the purchase of

insurance available under the group personal lines propertyand casualty insurance policy.

(2) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be
deemed to prohibit the reasonable requirement of safety
devices, such as heat detectors, lightning rods, theft
prevention equipment and the like. Neither shall
subdivision (1) of this subsection be deemed to prohibit the
marketing of "package" or "combination" policies.

4. The insurer's experience from its group personal
lines property and casualty insurance policies shall be
included in the determination of the insurer's participation
in the applicable residual market plans.

5. For purposes of premium taxes, the insurer shall allocate premiums in accordance with the rules applicable to individual personal lines property and casualty insurance policies, except that any required allocation may be based on an annual survey of insureds. Premiums shall be apportioned among states without differentiation between policyholder or employee or member contributions.

379.1815. 1. No person shall act in this state as an 2 insurance agent or broker in connection with the 3 solicitation, negotiation or sale of a group personal lines 4 property and casualty insurance policy unless the person is 5 duly licensed under sections 375.012 to 375.146 as an 6 insurance producer for the applicable lines of insurance. However, none of the following activities engaged in by the 7 insurer or its employees, or the policyholder or its 8 9 employees, shall require the licensing of such entities or 10 persons as insurance producers:

(1) Endorsement or recommendation of the master policy
 to employees or members;

(2) Distribution to employees or members, by mail or
 otherwise, of information pertaining to the master policy;

(3) Collection of contributions toward premium through
 payroll deductions or other appropriate means, and
 remittance of the premium to an insurer; or

(4) Receipt of reimbursement from an insurer for actual, reasonable expenses incurred for administrative services which would otherwise be performed by the insurer with respect to the master policy. However, nothing herein shall supersede any applicable law or regulation that prohibits or regulates splitting of commissions with unlicensed persons, or rebating commissions or premiums.

25 2. No countersignature requirements shall apply to a 26 group personal lines property and casualty insurance policy 27 that is issued or delivered in this state pursuant to the 28 provisions of sections 379.1800 to 379.1824.

379.1818. 1. Each employee or member covered under 2 the master policy whose coverage thereunder terminates for 3 any reason other than the failure to make required 4 contributions toward premiums or at the request of the 5 employee or member, shall receive from the insurer thirty 6 days prior written notice of termination or ineligibility. 7 The notice shall state the reasons for discontinuance of 8 coverage under the master policy, and shall explain the employee's or member's options for conversion to an 9 10 individual policy.

11 2. If, within thirty days after receipt of notice of 12 termination or ineligibility, application is made and the 13 first premium is paid to the insurer, the employee or member 14 shall be entitled to have issued to him or her by the 15 insurer, or an affiliate within the same group of insurers, 16 an individual policy, effective upon termination or

ineligibility, with coverages and limits at least equal to
the minimum coverages and limits of insurance as required by
the applicable state law.

3. No individual notice of termination as provided in subsection 1 of this section and no conversion privilege as provided in subsection 2 of this section shall be required if the master policy is replaced by another master policy within thirty days. Coverage under the prior master policy shall terminate when the replacement master policy becomes effective.

379.1821. 1. No master policy or certificate of insurance shall be issued or delivered in this state unless issued or delivered by an insurer which is duly licensed in this state to write the lines of insurance covered by the master policy.

2. The provisions of sections 379.1800 to 379.1824
shall not apply to the mass marketing or any other type of
marketing of individual personal lines property and casualty
insurance policies.

3. Sections 379.1800 to 379.1824 shall not apply to
 policies of credit property or credit casualty insurance
 which insure the debtors of a creditor or creditors with
 respect to their indebtedness.

4. Sections 379.1800 to 379.1824 shall not apply to policies of personal automobile insurance or personal motor vehicle liability insurance, nor shall such sections be construed as authorizing the sale or issuance of personal automobile insurance or personal motor vehicle liability insurance under a group or master policy within this state.

5. Nothing in sections 379.1800 to 379.1824 shall
limit the authority of the director with respect to
complaints or disputes involving residents of this state

arising out of a master policy that has been issued or
delivered in another state.

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25 6. The director may promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer the provisions of sections 379.1800 26 to 379.1824. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is 27 28 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the 29 authority delegated in this section shall become effective 30 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the 31 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 32 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and 33 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective 34 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently 35 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking 36 37 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 38 2021, shall be invalid and void.

379.1824. The provisions of sections 379.1800 to 2 379.1824 shall become effective January 1, 2022. No master 3 policy or certificate of insurance shall be issued or delivered in this state after the effective date unless 4 5 issued or delivered in compliance with sections 379.1800 to 6 379.1824. A master policy or certificate that is lawfully 7 in effect on January 1, 2022, shall comply with the 8 provisions of sections 379.1800 to 379.1824 within twelve months of such date. 9

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