THE SENATE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. ²⁶⁹⁷ S.D. 1 H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended as follows:

3 1. By adding a new section to article III to be

4 appropriately designated and to read:

5 "§431:3- Statement of actuarial opinion; property and 6 casualty insurance; confidentiality. (a) The statement of 7 actuarial opinion shall be provided with the annual statement in 8 accordance with the property and casualty annual statement 9 instruction as adopted by the National Association of Insurance 10 Commissioners and shall be treated as a public document. 11 (b) Documents, materials, or other information related to 12 or provided in connection with an actuarial report, working 13 papers, actuarial opinion summary that are in possession or control of the commissioner shall be confidential by law and 14 15 privileged, shall not be made public, subject to subpoena or 16 discovery, and shall not be admissible as evidence in any private civil action; provided that: 17



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1	(1)	The commissioner may release the documents to the	
2		Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline or its	
3		successor to the extent that the material is required	
4		for the purpose of professional disciplinary	
5		proceedings and that the Actuarial Board for	
6		Counseling and Discipline or its successor establishes	
7		procedures satisfactory to the commissioner for	
8		preserving the confidentiality of the documents;	
9	(2)	This section shall not be construed to limit the	
10		commissioner's authority to use the documents,	
11		materials, or other information in furtherance of any	
12	regulatory or legal action brought as part of the		
13		commissioner's official duties; and	
14	(3)	Neither the commissioner nor any person who received	
15		documents, materials, or other information while	
16		acting under the authority of the commissioner shall	
17		be permitted or required to testify in any private	
18		civil action concerning any confidential documents,	
19		materials, or information subject to this subsection.	
20	(c)	The commissioner may share documents, materials, or	
21	other inf	ormation, including the confidential and privileged	
22	documents	, materials, or information subject to subsections (a)	
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1	and (b), with other state, federal, and international regulatory
2	agencies, with the National Association of Insurance
3	Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and with
4	state, federal, and international law enforcement authorities;
5	provided that the recipient agrees to maintain the
6	confidentiality and privileged status of the document, material,
7	or information and has the legal authority to do so.
8	(d) The commissioner may receive documents, materials, or
9	other information, including otherwise confidential and
10	privileged documents, materials, or information, from the
11	National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its
12	affiliates and subsidiaries, and from regulatory and law
13	enforcement officials of other foreign or domestic
14	jurisdictions. The commissioner shall maintain as confidential
15	or privileged, subject to subsection (b)(3), any document,
16	material, or information received with notice or the
17	understanding that it is confidential or privileged under the
18	laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document,
19	material, or information.
20	(e) The commissioner may enter into agreements governing
21	sharing and use of information consistent with subsections (b),
22	(c), and (d).



1	(f) No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of
2	confidentiality in the documents, materials, or information
3	subject to this section shall occur as a result of disclosure to
4	the commissioner under this section or as a result of sharing as
5	authorized in subsections (b), (c), and (d)."
6	2. By adding a new section to part II of article 9 to be
7	appropriately designated and to read:
8	"431:9- Reporting of actions. (a) A licensee shall
9	report in writing to the commissioner any civil or
10	administrative action taken against the licensee in any
11	jurisdiction or by any governmental agency in the United States
12	within thirty days of the final disposition of the matter.
13	(b) Within thirty days of arraignment, a licensee shall
14	report in writing to the commissioner any criminal prosecution
15	of the licensee being taken in any jurisdiction.
16	(c) A report pursuant to this section shall include a copy
17	of the initial complaint or indictment and any and all other
18	relevant legal documents."
19	3. By amending subsection (c) of section 431:2-208 to
20	read:
21	"(c) An insurer or licensee shall issue a written response
22	with reasonable promptness, in no case more than fifteen working



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1 days, to any written inquiry made by the commissioner regarding a claim [or], consumer complaint [-], or sales or marketing 2 3 practice. The response shall be more than an acknowledgment 4 that the commissioner's communication has been received, and 5 shall adequately address the concerns stated in the 6 communication." 7 By amending subsection (a) of section 431:4F-103 to 4. 8 read: 9 "(a) An alien insurer may use this [State] state as a 10 state of entry to transact insurance in the United States 11 through a United States branch by: Qualifying as an insurer licensed to do business in 12 (1)13 this [State; and 14 (2) Establishing [a] trust [account,] accounts, pursuant to [a] trust [agreement] agreements approved by the 15 16 commissioner with a United States financial 17 institution approved by the commissioner, in an amount 18 at least equal to the minimum capital and surplus or 19 authorized control level risk-based capital, whichever 20 is greater, required to be maintained by a domestic 21 insurer licensed [to do] for the same kind of 22 insurance."



1 By amending subsection (d) of section 431:9-203 to 5. 2 read: 3 "(d) As used in this section, "change of status" includes but shall not be limited to change of legal name, assumed name, 4 5 trade name, business address, home address, mailing address, 6 business phone number, business fax number, business electronic 7 mail address, business website address, or home phone number." 8 By amending subsection (b) of section 431:9-228 to 6. 9 read: 10 "(b) The licensee shall [promptly] notify the commissioner 11 of any change of business address [-] within thirty days of the 12 change." 13 By amending subsection (f) of section 431:9A-107 to 7 14 read: 15 "(f) A licensee shall: Inform the commissioner by any means acceptable to the 16 (1) 17 commissioner of any change of status within thirty days of the change; and 18 19 (2)Report any change of status to the business 20 registration division if the licensee is a business 21 entity registered with the department of commerce and 22 consumer affairs pursuant to title 23 or title 23A, or SB2697 HD1 HMS 2010-2603



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1	if the licensee has registered a trade name pursuant
2	to part I of chapter 482.
3	Failure to timely inform the commissioner or the business
4	registration division of a change of status may result in a
5	penalty pursuant to section 431:2-203.
6	As used in this subsection, "change of status" includes but
7	shall not be limited to change of legal name, assumed name,
8	trade name, business address, home address, <u>mailing address,</u>
9	business phone number, business fax number, business electronic
10	mail address, or business website address."
11	8. By amending subsection (c) of section 431:9A-122 to
12	read:
13	"(c) The licensee shall [promptly] notify the commissioner
14	[in writing] of any change of business address[+] within thirty
15	days of the change."
16	9. By adding a new definition in section 431:9C-101 to be
17	appropriately inserted and to read:
18	"Producer" has the same meaning as in section 431:11A-
19	<u>101.</u> "
20	10. By amending section 431:9C-102 to read:
21	"§431:9C-102 Licensure. (a) No person, firm,
22	association, or corporation shall act as a managing general
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1	agent, wit	ch respect to risks located in this [State] <u>state</u> for			
2	an insurer licensed in this [State,] <u>state,</u> unless licensed as a				
3	producer :	in this [State.] <u>state.</u>			
4	(b)	No person, firm, association, or corporation shall act			
5	as a manaç	ging general agent $[\tau]$ representing an insurer domiciled			
6	in this [£	State] state with respect to risks located outside			
7	this [State,] <u>state</u> unless licensed as a producer in this				
8	[State.] <u>state.</u>				
9	[(c) The commissioner shall require the managing general				
10	agent to furnish a bond in an amount equal to \$100,000 or ten				
11	per-cent of annual gross-direct written premiums, whichever-is				
12	greater, with an insurance company licensed to do business				
13	within-the State-or-with an insurance company-approved by the				
14	commissioner, for the protection of the insurer. Each managing				
15	general-aç	gent shall provide the commissioner with:			
16	(1)	Proof of the bond at the time of the initial			
17		application for licensure;			
18	-(2)-	Appropriate documentation at the time of each renewal			
19		to show that the bond continues to be in effect or			
20		that a new bond has been secured; and			
21	-(3-) -	Any other report required by the commissioner.			



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1	(d) The commissioner shall require the managing general
2	agent to-maintain an errors and omissions policy in an amount
3	equal to \$1,000,000 or twenty-five per cent of annual gross
4	direct written premiums, whichever is greater, with an insurance
5	company licensed to do business within the State or an insurance
6	company-approved-by-the-commissioner. Each managing-general
7	agent shall provide the commissioner with:
8	(1) Proof of the policy at the time of the initial
9	application for licensure;
10	(2) Appropriate documentation at the time of each renewal
11	to show that the policy continues to be in effect or
12	that a new policy has been secured; and
13	(3) Any other report required by the commissioner.]"
14	11. By amending section 431:9C-103 to read:
15	"§431:9C-103 Required contract provisions. No person,
16	firm, association, or corporation acting as a managing general
17	agent shall place business with an insurer unless there is in
18	force[$_{ au}$] a written contract between the managing general agent
19	and the insurer which sets forth the responsibilities of each
20	party [and,]; where both the managing general agent and the
21	insurer share responsibility for a particular function,



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1	specifies	the division of those responsibilities $[-7]$ and which
2	contains a	at least the following additional provisions:
3	(1)	The insurer may terminate the contract for cause upon
4		written notice to the managing general agent[. The
5		insurer] and may suspend the underwriting authority of
6		the managing general agent during the pendency of any
7		dispute regarding the cause for termination;
8	(2)	The managing general agent shall render accounts to
9		the insurer detailing all transactions and shall remit
10		all funds due under the contract to the insurer on not
11		less than a monthly basis;
12	(3)	All funds collected for the account of an insurer
13		shall be held by the managing general agent in a
14		fiduciary capacity and shall be deposited in an
15		account in a bank which is a member of the Federal
16		Reserve System. This account shall be used for all
17	,	payments on behalf of the insurer by the managing
18		general agent. The managing general agent may retain
19		no more than three months estimated claims payments
20		and allocated loss adjustment expenses;
21	(4)	Separate records of business written by the managing

general agent shall be maintained in the [licensee's]

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managing agent's office. The insurer shall have 1 2 [access to and] the right to access and to copy all 3 accounts and records of the managing general agent 4 related to the insurer's business in a form usable by 5 the insurer [, and]; the commissioner shall have access 6 to all books, bank accounts, and records of the 7 managing general agent in a form usable to the 8 commissioner. Records shall be in an organized form 9 according to each class of insurance and shall include 10 the following information to the extent it is 11 applicable:

12 (A) A record of each insurance contract procured or
13 issued, together with the names of the insurers
14 and insureds, the amount of premium paid or to be
15 paid, or the basis of the premium or
16 consideration paid or to be paid, and a statement
17 of the subject of the insurance;

18 (B) The names of any other licensees from whom
19 business is accepted and the names of persons to
20 whom commissions or allowances of any kind are
21 promised or paid;



1		(C) A record of each investigation or adjustment
2		undertaken or consummated and a statement of any
3		fee, commission, or other compensation received
4		or to be received by [the] <u>an</u> adjuster on account
5		of [the] <u>each</u> investigation or adjustment;
6		(D) A record of each bill reviewed and a statement of
7		any fee, commission, or other compensation
8		received or to be received by the independent
9		bill reviewer on account of the bill reviewed;
10		and
11		(E) Any additional information as shall be customary
12		or as may reasonably be required by the
13		commissioner.
14		This paragraph shall not apply to life or accident and
15		health or sickness insurance if the records required
16		of [such] that insurance are customarily maintained in
17		the offices of the insurer;
18	(5)	The contract may not be assigned in whole or in part
19		by the managing general agent;
20	(6)	Appropriate underwriting guidelines including:
21		(A) The maximum annual premium volume;
22		(B) The basis of the rates to be charged;



1		(C) The types of risks which may be written;			
2		(D) Maximum limits of liability;			
3		(E) Applicable exclusions;			
4		(F) Territorial limitations;			
5		(G) Policy cancellation provisions; and			
6		(H) The maximum policy period.			
7		The insurer shall have the right to cancel or nonrenew			
8		any policy of insurance subject to the applicable laws			
9		and rules concerning the cancellation and nonrenewal			
10		of insurance policies;			
11	(7)	The insurer shall require the managing general agent			
12		to obtain and maintain a surety bond for the			
13		protection of the insurer. The bond amount shall be			
14		\$100,000 or ten per cent of the managing general			
15		agent's total nationwide annual written premium for			
16		the insurer in the prior calendar year, whichever is			
17		greater; provided that the amount of the surety bond			
18		shall not exceed \$500,000;			
19	(8)	The insurer shall require the managing general agent			
20		to obtain and maintain an errors and omissions policy			
21		in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000;			



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1	[-(7)]	(9) If the contract permits the managing general
2		agent to settle claims on behalf of the insurer:
3		(A) All claims shall be reported to the insurer in a
4		timely manner;
5		(B) A copy of the claim file shall be sent to the
6		insurer [at its] <u>upon</u> request or as soon as it
7		becomes known that the claim:
8	-	(i) Has the potential to exceed [an] a threshold
9		amount determined by the commissioner or
10		[exceeds the] a limit set by the insurer,
11		whichever is less;
12		(ii) Involves a coverage dispute;
13		(iii) May exceed the managing general agent's
14		claims settlement authority;
15		(iv) Is open for more than six months; or
16		(v) Is closed by payment of [an] <u>a threshold</u>
17		amount set by the commissioner or an amount
18		set by the insurer, whichever is less;
19		(C) All claim files shall be the joint property of
20		the insurer and managing general agent. However,
21		upon an order of liquidation of the insurer, the
22		files shall become the sole property of the

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1		insurer or its estate; provided that the managing
2		general agent shall have reasonable access to and
3		the right to copy the files on a timely basis;
4	(1	D) Any settlement authority granted to the managing
5		general agent may be terminated for cause upon
6		the insurer's written notice to the managing
7		general agent or upon the termination of the
8		contract [. The]; provided that the insurer may
9		suspend the settlement authority during the
10		pendency of any dispute regarding the cause for
11		termination; and
12	(1	E) Where electronic claims files are in existence,
13		the contract shall address the timely
14		transmission of the data;
15	[(8)] <u>(</u>	10) If the contract provides for a sharing of
16	i:	nterim profits by the managing general agent[$_{ au}$] and
17	t:	he managing general agent has the authority to
18	d	etermine the amount of the interim profits by
19	e	stablishing loss reserves [or] <u>,</u> controlling claim
20	p	ayments, or in any other manner, interim profits
21	sl	hall not be paid to the managing general agent until
22	01	ne year after they are earned for property insurance
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2		casu	casualty business and, in any event, not until the			
3	· · · ·	prof	profits have been verified through examination			
4		purs	oursuant to section 431:9C-105; and			
5	[-(9) -]	(11)	The managing general agent shall not:			
6		(A)	Bind reinsurance or retrocessions on behalf of			
7			the insurer, except that the managing general			
8			agent may bind facultative reinsurance contracts			
9			pursuant to obligatory facultative agreements if			
10			the contract with the insurer contains			
11			reinsurance underwriting guidelines including,			
12			for both reinsurance assumed and ceded, a list of			
13			reinsurers with whom those automatic agreements			
14			are in effect, the coverages and amounts or			
15			percentages that may be reinsured, and commission			
16			schedules;			
17		(B)	Commit the insurer to participate in insurance or			

- 18 reinsurance syndicates;
- 19 (C) Appoint any producer without assuring that the
 20 producer is lawfully licensed to transact the
 21 type of insurance for which the producer is
 22 appointed;



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1		(D)	Without prior approval of the insurer, pay or
2			commit the insurer to pay a claim over a
3.	ı		specified amount, net of reinsurance, which shall
4			not exceed one per cent of the insurer's
5			policyholder's surplus as of December 31 of the
6			last completed calendar year;
7		(E)	Collect any payment from a reinsurer or commit
8			the insurer to any claim settlement with a
9			reinsurer without prior approval of the insurer.
10			If prior approval is given, a report shall be
11			promptly forwarded to the insurer;
12		(F)	Permit its subagent to serve on the board of
13			directors of the insurer;
14		(G)	Employ an individual who is <u>also</u> employed by the
15			insurer [also]; or
16		(H)	Appoint a sub-managing general agent."
17	12.	By ar	mending section 431:9C-104 to read:
18	" [-[] §	431:9	OC-104[]] Duties of insurers. (a) An insurer
19	shall have	on f	file an independent financial examination <u>in a</u>
20	form accep	table	e to the commissioner of each managing general
21	agent with	whor	n it has done business [in a form acceptable to
22	the commis	sion	er].

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(b) If a managing general agent establishes loss reserves, the insurer shall annually obtain the opinion of an independent actuary attesting to the adequacy of loss reserves established for losses incurred and outstanding on business produced by the managing general agent. [This is] The opinion required by this subsection shall be in addition to any other required loss reserve certification required by this chapter.

8 (c) The insurer shall conduct at least semiannually an on9 site review of the underwriting and claims processing operations
10 of the managing general agent.

(d) Binding authority for all reinsurance contracts or
participation in insurance or reinsurance syndicates shall rest
with an officer of the insurer, who shall not be affiliated with
the managing general agent.

(e) The insurer shall notify the commissioner in writing within thirty days of entering into or terminating a contract with a managing general agent. [Notices] Notice of the appointment of a managing general agent shall include a statement of the duties [which] that the managing general agent is expected to perform on behalf of the insurer, the lines of insurance for which the managing general agent [is to] shall be



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2 may [request.] <u>require.</u>

(f) An insurer shall review its books and records each 3 4 quarter to determine if any producer [, as defined in section 5 431:11A-101, has become a managing general agent [-] of the 6 insurer. If the insurer determines that a producer has become a 7 managing general agent $[\tau]$ of the insurer, the insurer shall 8 promptly notify the producer and the commissioner [of the 9 determination] and the insurer and producer shall both fully 10 comply with this article within thirty days.

(g) An insurer shall not appoint to its board of directors an officer, director, employee, subagent, or controlling shareholder of any of its managing general agents; provided that this subsection shall not apply to relationships governed by article 11.

16 (h) The insurer shall keep the bond and the errors and 17 omissions policy required by section 431:9C-103 on file for 18 review by the commissioner or other applicable regulatory 19 agent."

20 13. By amending section 431:9N-102 to read:

21 "[+]§431:9N-102[+] License denial, nonrenewal, suspension,
22 or revocation. In addition to [causes in] the authority granted



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1	by section	n 431:9A-112, the commissioner may deny, place on
2	probation	, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a bail
3	agent's l	icense and may levy a civil fine or penalty in
4	accordanc	e with articles 2 and 9A, or <u>take</u> any combination of
5	these act	ions, for any of the following causes:
6	(1)	[Failing] <u>Failure</u> to satisfy, pay, or otherwise
7		discharge a bail forfeiture judgment after [having]
8		the bail agent's name [placed] <u>is</u> on the board for
9		more than forty-five consecutive days for the same
10		forfeiture;
11	(2)	Failure to satisfy, pay, or otherwise discharge a
12		final, nonappealable bail forfeiture judgment within
13		sixty days following notice of entry of judgment;
14	[-(2)-	Failing] (3) Failure to report, to preserve without
15		use and retain separately, or to return collateral
16		[taken] <u>received</u> as security on any bond to the
17		principal or depositor of the collateral;
18	[(3)	Failing] (4) Failure to pay a final, nonappealable
19		judgment award for failure to return or repay
20		collateral received to secure a bond;
21	[-(4)]	(5) Continuing [to execute] execution of bail bonds
22		in any court in this [State] state while on the board,



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1 where the bail forfeiture judgment that resulted in 2 [being placed] placement on the board has not been 3 paid, stayed, vacated, exonerated, or otherwise 4 discharged; or [(5) Paying,] (6) Payment, directly or indirectly, of any 5 6 commission, service fee, brokerage, or other valuable 7 consideration to any person selling, soliciting, or 8 negotiating bail within this [State] state unless, at 9 the time the services were performed, the person was 10 [a] duly licensed [bail agent] for the performance of 11 the services." 12 By amending section 431:10-244 to read: 14. 13 "§431:10-244 Filing procedure for contracts approved by 14 commissioner. Each insurance contract requiring approval by the commissioner pursuant to this code, section 392-48 [and], or 15 section 386-124 and each contract certified by the insurer to be 16 17 in conformity with this code shall be accompanied by a \$20 fee 18 payable to the commissioner, which [fee] shall be deposited [in] 19 into the commissioner's education and training fund." 20 15. By amending section 431:10A-105 to read: 21 "§431:10A-105 Required provisions. Except as provided in 22 section 431:10A-107, each policy of accident and health or



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1 sickness insurance delivered or issued for delivery to any 2 person in this [State] state shall contain the provisions set 3 forth below. These provisions shall be in the words in which 4 they appear below; provided that the insurer may substitute 5 corresponding provisions of different wording [approved by the 6 commissioner] certified by an officer of the insurer to be in 7 substantial conformance with the wording below that are in each 8 instance not less favorable in any respect to the insured or the 9 beneficiary. The provisions shall be preceded individually by 10 the specified caption, or by [such] appropriate individual or 11 group captions or subcaptions [as the commissioner may approve.] 12 that are substantially similar to the specified captions. The provisions required by this section are as follows: 13 14 (1) "Entire Contract; Changes: This policy, including the 15 endorsements and the attached papers, if any, constitutes the entire contract of insurance. 16 No 17 change in this policy shall be valid until approved by an executive officer of the insurer and unless the 18 19 approval is endorsed on or attached to this policy. 20 No agent has authority to change this policy or to 21 waive any of its provisions [-] ";

22 (2) (A) "Time Limit on Certain Defenses:



1 ′	(i)	After three years from the date of issue of
2		this policy no misstatements, except
3		fraudulent misstatements, made by the
4		applicant in the application for this policy
5		shall be used to void this policy or to deny
6		a claim for loss incurred or disability [4]
7		as defined in the policy[)] commencing after
8		the expiration of the three-year period[+];
9		and
10	(ii)	No claim for loss incurred or disability
11		[+]as defined in the policy[+] commencing
12		after three years from the date of issue of
13		this policy shall be reduced or denied on
14		the ground that a disease or physical
15		condition not excluded on the date of loss
16		from coverage by name or specific
17		description effective [on-the-date of loss]
18		had existed prior to the effective date of
19		coverage of this policy[+]" <u>;</u>
20	(B) The	policy provision set forth in subparagraph
21	(A)	(i) shall not be construed to affect any legal
22	requ	irement for avoidance of a policy or denial



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1			of a claim during the initial three-year period,
2			nor to limit the application of section 431:10A-
3			106(1) through (4) in the event of misstatement
4			with respect to age [or] <u>,</u> occupation <u>,</u> or other
5			insurance [-]; and
6		(C)	A policy that the insured has the right to
7			continue in force subject to its terms by the
8.			timely payment of premium until at least age
9			fifty or, in the case of a policy issued after
10			age forty-four, for at least five years from its
11			date of issue, may contain in lieu of
12			subparagraph (A)(i) the following provision
13			[4] from which the clause in parentheses may be
14			omitted at the insurer's option[+]:
15			"Incontestable: After this policy has been in
16			force for a period of three years during the
17			lifetime of the insured (excluding any period
18			during which the insured is disabled), it shall
19			become incontestable as to the statements
20			contained in the application $[-]$ ";
21	(3)	(A)	"Grace period: A grace period of (insert a
22			number not less than seven for weekly premium



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1			policies, ten for monthly premium policies, and
2			thirty-one for all other policies) days will be
3			granted for the payment of each premium falling
4		·	due after the first premium, during which grace
5			period the policy shall continue in force $[-,]$
6		(B)	A policy that contains a cancellation provision
7			may add at the end of the $[above]$ provision $[+]$
8			required by paragraph (3)(a): "subject to the
9			right of the insurer to cancel in accordance with
10			the cancellation provision[-]"; and
11		(C)	A policy in which the insurer reserves the right
12			to refuse any renewal shall have at the beginning
13			of the [above] provision[+] required by paragraph
14			(3)(a): "Unless not less than thirty days prior
15			to the premium due date the insurer has delivered
16			to the insured or has mailed to the insured's
17			last address as shown by the records of the
18			insurer written notice of its intention not to
19			renew this policy beyond the period for which the
20			premium has been accepted[-]";
21	(4)	(A)	"Reinstatement: If any renewal premium is not

paid within the time granted to the insured for



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1 payment, a subsequent acceptance of premium by 2 the insurer or by any agent duly authorized by 3 the insurer to accept the premium, without 4 requiring in connection therewith an application 5 for reinstatement, shall reinstate the policy; 6 provided that if the insurer or agent requires an 7 application for reinstatement and issues a 8 conditional receipt for the premium tendered, the 9 policy shall be reinstated upon approval of the 10 application by the insurer or, lacking approval, 11 upon the forty-fifth day following the date of 12 conditional receipt unless the insurer has 13 previously notified the insured in writing of its 14 disapproval of the application. The reinstated policy shall cover only loss resulting from 15 16 accidental injury as may be sustained after the 17 date of reinstatement and loss due to sickness as 18 may begin more than ten days after that date. In 19 all other respects the insured and insurer shall 20 have the same rights as they had under the policy 21 immediately before the due date of the defaulted 22 premium, subject to any provisions endorsed



1		hereon or attached hereto in connection with the
2		reinstatement. Any premium accepted in
3		connection with the reinstatement shall be
4		applied to a period for which premium has not
5	,	been previously paid, but not to any period more
6		than sixty days prior to the date of
7		reinstatement [-] "; and
8	(B)	The last sentence in subparagraph (A) may be
9		omitted from any policy that the insured has the
10		right to continue in force subject to its terms
11		by the timely payment of premiums until at least
12		age fifty or, in the case of a policy issued
13		after age forty-four, for at least five years
14		from its date of issue[-] <u>;</u>
15	(5) (A)	"Notice of Claim: Written notice of claim [must]
16		shall be given to the insurer within twenty days
17		after the occurrence or commencement of any loss
18		covered by the policy, or as soon thereafter as
19		is reasonably possible. Notice given by or on
20		behalf of the insured or the beneficiary to the
21		insurer at (insert the location of the office as
22		the insurer may designate for the purpose) or to
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1		any authorized agent of the insurer, with
2		information sufficient to identify the insured,
3	•	shall be deemed notice to the insurer [-] "; and
4	(B)	In a policy providing a loss of time benefit that
5		may be payable for at least two years, an insurer
6		may at its option insert the following between
7		the first and second sentences in subparagraph
8		(A): "Subject to the qualification set forth
9		below, if the insured suffers loss of time on
10		account of disability for which indemnity may be
11		payable for at least two years, the insured
12		shall, at least once in every six months after
13		having given notice of claim, give to the insurer
14		notice of continuance of the disability, except
15		in the event of legal incapacity. The period of
16		six months following any filing of proof by the
17		insured or any payment by the insurer on account
18		of the claim or any denial of liability in whole
19		or in part by the insurer shall be excluded in
20		applying this provision. Delay in giving notice
21		shall not impair the insured's right to any
22		indemnity which would otherwise have accrued



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1 during the period of six months preceding the 2 date on which notice is actually given [-] "; "Claim Forms: The insurer, upon receipt of a notice 3 (6) 4 of claim, will furnish to the claimant [the] any 5 forms $[\tau]$ that are usually furnished by it for filing proofs of loss. If the forms are not furnished within 6 7 fifteen days after the giving of notice the claimant 8 shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements 9 of this policy as to proof of loss upon submitting, 10 within the time fixed in the policy for filing proofs 11 of loss, written proof covering the occurrence, the 12 character, and the extent of the loss for which claim is made[-]"; 13 14 "Proofs of Loss: In case of claim for loss for which (7)this policy provides any periodic payment contingent 15 16 upon continuing loss, written proof of loss must be 17 furnished to the insurer at its office within ninety 18 days after the termination of the period for which the 19 insurer is liable, and in case of claim for any other 20 loss within ninety days after the date of loss. 21 Failure to furnish proof of loss within the time 22 required shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if



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1 it was not reasonably possible to give proof within 2 the time required, provided proof is furnished as soon 3 as reasonably possible and in no event, except [in] 4 the absence of legal capacity, later than fifteen 5 months from the time proof is otherwise required [-] "; 6 (8) "Time of Payment of Claims: Indemnities payable under 7 this policy for any loss other than loss for which 8 this policy provides any periodic payment [will] shall be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof 9 10 of loss. Subject to due written proof of loss, all 11 accrued indemnities for loss for which this policy provides periodic payment [will] shall be paid (insert 12 13 period for payment which must not be less frequently 14 than monthly) and any balance remaining unpaid upon 15 the termination of liability [will] shall be paid 16 immediately upon receipt of due written proof [-] "; 17 (9) "Payment of Claims: Indemnity for loss of life (A) 18 [will] shall be payable in accordance with the 19 beneficiary designation and the provisions 20 respecting payment which may be prescribed herein 21 and effective at the time of payment. If no 22 designation or provision is then effective, the

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1		indemnity shall be payable to the estate of the
2		insured. Any other accrued indemnities unpaid at
3		the insured's death may, at the option of the
4		insurer, be paid either to the designated
5		beneficiary or to the estate of the insured. All
6		other indemnities [will] <u>shall</u> be payable to the
7		insured [-] "; and
8	(B)	[The] Either or both of the following
9		provisions[, or either of them,] may be included
10		with the provision set forth in subparagraph (A)
11		at the option of the insurer:
12		(i) "If any indemnity of this policy shall be
13		payable to the estate of the insured, or to
14		an insured or beneficiary who is a minor or
15		otherwise not competent to give a valid
16		release, the insurer may pay the indemnity,
17	•	up to an amount not exceeding \$2,000 to any
18		relative by blood or connection by marriage
19		of the insured or beneficiary who is deemed
20		by the insurer to be equitably entitled
21		thereto. Any payment made by the insurer in
22		good faith pursuant to this provision shall



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fully discharge the insurer to the extent of 1 2 the payment [-] "; and 3 "Subject to any written direction of the (ii) 4 insured in the application or otherwise all 5 or a portion of any indemnities provided by 6 this policy on account of hospital, nursing, 7 medical, or surgical services may, at the 8 insurer's option and unless the insured 9 requests otherwise in writing not later than 10 the time of filing proofs of loss, be paid directly to the hospital or person rendering 11 12 the services; but it is not required that 13 the service be rendered by a particular 14 hospital or person [-] "; 15 (10)"Physical Examinations and Autopsy: The insurer at 16 its own expense shall have the right and opportunity 17 to examine the person of the insured when and as often 18 as it may reasonably require during the pendency of a 19 claim hereunder and to make an autopsy in case of

21 (11) "Legal Actions: No action at law or in equity shall
22 be brought to recover on this policy prior to the

death where it is not forbidden by law [-] ";



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1	exp	iration of sixty days after written proof of loss
2	has	been furnished in accordance with the requirements
3	of	this policy. No action at law or in equity shall
4	be	brought after the expiration of three years after
5	the	time written proof of loss is required to be
6	fur	nished[+]"; and
7	(12) (A)	"Change of Beneficiary: Unless the insured makes
8		an irrevocable designation of beneficiary, the
9		right to change [of] <u>the</u> beneficiary is reserved
10		to the insured and the consent of the beneficiary
11		or beneficiaries shall not be requisite to
12		surrender or assignment of this policy or to any
13		change of beneficiary or beneficiaries, or to any
14		other changes in this policy[-]"; and
15	(B)	The first clause of subparagraph (A), relating to
16		the irrevocable designation of beneficiary, may
17		be omitted at the insurer's option."
18	16. By	amending section 431:10A-106 to read:
19	"§431:10	A-106 Optional provisions. Except as provided in
20	section 431:1	0A-107, no policy of accident and health or
21	sickness insu	rance delivered or issued for delivery to any
22	person in thi	s [State] <u>state</u> shall contain the provisions set
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1 forth below unless the provisions are in the words in which they 2 appear below; provided that the insurer may substitute 3 corresponding provisions of different wording [approved by the 4 commissioner] certified by an officer of the insurer to be in 5 substantial conformance with the wording below that are in each 6 instance not less favorable in any respect to the insured or the beneficiary. [Such] The provisions listed in this section are 7 8 optional provisions. Any [such provision] of the following 9 provisions contained in the policy shall be preceded 10 individually by the specified caption or, at the option of the 11 insurer, by [such] appropriate individual or group captions or 12 subcaptions [as the commissioner may approve.] substantially 13 similar to the specified caption. The provisions are as 14 follows:

"Change of Occupation: If the insured is injured or · 15 (1)16 contracts sickness after having changed occupations to 17 one classified by the insurer as more hazardous than that stated in this policy or while doing for 18 compensation anything pertaining to an occupation so 19 20 classified, the insurer will pay only [such] the 21 portion of the indemnities provided in this policy 22 [as] that the premium paid would have purchased at the





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rates and within the limits fixed by the insurer for 1 2 the more hazardous occupation. If the insured's occupation changes to one classified by the insurer as 3 4 less hazardous than that stated in this policy, the 5 insurer, upon receipt of proof of [such] the change of 6 occupation, will reduce the premium rate accordingly, 7 and will return the excess pro rata unearned premium 8 from the date of change of occupation or from the 9 policy anniversary date immediately preceding receipt of such proof, whichever is [the] more recent. 10 In 11 applying this provision, the classification of 12 occupational risk and the premium shall be [such] 13 those as have been last filed by the insurer prior to 14 the occurrence of the loss for which the insurer is 15 liable or prior to date of proof of change in 16 occupation with the state official having supervision 17 of insurance in the state where the insured resided at the time this policy was issued; but if [such] a 18 19 filing was not required, then the classification of 20 occupational risk and the premium rates shall be those 21 last made effective by the insurer in [such] the state 22 where the insured resided prior to the occurrence of



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1		the loss or prior to the date of proof of change in
2		occupation[-]";
3	. (2)	"Misstatement of Age: If the age of the insured has
-4		been misstated, all amounts payable under this policy
5		shall be such as the premium paid would have purchased
6		at the insured's correct age $[-]$ ";
7	(3)	Other insurance in this insurer shall be in one of the
8		following forms:
9		(A) "Other Insurance in This Insurer: If an accident
10		and health or sickness policy or policies
11		previously issued by the insurer to the insured
12		[be] concurrently in force [concurrently
13		herewith], making the aggregate indemnity for
14		(insert type of coverage or coverages) in excess
15		of \$ (insert maximum limit of indemnity or
16		indemnities) the excess insurance shall be void
17		and all premiums paid for [such] <u>the</u> excess shall
18		be returned to the insured or to the insured's
19		estate[-]"; or
20		(B) "Other Insurance in This Insurer: Insurance
21		effective at any one time on the insured under a
22		like policy or policies in this insurer is


1			limi	ted to the one [such] policy elected by the
2			insu	red, the insured's beneficiary, or the
3			insu	red's estate, as the case may be, and the
4			insu	rer [will] <u>shall</u> return all premiums paid for
5			all (other [such] policies[-]" <u>;</u>
6	(4)	Insu	rance	with other insurers. Either or both of the
7		foll	owing	forms shall be used:
8		(A)	(i)	"Insurance with Other Insurers: If there be
9				other valid coverage, not with this insurer,
10				providing benefits for the same loss on a
11		•		provision of service basis or on an expense
12				incurred basis and of which this insurer has
13				not been given written notice prior to the
14				occurrence or commencement of loss, the only
15				liability under any expense incurred
16				coverage of this policy shall be for [such]
17				the proportion of the loss [as the amount
18				which] that would otherwise have been
19				payable [hereunder] plus the total of the
20				like amounts under all [such] <u>the</u> other
21				valid coverages for the same loss of which
22				this insurer had notice bears to the total



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1		like amounts under all valid coverages for
2		[such] <u>the</u> loss, and for the return of
3		[such] <u>the</u> portion of the premiums paid as
4		shall exceed the pro rata portion for the
5		amount so determined. For the purpose of
6		applying this provision when other coverage
7		is on a provision of service basis, the like
8		amount of [such] other coverage shall be
9		taken as the amount which the services
10		rendered would have cost in the absence of.
i I		[such] <u>the other</u> coverage [-] " <u>;</u> and
12	(ii)	"Insurance with Other Insurers: If there be
13		other valid coverage, not with this insurer,
14		providing benefits for the same loss on
15		other than an expense incurred basis and of
16		which this insurer has not been given
17		written notice prior to the occurrence or
18		commencement of loss, the only liability for
19		[such] benefits under this policy shall be
20	-	for [such] the proportion of the indemnities
21		otherwise provided hereunder for [such] <u>a</u>
22		loss as the like indemnities of which the



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1		insurer had notice (including the
2		indemnities under this policy) bear to the
3		total amount of all the indemnities for
4	·	[such] <u>the</u> loss, and for the return of
5		[such] <u>the</u> portion of the premium paid as
6		shall exceed the pro rata portion for the
7		indemnities thus determined [-] ";
8	(B)	If the provision set forth in subparagraph (A)(i)
9		is included in a policy that also contains the
10		provision set forth in subparagraph (A)(ii),
11		there shall be added to the caption of the
12		subparagraph (A)(i) provision the phrase,
13		"expense incurred benefits [-] ";
14	(C)	The insurer may, at its option, include in the
15		provision set forth in subparagraph (A)(i) a
16		definition of other valid coverage, approved as
17		to form by the commissioner, which [definition]
18		shall be limited in subject matter to coverage
19		provided by organizations subject to regulation
20		by insurance law or by insurance authorities of
21		this State or any other state or territory of the
22		United States or any province of Canada, and by



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1 hospital or medical service organizations, and to 2 any other coverage the inclusion of which may be 3 approved by the commissioner. In the absence of 4 [such] a definition the term shall not include 5 group insurance, automobile medical payment 6 insurance, or coverage provided by hospital or 7 medical service organizations, union welfare 8 plans, or employer or employee benefit 9 organizations. For the purpose of applying the 10 provision set forth in subparagraph (A) (i) with 11 respect to any insured, any amount of benefit 12 provided for [such] an insured pursuant to any 13 compulsory benefit statute (including any 14 workers' compensation or employers' liability 15 statute), whether provided by a governmental 16 agency or otherwise, shall in all cases be deemed 17 to be other valid coverage of which the insurer 18 has had notice. In applying the provision set 19 forth in subparagraph (A)(i), no third party 20 liability coverage shall be included as other valid coverage[--]; 21



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1	(D)	If the provision set forth in subparagraph
2		(A)(ii) is included in a policy that also
3		contains the provision set forth in subparagraph
4		(A)(i), there shall be added to the caption of
5		the subparagraph (A)(ii) provision the phrase,
6		"other benefits"[-]; and
7	(E)	The insurer may, at its option, include in the
8		provision set forth in subparagraph (A)(ii) a
9		definition of other valid coverage, approved as
10		to form by the commissioner, which [definition]
11		shall be limited in subject matter to coverage
12		provided by organizations subject to regulation
13		by insurance law or by insurance authorities of
14		this [State] <u>state</u> or any other state or
15		territory of the United States or any province of
16		Canada, and to any other coverage the inclusion
17		of which may be approved by the commissioner. In
18		the absence of $[such]$ <u>a</u> definition the term shall
19		not include group insurance, or benefits provided
20		by union welfare plans or employer or employee
21		benefit organizations. For the purpose of
22	,	applying the provision set forth in subparagraph



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1			(A) (ii) with respect to any insured, any amount
2.			of benefit provided for [such] <u>an</u> insured
3			pursuant to any compulsory benefit statute
4			[+]including any workers' compensation or
5			employers' liability statute $[+]$, whether provided
6			by a governmental agency or otherwise, shall in
7			all cases be deemed to be other valid coverage of
8 ,			which the insurer has had notice. In applying
9			the provision set forth in subparagraph (A)(ii),
10			no third party liability coverage shall be
11			included as other valid coverage[+];
12	(5)	(A)	"Relation of Earnings to Insurance: If the total
13		,	monthly amount of loss of time benefits promised
14			for the same loss under all valid loss of time
15			coverage upon the insured, whether payable on a
16			weekly or monthly basis; [shall-exceed] <u>exceeds</u>
17			the monthly earnings of the insured at the time
18			disability commenced or the insured's average
19			monthly earnings for the period of two years
20			immediately preceding a disability for which
21			claim is made, whichever is [the] greater, the
22			insurer [will] <u>shall</u> be liable only for [such]



1 the proportionate amount of [such] benefits under 2 this policy as the amount of [such] the monthly 3 earnings or [such] average monthly earnings of 4 the insured bears to the total amount of monthly 5 benefits for the same loss under all [such] coverage upon the insured at the time [such] 6 7 disability commences and for the return of [such] 8 the part of the premiums paid during [such] the 9 two preceeding years as shall exceed the pro rata 10 amount of the premiums for the benefits actually 11 paid hereunder; but this shall not operate to 12 reduce the total monthly amount of benefits 13 payable under all [such] coverage upon the 14 insured below the sum of \$200 or the sum of the 15 monthly benefits specified in [such] the 16 coverages, whichever is the lesser, nor shall it 17 operate to reduce benefits other than those 18 payable for loss of time [-] "; 19 (B) The policy provision in subparagraph (A) may be 20 inserted only in a policy which the insured has

the right to continue in force, subject to its

terms by the timely payment of premiums until at

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1		least age fifty or, in the case of a policy
2		issued after age forty-four, for at least five
3		years from its date of issue[-]; and
4	(C)	The insurer may, at its option, include in the
5		provision set forth in subparagraph (A) a
6		definition of valid loss of time coverage
7		approved as to form by the commissioner, which
8		[definition] shall be limited in subject matter
9		to coverage provided by governmental agencies or
10		by organizations subject to regulation by
11		insurance law or by insurance authorities of this
12		[State] <u>state</u> or any state, district, or
13		territory of the United States or any province of
14		Canada, or to any other coverage the inclusion of
15		which may be approved by the commissioner or any
16		combination of [such] <u>approved</u> coverages. In the
17		absence of [such] <u>a</u> definition [such] <u>the</u> terms
18		shall not include any coverage provided for
19		[such] <u>an</u> insured pursuant to any compulsory
20		benefit statute [+]including any workers'
21		compensation or employers' liability statute[$+$],



1		or benefits provided by union welfare plans or by
2		employer or employee benefit organizations[-];
3	(6)	"Unpaid Premium: Upon the payment of a claim under
4		this policy, any premium then due and unpaid or
5		covered by any note or written order may be deducted
6		[therefrom.] from the claim";
7	(7)	"Cancellation: The insurer may cancel this policy at
8		any time by written notice delivered to the insured,
9		or mailed to the insured's last address as shown by
10		the records of the insurer[, stating]. The notice
11		shall state when, not less than five days thereafter,
12		[such] the cancellation shall be effective[; and
13		after]. After the policy has been continued beyond
14		its original term the insured may cancel this policy
15		at any time by written notice delivered or mailed to
16		the insurer, effective upon receipt or on [such] \underline{a}
17		later date [as may be] specified in [such] <u>the</u> notice.
18		In the event of cancellation, the insurer [will] <u>shall</u>
19		return promptly the unearned portion of any premium
20		paid. If the insured cancels, the earned premium
21		shall be computed by the use of the short-rate table
22		last filed with the state official having supervision



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1		of insurance in the state where the insured resided
2		when the policy was issued. If the insurer cancels,
3		the earned premium shall be computed pro rata.
4		Cancellation shall be without prejudice to any claim
5		originating prior to the effective date of
6		cancellation[-]";
7	(8)	"Conformity with State Statutes: Any provision of
8		this policy which, on its effective date, is in
9		conflict with the statutes of the state in which the
10		insured resides on [such] the effective date is hereby
11		amended to conform to the minimum requirements of
12		[such] <u>the applicable</u> statutes [-] " <u>;</u>
13	(9)	"Illegal Occupation: The insurer shall not be liable
14		for any loss to which a contributing cause was the
15	·	insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony
16		or to which a contributing cause was the insured's
17		being engaged in an illegal occupation[-]" <u>; and</u>
18	(10)	"Intoxicants and Narcotics: The insurer shall not be
19		liable for any loss sustained or contracted in
20		consequence of the insured's being intoxicated or
21		under the influence of any narcotic unless
22		administered on the advice of a physician.""





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1 17. By amending section 431:10A-107 to read: 2 "§431:10A-107 Inapplicable or inconsistent provisions. If 3 any provision of section 431:10A-105 to section 431:10A-111 is 4 in whole or in part inapplicable to or inconsistent with the 5 coverage provided by a particular form of policy, the insurer [, -6 with the approval of the commissioner,] shall omit from [such] 7 the policy any inapplicable provision or part of a provision, 8 and shall modify any inconsistent provision or part of the 9 provision [in such-manner as] to make the provision [as] 10 contained in the policy consistent with the coverage provided by 11 the policy. An officer of the insurer shall certify conformity 12 with the requirements of state statutes in accordance with this 13 section." 14 18. By amending section 431:10C-210 to read: 15 "§431:10C-210 Publication of premium rates. The 16 commissioner shall publish annually, in a newspaper of general 17 circulation in the [State,] state, notice of availability of a 18 list of all motor vehicle insurers with representative annual 19 premiums for motor vehicle insurance. [In addition, the] The commissioner shall have information on premiums for motor 20 21 vehicle insurance which shall be available to the public on 22 request."



19. By amending subsection (d) of section 431:10C-215 to 1 2 read: 3 "(d) (1) Each insurer licensed to transact motor vehicle 4 insurance or optional additional insurance business in 5 this [State] state shall provide the commissioner with 6 periodic reports on every aspect of the motor vehicle 7 insurance and the optional additional insurance 8 business the insurer transacts in [the State,] this 9 state, including, but not limited to $[\tau]$ reports on the 10 investment, reserve, reinsurance, loss and profit experience, ratemaking and schedules, claims received 11 12 and paid; and 13 (2)Each insurer subject to this section shall, not less 14 frequently than quarterly, maintain a report [to the commissioner] of the details of each claim received, 15 16 claim paid, application for and sale of a motor vehicle insurance policy, each termination and renewal 17 refusal notice posted, and each cancellation and 18 19 refusal to renew effected on both motor vehicle 20 insurance and optional additional insurance policy 21 transactions. The insurer shall make available and



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1	submit a report to the commissioner at the
2	commissioner's request."
3	20. By amending subsection (a) of section 431:10D-111 to
4 ·	read:
5	"(a) A life insurer may, under [such] policy provisions or
6	agreements [as have been approved by the commissioner consistent
7	with this section], contract for and accept premium deposits in
8	addition to the regular premiums specified in the policy, for
9	the purpose of paying future premiums, [or] to facilitate
10	conversion of the policy, or to increase the benefits [thereof.]
11	of the policy, according to this section."
12	21. By amending subsection (c) of section 431:10D-603 to
13	read:
14	"(c) If the buyer's guide and disclosure document are not
15	provided at or before the time of application, a free-look
16	period of no less than fifteen days shall be provided for the
17	applicant to return the annuity contract without penalty, which
18	period shall run [concurrently] <u>consecutively</u> with any other
19	free-look period provided by law."
20	22. By amending subsection (b) of section 431:11-101 to
21	read:

22 "(b) The commissioner may exempt:



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1	(1)	Any <u>insurer or</u> class of insurers from any provision of
2		this article, when the commissioner deems the
3		exemption consistent with the purposes of this article
4		and in the public interest; or
5	(2)	Upon request of the person required to supply
6		information or perform an act, that person from any
7		provision of this article, when the commissioner deems
8		the exception consistent with the purposes of this
9		article and in the public interest."
10	23.	By amending subsection (a) of section 431:11-106 to
11	read:	
12	"(a)	(1) Transactions within a holding company system to
13	·	which an insurer subject to registration is a party
14	-	shall be subject to the following standards:
15		(A) The terms shall be fair and reasonable;
16		(B) Charges or fees for services performed shall be
17		reasonable;
18		(C) Expenses incurred and payment received shall be
19		allocated to the insurer in conformity with
20		customary insurance accounting practices
21		consistently applied;



1		(D)	The books, accounts, and records of each party to
2			all transactions shall be maintained so as to
3			clearly and accurately disclose the nature and
4			details of the transactions including the
5			accounting information necessary to support the
6			reasonableness of the charges or fees to the
7			respective parties; and
8		(E)	The insurer's surplus as regards policyholders
9			following any dividends or distributions to
10			shareholder affiliates shall be reasonable in
11			relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities
12			and adequate to its financial needs $[-]_{\underline{i}}$
13	(2)	The	following transactions involving a domestic
14		insu	rer and any person in its holding company system
15		[may] <u>shall</u> not be entered into unless the insurer has
16		noti	fied the commissioner in writing of its intention
17		to e	nter into the transaction at least thirty days
18		prio	r thereto, or a shorter period as the commissioner
19		may	permit, and the commissioner has not disapproved
20		it w	ithin that period:
21		(A)	Sales, purchases, exchanges, loans[$_{7}$] or

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extensions of credit, guarantees, or investments;



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1 provided that the transactions are equal to or 2 exceed: 3 With respect to nonlife insurers, the lesser (i) 4 of three per cent of the insurer's admitted 5 assets or twenty-five per cent of surplus as 6 regards policyholders each as of the thirty-7 first day of December next preceding; or 8 (ii) With respect to life insurers, three per 9 cent of the insurer's admitted assets as of 10 the thirty-first day of December next 11 preceding; 12 (B) Loans or extensions of credit to any person who 13 is not an affiliate, where the insurer makes the loans or extensions of credit with the agreement 14 15 or understanding that the proceeds of the 16 transactions, in whole or in substantial part, 17 are to be used to make loans or extensions of 18 credit to, to purchase assets of, or to make 19 investments in, any affiliate of the insurer 20 making the loans or extensions of credit; 21 provided that the transactions are equal to or 22 exceed:



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1	(i) With respect to nonlife insurers, the lesser
2	of three per cent of the insurer's admitted
3	assets or twenty-five per cent of surplus as
4	regards policyholders each as of the thirty-
5	first day of December next preceding; or
6	(ii) With respect to life insurers, three per
7	cent of the insurer's admitted assets as of
8	the thirty-first day of December next
9	preceding;
10	(C) Reinsurance agreements or modifications thereto
11	in which the reinsurance premium or a change in
12	the insurer's liabilities equals or exceeds five
13	per cent of the insurer's surplus as regards
14	policyholders, as of the thirty-first day of
15	December next preceding, including those
16	agreements which may require as consideration the
17	transfer of assets from an insurer to a
18	nonaffiliate, if an agreement or understanding
19	exists between the insurer and nonaffiliate that
20	any portion of the assets will be transferred to
21	one or more affiliates of the insurer;



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1		(D) All management agreements, service contracts, and
2		all cost-sharing arrangements; and
3		(E) Any material transactions, specified by rule,
4		which the commissioner determines may adversely
5		affect the interests of the insurer's
6		policyholders.
7		Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize
8		or permit any transactions which, in the case of an
9		insurer not a member of the same holding company
10		system, would be otherwise contrary to $law[-]$;
11	(3)	A domestic insurer may not enter into transactions $[\tau]$
12		which are part of a plan or series of like
13		transactions with persons within the holding company
14		system $[-7]$ if the purpose of those separate
15		transactions is to avoid the statutory threshold
16		amount and thus avoid the review that would otherwise
17		occur. If the commissioner determines that the
18		separate transactions were entered into over any
19		twelve-month period for that purpose, the commissioner
20		may exercise the commissioner's authority under
21		section 431:11-111[-];



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1	(4)	The commissioner, in reviewing transactions pursuant
2		to subsection (a)(2), shall consider whether the
3		transactions comply with the standards set forth in
4		subsection (a)(1) and whether they may adversely
5		affect the interests of policyholders[-]; and
6	(5)	The commissioner shall be notified within thirty days
7		of any investment of the domestic insurer in any one
8	•	[corporation] <u>person</u> if the total investment in the
9		[corporation] person by the insurance holding company
10		system exceeds ten per cent of the corporation's
11		voting securities."
12	24.	By amending subsection (f) of section 431:13-103 to

13 read:

14 "(f) An insurer or licensee shall issue a written response 15 with reasonable promptness, in no case more than fifteen working 16 days, to any written inquiry made by the commissioner regarding 17 a claim [or], consumer complaint [-], or sales or marketing 18 practice. The response shall be more than an acknowledgment 19 that the commissioner's communication has been received, and 20 shall adequately address the concerns stated in the 21 communication."

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1 25. By amending subsection (b) of section 431:19-107 to 2 read: 3 "(b) Each class 3 captive insurance company shall annually 4 file with the commissioner the following: 5 Annual statement and audit: (1) On or before March 1, or such day subsequent 6 (A) 7 thereto as the commissioner upon request and for 8 cause may specify, an annual statement using the 9 National Association of Insurance Commissioners' 10 annual statement blank plus any additional information required by the commissioner, which 11 shall be a true statement of its financial 12 condition, transactions, and affairs as of the 13 14 immediately preceding December 31. The reported 15 information shall be verified by oaths of at 16 least two of the captive's principal officers; 17 (B) On or before June 1, or such day subsequent thereto as the commissioner upon request and for 18 19 cause may specify, an audit by a designated 20 independent certified public accountant or 21 accounting firm of the financial statements



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1		reporting the financial condition and results of
2		the operation of the captive; and
3		(C) The annual statement and audit shall be prepared
· 4		in accordance with the National Association of
5		Insurance Commissioners' annual statement
6		instructions, accounting practices and procedures
7		manual, and rules adopted by the commissioner
8		following the [practice] practices and procedures
9		prescribed by the National Association of
10		Insurance [Commissioners' practices and
11		procedures manuals;] Commissioners; and
12	(2)	On or before each March 1, or such day subsequent
13		thereto as the commissioner upon request and for cause
14		may specify, a risk-based capital report in accordance
15		with section 431:3-402; provided that a class 3
16		association captive insurance company shall not be
17		required to file risk-based capital reports with the
18		National Association of Insurance Commissioners."
19	26.	By amending the definition of "member" in section
20	431:30-10	2 to read:



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1	" "Mer	nber" means the [person chosen by] <u>commissioner of</u> a
2	compacting	g state, as its representative to the commission, or
3	the [pers	on's] <u>commissioner's</u> designee."
4	27.	By amending subsection (d) of section 431:30-112 to
5	read:	
6	" (đ)	A compacting state may opt out of a uniform standard,
7	either by	legislation or by rule adopted by the insurance
8	commissior	ner. If a compacting state elects to opt out of a
9	uniform st	candard by rule, it shall:
10	(1)	Give written notice to the commission no later than
11		ten business days after the later of the adoption of
12		the uniform standard or the state becoming a
13		compacting state; [and]
14	(2)	Find that the uniform standard does not provide
15		reasonable protections to the citizens of the state,
16		given the conditions in the state. The commissioner
17		shall make specific findings of fact and conclusions
18		of law, based on a preponderance of the evidence,
19		detailing the conditions in the state that warrant a
20		departure from the uniform standard and determining
21		that the uniform standard would not reasonably protect
22		the citizens of the state. The commissioner shall



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1	consider and balance the following factors and find
2	that the conditions in the state and needs of the
3	citizens of the state outweigh:
4	(A) The intent of the legislature to participate in,
5	and reap the benefits of, an interstate agreement
6	to establish national uniform consumer
7	protections for the products subject to this
8	[Act;] article; and
9	(B) The presumption that a uniform standard adopted
10	by the commission provides reasonable protections
11	to consumers of the relevant product.
12	Notwithstanding the foregoing, a compacting state may,
13	at the time of its enactment of this compact,
14	prospectively opt out of all uniform standards
15	involving long-term care insurance products by
16	expressly providing for such opt out in the enacted
17	compact, and such an opt out shall not be treated as a
18	material variance in the offer or acceptance of any
19	state to participate in this compact. [Such an] \underline{An}
20	opt out pursuant to this section shall be effective at
21	the time of enactment of this compact by the
22	compacting state and shall apply to all existing





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1		uniform standards involving long-term care insurance
2		products and those subsequently adopted [-] ; and
3	(3)	In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2),
4		this State does prospectively opt out of all uniform
5		standards involving long-term care insurance products
6		promulgated by the commission, as this State has
7		previously enacted article 10H providing additional
8		standards for federal conformity and universal
9		availability for reciprocal beneficiary and multi-
10		generation populace which facilitates flexibility and
11		innovation in the development of long-term care
12		insurance coverage."
13	SECT	ION 2. Section 432:1-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
15	"(a)	Each society shall file with the commissioner
16	annually,	on or before March 1 in each year, a statement under
17	oath, and	in such form and detail as the commissioner shall
18	prescribe	; provided that any association or society organized
19	and opera	ting as a nonprofit medical indemnity or hospital
20	service a	ssociation shall file a report with the commissioner
21	covering	the preceding calendar year and verified by at least
22	two princ	ipal officers. Each mutual benefit society shall file
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quarterly with the commissioner, on or before the forty-fifth 1 2 day after each quarter, a copy of its quarterly report verified by at least two principal officers. The report shall comply 3 4 with sections 431:3-301 and 431:3-302. The commissioner may 5 prescribe the forms on which the report is to be filed. 6 In addition, any association or society organized and 7 operating as a nonprofit medical indemnity or hospital service 8 association annually shall file with the commissioner the following by the dates specified: 9

10 An audit, by an independent certified public (1)11 accountant or an accounting firm designated by the 12 association or society, of the financial statements, 13 reporting the financial condition and results of 14 operations of the association or society on or before 15 June 1, or a later date as the commissioner upon 16 request or for cause may specify. The association or 17 society, on an annual basis and prior to the 18 commencement of the audit, shall notify the 19 commissioner in writing of the name and address of the 20 person or firm retained to conduct the annual audit. The commissioner may disapprove the association's or 21 22 society's designation within fifteen days of receipt



1 of the association's or society's notice, and the 2 association or society shall be required to designate another independent certified public accountant or 3 4 accounting firm. The audit required [in] by this 5 paragraph shall be prepared in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' 6 7 [annual-statement instructions,] accounting practices 8 and procedures manual and rules adopted by the 9 commissioner following the practices and procedures 10 prescribed by the National Association of Insurance 11 [Commissioners'-accounting practices and procedures 12 manuals;] Commissioners; and 13 A description of the available grievance procedures, (2)14 the total number of grievances handled through those 15 procedures, a compilation of the causes underlying 16 those grievances, and a summary of the final 17 disposition of those grievances on or before March 1." 18 SECTION 3. Section 432D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 20 "(a) Every health maintenance organization shall file annually, on or before March 1, a report verified by at least 21 22 two principal officers covering the preceding calendar year. SB2697 HD1 HMS 2010-2603 62

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1 Each health maintenance organization shall file quarterly with 2 the commissioner, on or before the forty-fifth day after each quarter, a copy of its quarterly report verified by at least two 3 4 principal officers. These reports shall comply with sections 5 431:3-301 and 431:3-302. The commissioner may prescribe the forms on which the reports are to be filed. In addition, the 6 health maintenance organization annually shall file with the 7 8 commissioner the following by the dates specified:

9 An audit, by an independent certified public (1)10 accountant or an accounting firm designated by the 11 health maintenance organization of the financial 12 statements, reporting the financial condition and 13 results of operations of the health maintenance 14 organization on or before June 1, or a later date as 15 the commissioner upon request or for cause may 16 specify. The health maintenance organization, on an 17 annual basis and prior to the commencement of the 18 audit, shall notify the commissioner in writing of the 19 name and address of the person or firm retained to 20 conduct the annual audit. The commissioner may 21 disapprove the health maintenance organization's 22 designation within fifteen days of receipt of the



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1		health maintenance organization's notice, and the
2		health maintenance organization shall be required to
3		designate another independent certified public
4		accountant or accounting firm. The audit required
5		[in] by this paragraph shall be prepared in accordance
6		with the National Association of Insurance
7		Commissioners' [annual statement instructions,]
8		accounting practices and procedures manual and rules
9		adopted by the commissioner following the practices
10		and procedures prescribed by the National Association
11		of Insurance [Commissioners' accounting practices and
12		<pre>procedures manuals;] Commissioners;</pre>
13	(2)	A list of the providers who have executed a contract
14		that complies with section 432D-8(d) on or before
15		March 1; and
16	(3)	A description of the available grievance procedures,
17		the total number of grievances handled through those
18		procedures, a compilation of the causes underlying
19		those grievances, and a summary of the final
20		disposition of those grievances on or before March 1."
21	SECT	ION 4. Section 431:30-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22	repealed.	·

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1	[" [§431:30-105] Appointment to commission. The governor,
2	with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint the
3	member of the commission that represents the State."]
4	SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
6	SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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