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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

1	SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to amend chapter
2	431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to comply with the federal
3	Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010 relating to
4	surplus lines insurance and to participate in a multi-state
5	cooperative to collect surplus lines premium taxes and fees and
6	distribute to the individual states their taxes and fees.
7,	SECTION 2. Section 431:8-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read as follows:
9	"§431:8-101 Scope. This article shall apply to the
10	placement of insurance [on any subject resident, located, or to
11	be performed in this State,] in insurers not authorized to
12	transact insurance in [this State.] the state in which the
13	subject resident is located or in which the insurance contract
14	will be performed."
15	SECTION 3. Section 431:8-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

16 amended as follows:

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By amending the definitions of "authorized insurer", (1)1 2 "surplus lines insurance", and "unauthorized insurer" to read as 3 follows: ""Authorized insurer" means an insurer holding a valid 4 certificate of authority to transact an insurance business in 5 [this State.] the state in which the subject resident is located 6 7 or in which the insurance contract will be performed. "Surplus lines insurance" means any property and casualty 8 insurance on risks [resident, located or to be performed in this 9 10 State,] procured from or placed with an unauthorized insurer under the laws of the insured's home state. Surplus lines 11 insurance when this State is the home state of the insured shall 12 be in accordance with part III of this article. 13 14 "Unauthorized insurer" means an insurer not holding a valid certificate of authority to transact an insurance business in 15 [this State.] the state in which the subject resident is located 16 or in which the insurance contract will be performed." 17 (2) By adding definitions for "exempt commercial 18 purchaser", "home state", "home state of affiliated group", 19 20 "home state of group insurance", "independently procured 21 insurance", "multi-state risk", "principal place of business",

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"principal residence", and "single state risk" to read as 1 follows: 2 3 ""Exempt commercial purchaser" means any person purchasing commercial insurance which, at the time of placement, employs or 4 retains a qualified risk manager to negotiate insurance 5 coverage; and has paid aggregate nationwide commercial property 6 7 and casualty insurance premiums in excess of \$100,000 in the immediately preceding twelve months. The person shall possess a 8 net worth in excess of \$20,000,000, or the person shall generate 9 10 annual revenues in excess of \$50,000,000, or the person shall employ more than five hundred full time or full time equivalent 11 employees per individual insured or is a member of an affiliated 12 group employing more than 1,000 employees in the aggregate, or 13 14 the person is a not-for-profit organization or public entity 15 generating annual budgeted expenditures of at least \$30,000,000, or the person is a municipality with a population in excess of 16 50,000 persons. Effective on January 1, 2015 and every five 17 years thereafter, the amount of net worth, annual revenues, and 18 19 budgeted expenditures shall be adjusted to reflect the percentage change for that five-year period in the Consumer 20 Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of 21 Labor Statistics of the federal Department of Labor. 22

1	"Home State", with respect to an insured, means the state
2	in which an insured maintains the insured's principal place of
3	business or, in the case of an individual, the state in which
4	the individual maintains the individual's principal residence;
5	except that if one hundred per cent of the insured risk is
6	located out of the state where the insured maintains the
7	insured's principal place of business or the state where the
8	individual maintains the principal residence, the home state
9	shall be the state where the greatest percentage of the
10	insured's taxable premium for that insurance contract is
11	allocated.
12	"Home state of affiliated group" means the home state of
13	the member of the affiliated group that has the largest
14	percentage of premium attributed to it under an insurance
15	contract, which has more than one insured from the affiliated
16	group listed as named insureds on a single nonadmitted insurance
17	contract.
18	"Home state of group insurance" means the home state of the
19	group policyholder who pays one hundred per cent of the premium
20	from the policyholder's own funds. When the group policyholder
21	does not pay one hundred per cent of the premium from the

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1	policyholder's own funds, the term "home state" means the home
2	state of the group member.
3	"Independently procured insurance" means insurance obtained
4	by an insured directly from an unauthorized insurer as permitted
5	by the laws of the insured's home state.
6	"Multi-state risk" means a risk covered by an unauthorized
7	insurer with insured exposures in more than one state.
8	"Principal place of business" means, with respect to
9	determining the home state of the insured, means (1) the state
10	where the insured maintains the insured's headquarters and where
11	the insured's high-level officers direct, control, and
12	coordinate the business activities; or (2) if the insured's
13	high-level officers direct, control, and coordinate the business
14	activities in more than one state, the state in which the
15	greatest percentage of the insured's taxable premium for that
16	insurance contract is allocated; or (3) if the insured maintains
17	the insured's headquarters or the insured's high-level officers
18	direct, control, and coordinate the business activities outside
19	any state, the state in which the greatest percentage of the
20	insured's taxable premium for that insurance contract is
21	allocated.

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1	"Principal residence", with respect to determining the home
2	state of the individual insured, means (1) the state where the
3	individual insured resides for the greatest number of days
4	during a calendar year; or (2) if the insured's principal
5	residence is
6	located outside any state, the state in which the greatest
7	percentage of the insured's taxable premium for that insurance
8	contract is allocated.
9	"Single state risk" means a risk with insured exposures in
10	only one state. "
11	SECTION 4. Section 431:8-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended to read as follows:
13	"§431:8-201 Transacting insurance business without
14	certificate of authority prohibited. It shall be unlawful for
15	any insurer to transact an insurance business in this State, as
16	defined in section 431:1-215, without a certificate of
17	authority, except that this section shall not apply to:
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18	(1) The lawful transaction of surplus lines insurance;
18	(1) The lawful transaction of surplus lines insurance;(2) The lawful transaction of reinsurance by insurers;
19	(2) The lawful transaction of reinsurance by insurers;

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1		resident, located, or expressly to be performed in
2		this State at the time of issuance, and which
3		transactions are subsequent to the issuance of such
4		policy;
5	(4)	Attorneys acting in the ordinary relation of attorney
6		and client in the adjustment of claims or losses;
7	(5)	Transactions in this State involving group life and
8		group accident and health or sickness or blanket
9		accident and health or sickness insurance or group
10		annuities where the master policy of such groups was
11		lawfully issued and delivered in and pursuant to the
12		laws of a state in which the insurer was authorized to
13		do an insurance business;
14	(6)	Transactions in this State involving any policy of
15		insurance or annuity contract issued prior to July 1,
16		1988; [and]
17	(7)	Transactions in this State involving ocean marine
18		<pre>insurance[+]; and</pre>
19	(8)	Transactions of contracts of insurance for property
20		and casualty multi-state risks; provided that the
ե 21		producer is licensed to sell, solicit, or negotiate
22		that insurance in the home state of the insured."

1	SECTION 5. Section 431:8-205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	"§431:8-205 Insurance independently procured; duty to
4	report and pay tax. (a) Nothing in this part shall prohibit a
5	person from independently procuring, continuing, or renewing
6	insurance from an insurer which is not authorized to transact
7	insurance in this State.
8	(b) Each insured who in this State procures [or] $\underline{\cdot}$
9	continues, or renews insurance with an unauthorized insurer on a
10	risk located or to be performed in whole [or in part] in this
11	State, and unauthorized insurance for which this State is the
12	home state of the insured, other than insurance procured through
13	a surplus lines broker pursuant to part III of this article
14	shall, within [sixty] forty-five days after the [date] end of
15	the calendar quarter in which the insurance was [so] procured,
16	continued, or renewed, file a written report [of the same] with
17	the commissioner, upon forms prescribed by the commissioner,
18	showing:
19	(1) The name and address of the insured or insureds;
20	(2) The name and address of the insurer;
21	(3) The subject of the insurance;
22	(4) A general description of the coverage;

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1	(5)	The amount of premium currently charged [therefor;]
2		for each state that assesses taxes or fees; and
3	(6)	[Such] <u>Other</u> additional, pertinent information [as is
4		reasonably] requested by the commissioner.
5	(c)	Gross premiums charged for the unauthorized
6	insurance	$[\tau]$ allocable to this State, less any return premiums,
7	are subje	ct to a tax at the rate of 4.68 per cent. <u>Gross</u>
8	premiums,	less any return premiums, charged for the insurance
9	allocable	to other states, are subject to the taxes and fees of
10	those oth	er states. At the time of filing the report required
11	in subsec	tion (b), the insured shall pay the tax <u>and fees of</u>
12	this State	e and all other states to the director of finance,
13	through th	he commissioner $[+]$, for insurance for which this State
14	is the hor	me state of the insured. The insured shall pay the tax
15	and fees o	of this State to the home state of the insured when
16	this State	e is not the home state of the insured.
17	As us	sed in this subsection, "gross premiums" mean the
18	amount of	the policy or coverage premium charged by the insurer
19	in conside	eration for the insurance contract. Any charges for
20	policy, su	urvey, inspection, service, or similar fees or other
21	charges ac	dded by the broker shall not be considered part of
22	gross pre	niums.

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1	[(d) If an independently procured policy covers risks or
2	exposures only partially located or to be performed in this
3	State, the tax payable to this State shall be computed on the
4	portion of the premium properly attributable to the risks or
5	exposures located or to be performed in this State.
6	(c) [(d) Delinquent taxes shall bear interest at the rate
7	of ten per cent per annum.
8	$\left[\frac{(f)}{(e)}\right]$ (e) This section does not abrogate or modify, and
9	shall not be construed or deemed to abrogate or modify, any
10	provision of section 431:8-202 or any other provision of this
11	code.
12	$\left[\frac{(g)}{(f)}\right]$ (f) This section shall not apply to life
13	insurance, accident and health or sickness insurance, or
14	annuities."
15	SECTION 6. Section 431:8-300, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16	amended to read as follows:
17	"\$431:8-300 Exemptions from surplus lines law. This part
18	shall not apply to reinsurance or to the following insurance
19	when placed by a licensed producer of this State:
20	(1) Ocean marine insurance; or
21	[(2) Insurance on subjects located, resident, or to be
22	performed wholly outside this State, or on vehicles or

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1	aircraft owned and principally garaged outside this
2	State; or
3	(3) [2) Insurance of aircraft or cargo of such aircraft,
4	or against liability, other than workers' compensation
5	and employer's liability, arising out of the
6	ownership, maintenance, or use of such aircraft."
7	SECTION 7. Section 431:8-301, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read as follows:
9	"§431:8-301 Insurance placed with unauthorized insurer
10	permitted. (a) In addition to section 431:8-205, insurance may
11 ·	be procured from an unauthorized insurer provided:
12	(1) [The] <u>That the</u> insurance is procured through a
13	[licensed] surplus lines broker <u>licensed in the</u>
14	insured's home state;
15	(2) The full amount or kind of insurance cannot be
16	obtained from insurers who are authorized to do
17	business in this State; provided that a diligent
18	search is made among the insurers who are authorized
19	to transact and are actually writing the particular
20	kind and class of insurance in this State each time
21	such insurance is placed or renewed;

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1	(3)	The surplus lines insurance procured is in addition to
2		or in excess of the amount and coverage which can be
3		procured from the authorized insurers; and
4	. (4)	The insurance is not procured at a rate lower than the
5		lowest rate which is generally acceptable to
6		authorized insurers transacting that kind of business
7		and providing insurance affording substantially the
8		same protection.
9	(b)	A surplus lines broker is not required to make a due
10	diligence	search to determine whether the full amount or type of
11	insurance	can be obtained from admitted insurers when the broker
12	is seekin	g to procure or place nonadmitted insurance for an
13	exempt con	mmercial purchaser provided:
14	(1)	The broker procuring or placing the surplus lines
15		insurance has disclosed to the exempt commercial
16		purchaser that such insurance may or may not be
17		available from the admitted market that may provide
18		greater protection with more regulatory oversight; and
19	(2)	The exempt commercial purchaser has subsequently
20		requested in writing for the broker to procure or place
21		the insurance from a nonadmitted insurer. "

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1	SECTION 8. Section 431:8-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	" §431:8-302 Surplus lines [in solvent] insurers. (a) No
4	surplus lines broker shall, either knowingly or without
5	reasonable investigation of the financial condition and general
6	reputation of the insurer, place insurance with <u>a</u> financially
7	unsound [insurers] insurer or with [insurers] an insurer
8	engaging in <u>an</u> unfair [practices] <u>practice</u> .
9	[(b) Before placing insurance with any unauthorized
10	insurer, the broker shall ascertain the financial condition of
11	the insurer and:
12	(1) In the case of a foreign insurer, shall maintain in
13	the broker's office a current certificate, in proper
14	form, from the regulatory authority in the domicile of
15	the unauthorized insurer, to the effect that the
16	insurer has capital and surplus, or its equivalent
17	under the laws of its domiciliary jurisdiction, which
18	equals the minimum capital and surplus requirements of
19	this State for that kind of insurer as set out in
20	article 3; or
21	(2) In the case of an alien insurer, shall maintain in the
22	broker's office evidence of the financial

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1	responsibility of the insurer. Evidence satisfactory
2	to the commissioner that the insurer maintains in the
3	United States an irrevocable trust fund in either a
4	national bank or a member of the Federal Reserve
5	System in an amount not less than \$5,400,000 for the
6	protection of all its policyholders in the United
7	States consisting of cash, securities, letters of
8	credit, or of investments of substantially the same
9	character and quality as those which are eligible
10	investments for the capital and statutory reserves of
11	authorized insurers writing like kinds of insurance in
12	this State, shall constitute prima facie evidence of
13	responsibility.
14	Upon request by the commissioner, the broker shall immediately
15	submit to the commissioner the items described in this
16	subsection.
17	(c) The requirements of this section may be satisfied by
18	an insurer possessing less than the capital and surplus set
19	forth in subsection (b) upon an affirmative finding of
20	acceptability by the commissioner. The finding shall be based
21	upon such factors as quality of management, capital and surplus
22	of parent company, company underwriting profit and investment

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1	income trends, and company record and reputation within the
2	industry. In no event shall the commissioner make an
3	affirmative finding of acceptability when the surplus lines
4	insurer's capital and surplus is less than \$500,000.]
5	(b) A surplus lines broker may place surplus lines
6	insurance only with insurers who are authorized to write that
7	type of insurance in the insurer's domiciliary state.
8	(c) A surplus lines broker shall not place coverage with a
9	nonadmitted insurer unless, at the time of placement, the
10	surplus lines broker has determined that the nonadmitted insurer
11	has capital and surplus or its equivalent under the laws of its
12	domiciliary state that equal the greater of:
13	(1) The minimum capital requirement of this State or a
14	minimum of \$15,000,000. These requirements may be
15	satisfied by the insurer's possessing less than the
16	minimum capital and surplus upon an affirmative
17	finding of acceptability by the commissioner. The
18	finding shall be based upon such factors as quality of
19	management, capital and surplus of any parent company,
20	company underwriting profit and investment income
21	trends, market availability, and company record and
22	reputation within the industry. In no event shall the
22	reputation within the industry. In no event shall the

1		commissioner make an affirmative finding of
2		acceptability when the nonadmitted insurer's capital
3,		and surplus is less than \$4,500,000.
4	(2)	For an insurer not domiciled in the United States or
5		its territories, the insurer shall be listed on the
6		Quarterly Listing of Alien Insurers maintained by the
7		National Association of Insurance Commissioners
8		International Insurers Department. In the case of an
9		alien insurer that is not in the Quarterly Listing of
10		Alien Insurers, the surplus lines broker shall
11		maintain in the broker's office evidence of the
12		financial responsibility of the insurer. Evidence
13		satisfactory to the commissioner that the insurer
14		maintains in the United States an irrevocable trust
15		fund in either a national bank or a member of the
16		Federal Reserve System in an amount of not less than
17		\$5,400,000 for the protection of all its policyholders
18	ť	in the United States, consisting of cash, securities,
19		letters of credit, or of investments of substantially
20		the same character and quality as those which are
21		eligible investments for the capital and statutory
22		reserves of authorized insurers writing like kinds of

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1	insurance in this State, shall constitute prima facie
2	evidence of responsibility.
3	(d) The commissioner is authorized to enter into a
4	cooperative agreement or interstate agreement or compact to
5	establish additional and alternative nationwide uniform
6	eligibility requirements that shall be applicable to nonadmitted
7	insurers domiciled in another state."
8	SECTION 9. Section 431:8-313, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended to read as follows:
10	"§431:8-313 Surplus lines broker's [annual statement]
11	quarterly reports to commissioner. (a) Each surplus lines
12	broker shall file with the commissioner [on or before March 15
13	of each year a verified statement of all surplus lines insurance
14	transacted during the preceding calendar year.] within forty-
15	five days of the end of each calendar quarter a verified
16	statement of all surplus lines insurance transacted during the
17	calendar quarter.
18	(b) The statement shall be on forms as prescribed and
19	furnished by the commissioner and shall show:
20	(1) Gross amount of premiums for each kind of insurance
21	transacted;

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1	(2)	Aggregate gross premiums charged[\div] and itemized by
2		state;
3	(3)	Aggregate of returned premiums paid to insureds[$+$] and
4		itemized by state;
5	(4)	Aggregate of net premiums $[+]$ and fees and itemized by
6		state;
7	(5)	Amount of aggregate $[tax]$ remitted $[+]$ taxes and fees
8	. ·	and itemized by state; and
9	(6)	Additional information as required by the
10		commissioner."
11	SECT	ION 10. Section 431:8-315, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended to	o read as follows:
13	"§43:	1:8-315 Tax on surplus lines. (a) [On or before
14	March 15	of each year,] On or before March 15, 2011, each
15	surplus 1	ines broker shall pay to the director of finance,
16	through th	he commissioner, a premium tax on surplus lines
17	insurance	transacted by such broker during [the preceding
18	calendar	year.] 2010. Beginning on January 1, 2011, within
19	sixty day:	s after the end of each calendar quarter, each surplus
20	lines bro	ker shall pay to the director of finance, through the
21	commissio	ner, a premium tax on surplus lines insurance
22	transacted	d by the broker during the calendar quarter for

1	insurance for which this State is the home state of the
2	insured. The tax rate shall be in the amount of 4.68 per cent
3	of gross premiums, less return premiums, on [taxable] surplus
4	lines insurance $[-]$ allocated to this State. The tax rate and
5	fees of other states shall be applied to the gross premiums,
6	less return premiums, allocated to those states.
. 7	(b) The commissioner shall collect the taxes and fees on
8	independently procured surplus lines insurance and from surplus
9	lines licensees and disburse to the other states the funds
10	earned by each state, provided that the other state has a
11	reciprocal allocation and disbursement procedure for the benefit
12	of this State. To the extent that other states, where portions
13	of the properties, risks, or exposures reside, have failed to
14	establish a reciprocal allocation and disbursement procedure
15	with this State, the net premium tax collected shall be retained
16	by this State.
17	As used in this subsection, "gross premiums" mean the
18	amount of the policy or coverage premium charged by the insurer

19 in consideration for the insurance contract. Any charges for 20 policy, survey, inspection, service, or similar fees or other 21 charges added by the broker shall not be considered part of 22 gross premiums. Page 20

1	[(b)] <u>(c)</u> If a surplus lines policy covers risks or
2	exposures only partially <u>resident</u> in this State <u>,</u> the tax so
3	payable shall be computed upon the proportion of the premium
4	which is properly allocable to the risks or exposures located in
5	this State. The taxes and fees payable to this State on
6	policies that cover risks and exposures only partially resident
7	in this State shall be remitted, on the quarterly schedule, to
8	the home state of the insured for disbursement to this State.
9	[(c)] <u>(d)</u> The tax on any portion of the premium unearned
10	at the termination of the insurance contract shall be returned
11	to the policyholder.
12	(e) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative
13	agreement, reciprocal agreement, or compact with other states to
14	facilitate and provide for the collection, allocation, and
15	disbursement of premium taxes attributable to the placement of
16	surplus lines insurance; provide for uniform methods of
17	allocation and reporting among surplus lines insurance risk
18	classifications; conform to the requirements of the federal
19	Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010; and share
20	information among states relating to surplus lines insurance
21	premium taxes.

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1	(1)	The commissioner may establish a uniform statewide
2		rate of taxation applicable to surplus lines insurance
3		that shall be collected by other states. This rate
4		shall encompass all existing rates of taxation, fees,
5		and assessments imposed by this State and any of its
6		political subdivisions. The commissioner shall
7		document the method by which the statewide rate is
8		calculated.
9	(2)	The commissioner may utilize a method adopted in
10		cooperation with other states to allocate risk and
11		compute the tax due on the portion of premium
12		attributable to each risk classification and to each
13		state where properties, risks, or exposures are
14		located.
15	(3)	The commissioner shall assess the insured for the cost
16		of the cooperative agreement, reciprocal agreement, or
17		compact to collect and distribute the premium taxes.
18	(4)	Upon application of the insured, the commissioner
19		shall refund the insured for excess payments of taxes
20		received by the State that are the result of the
21		statewide tax rate."

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1	SECTION 11. Section 431:8-316, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	"§431:8-316 Penalty for failure to file statement or remit
4	tax. (a) If any surplus lines broker fails to:
5	(1) File [an annual statement;] a quarterly statement; or
6	(2) Pay the premium tax required by section 431:8-315 when
7	the tax is due,
8	the surplus lines broker may be liable for a fine of up to \$25
9	for each day of delinquency.
10	(b) The commissioner may:
11	(1) Collect the premium tax required by section 431:8-315
12	by distraint;
13	(2) Recover the premium tax required by section 431:8-315
14	and fine for failure to pay the premium tax by
15	instituting an action in any court of competent
16	jurisdiction; or
17	(3) Recover the fine for failure to file the annual
18	statement by instituting an action in any court of
19	competent jurisdiction."
20	SECTION 12. Section 431:8-317, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

1	"(a)	The commissioner may suspend, revoke, or refuse to
2	extend an	y surplus lines broker's license for any cause
3.	specified	in any other provision of this chapter, or for any of
4	the follo	wing causes:
5	(1)	Failure to file the annual <u>or quarterly</u> statement
6		required by section 431:8-313 or to pay the tax
7		required by section 431:8-315;
8	(2)	Failure to keep records or to allow the commissioner
9		to examine the surplus lines broker's records as
10		provided in this article;
11	(3)	Removal of office accounts and records from this State
12		during the period in which the accounts are required
13		to be maintained under this article;
14	(4)	Any of the causes for which a producer's license may
15		be suspended or revoked under article 9A;
16	(5)	Any cause for which issuance of the license could have
17		been refused had it then existed and been known to the
18		commissioner;
19	(6)	If the licensee wilfully violates or knowingly
20		participates in the violation of any provision of this
21		code;

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1	(7)	If the licensee has obtained or attempted to obtain
2		the license through wilful misrepresentation or fraud,
3		or has failed to pass any examination required by
4		section 431:9A-105;
5	(8)	If the licensee has misappropriated, converted to the
6		licensee's own use, or illegally withheld moneys
7		required to be held in a fiduciary capacity;
8	(9)	If the licensee, with intent to deceive, has
9		materially misrepresented the terms or effect of any
10		insurance contract, or has engaged or is about to
11		engage in any fraudulent transaction;
12	(10)	If the licensee has been guilty of any unfair practice
13		or fraud as defined in article 13;
14	(11),	If in the conduct of the licensee's affairs under the
15		license, the licensee has been a source of injury and
16		loss to the public;
17	(12)	If the licensee issues or purports to issue any binder
18		as to any insurer named therein as to which the
19		licensee is not then authorized so to bind; or
20	(13)	If the licensee has dealt with, or attempted to deal
21		with, insurance or to exercise powers relative to

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1	insurance outside the scope of the licensee's
2	licenses."
3	SECTION 13. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
5	SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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7	INTRODUCED BY:
8	BY REQUEST

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Report Title: Insurance

Description:

Adopts amendments to the insurance code to comply with the federal Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010 relating to surplus lines insurance and participate in a multi-state cooperative to collect surplus lines premium taxes and fees and distribute to the individual states the taxes and fees they assessed.