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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Insurance - Ceding Insurers and Reinsurance

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a domestic ceding insurer be allowed credit for 4 reinsurance in certain manners under certain circumstances; providing for $\mathbf{5}$ certain credit for reinsurance to be allowed under certain circumstances 6 depending on the licensure or authorization status and accreditation status of 7 the assuming insurer; establishing certain requirements and procedures for an 8 assuming reinsurer to be accredited by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; 9 providing that an assuming reinsurer is deemed to be qualified under certain circumstances; requiring an assuming reinsurer to report certain information 10each year to the Commissioner for certain purposes and to submit to 11 12examination in a certain manner; prohibiting credit for reinsurance to be 13 granted unless a certain trust has been approved by a certain official; 14establishing certain requirements for certain trusts; providing for the duration 15of a certain trust; requiring the trustee of a certain trust to report and certify 16 certain information to the Commissioner; establishing certain requirements for 17certain trusts used by certain insurers; providing for the certification of certain 18 insurers as reinsurers in this State in accordance with certain requirements 19and procedures; requiring the Commissioner to maintain a certain list of 20qualified jurisdictions in which an assuming insurer may be domiciled and 21considered for certification; providing certain criteria for the Commissioner to 22consider in recognizing certain qualified jurisdictions; requiring the 23Commissioner to consider a certain list of jurisdictions published through a 24certain association; requiring the Commissioner to assign certain ratings to 25certain certified reinsurers in a certain manner and to publish a list of the 26reinsurers and their ratings; authorizing the Commissioner to defer to the 27certification and rating assigned by certain jurisdictions under certain 28circumstances; providing for the maintenance of certification in an inactive 29status under certain circumstances; requiring a certified reinsurer to secure 30 certain obligations in certain manners and forms and at certain levels; requiring 31Commissioner to reduce certain allowable credit under certain the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to suspend or revoke the $\mathbf{2}$ accreditation or certification of a reinsurer in a certain manner under certain 3 circumstances; limiting the qualification for credit of certain reinsurance 4 contracts under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain credit if the $\mathbf{5}$ assuming insurer is not licensed, accredited, or certified except under certain 6 circumstances and in a certain manner; providing for the construction of a 7certain provision of this Act; providing for certain assets or reductions from 8 liability for certain reinsurance in a certain manner under certain 9 circumstances; requiring certain security to be in certain forms and held in 10 certain places and certain institutions; requiring a ceding insurer to take 11 certain steps to manage certain recoverables and to notify the Commissioner in certain manners; requiring a ceding insurer to diversify its portfolio and notify 1213 the Commissioner in certain manners; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt 14certain regulations; repealing certain obsolete provisions; defining certain 15terms; and generally relating to insurance and reinsurance.

- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 17 Article Insurance
- 18 Section 5–901

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- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 22 Article Insurance
- 23 Section 5–902
- 24 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 25 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)
- 26 BY adding to
- 27 Article Insurance
- 28 Section 5–902.1 and 5–903 through 5–914
- 29 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 30 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)
- 31 BY repealing
- 32 Article Insurance
- 33 Section 5–903, 5–904, and 5–905
- 34 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 35 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement
- 36 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 37 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

39 5-901.

1 In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) $\mathbf{2}$ (b)"Ceding insurer" means an insurer that procures insurance for itself from 3 another insurer for all or part of an insurance risk. "QUALIFIED UNITED STATES FINANCIAL INSTITUTION" MEANS: 4 (C) $\mathbf{5}$ (1) FOR PURPOSES OF ISSUANCE OR CONFIRMATION OF A LETTER 6 OF CREDIT UNDER § 5–912(C)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN INSTITUTION THAT: IS ORGANIZED OR, IN THE CASE OF A UNITED STATES 7**(I)** 8 OFFICE OF A FOREIGN BANKING ORGANIZATION, LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS 9 OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY STATE; 10 **(II)** IS REGULATED, SUPERVISED, AND EXAMINED BY FEDERAL OR STATE AUTHORITIES HAVING REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER 11 12BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES; AND 13(III) HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY EITHER THE COMMISSIONER OR THE SECURITIES VALUATION OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL 1415ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND STANDING THAT ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND 16 17APPROPRIATE TO REGULATE THE QUALITY OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHOSE 18 LETTERS OF CREDIT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER; OR 19 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY TO ACT AS A FIDUCIARY OF A 20TRUST UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AN INSTITUTION THAT: 21**(I)** IS ORGANIZED OR, IN THE CASE OF A UNITED STATES 22BRANCH OR AGENCY OFFICE OF A FOREIGN BANKING ORGANIZATION, LICENSED 23UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY STATE AND HAS BEEN 24GRANTED AUTHORITY TO OPERATE WITH FIDUCIARY POWERS; AND 25IS REGULATED, SUPERVISED, AND EXAMINED BY **(II)** 26FEDERAL OR STATE AUTHORITIES HAVING REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER 27BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES. 28"Reinsurer" means an insurer from which a ceding insurer [(c)] **(D)** 29procures insurance for itself for all or part of an insurance risk. 30 5 - 902.31 This subtitle does not apply to wet marine and transportation insurance.

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1 **5-902.1.**

2 CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE SHALL BE ALLOWED A DOMESTIC CEDING 3 INSURER AS EITHER AN ASSET OR A REDUCTION FROM LIABILITY ON ACCOUNT 4 OF REINSURANCE CEDED IF THE REINSURER MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF 5 THIS SUBTITLE.

6 **[**5–903.

7 (a) Except as provided in §§ 3–124 and 3–125 of this article for bulk 8 reinsurance, an insurer may reinsure all or part of a particular risk.

9 (b) An insurer may accept reinsurance only of those risks, and retain risk on 10 reinsurance only within those limits, as the insurer is otherwise authorized to insure.]

11 **5–903.**

12(A) (1) CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (B), (C), OR (D) OF THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO CESSIONS OF THOSE KINDS OR CLASSES 1314OF BUSINESS THAT THE ASSUMING INSURER IS LICENSED OR OTHERWISE 15ALLOWED TO WRITE OR ASSUME IN ITS STATE OF DOMICILE OR, IN THE CASE OF 16 A UNITED STATES BRANCH OF AN ALIEN ASSUMING INSURER, IN THE STATE 17THROUGH WHICH IT IS ENTERED AND LICENSED TO TRANSACT INSURANCE OR 18 **REINSURANCE.**

19(2)CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OR (E)20OF THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5–911 OF THIS21SUBTITLE HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

22 (B) CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN THE REINSURANCE IS CEDED TO 23 AN ASSUMING INSURER THAT IS LICENSED TO TRANSACT INSURANCE OR 24 REINSURANCE IN THIS STATE.

(C) CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN THE REINSURANCE IS CEDED TO
 AN ASSUMING INSURER THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS A
 REINSURER IN THIS STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5–904 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

28 (D) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5–911 OF THIS SUBTITLE, 29 CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN THE REINSURANCE IS CEDED TO AN 30 ASSUMING INSURER THAT MAINTAINS A TRUST FUND MEETING THE 31 REQUIREMENTS OF § 5–905 OF THIS SUBTITLE IN A QUALIFIED UNITED STATES 32 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE VALID CLAIMS OF ITS 33 UNITED STATES CEDING INSURERS AND THEIR ASSIGNS AND SUCCESSORS IN 34 INTEREST. 1 (E) CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN THE REINSURANCE IS CEDED TO 2 AN ASSUMING INSURER THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS 3 A REINSURER IN THIS STATE AND SECURES ITS OBLIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE 4 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5–909 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

5 (F) CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN THE REINSURANCE IS CEDED TO 6 AN ASSUMING INSURER NOT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B), 7 (C), (D), OR (E) OF THIS SECTION, BUT ONLY AS TO THE INSURANCE OF RISKS 8 LOCATED IN JURISDICTIONS WHERE THE REINSURANCE IS REQUIRED BY THE 9 APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION OF THAT JURISDICTION.

10 **[**5–904.

(a) (1) Credit may not be allowed, as an asset or deduction from liability,
to a ceding insurer for reinsurance unless:

(i) the reinsurer is authorized to transact insurance business in
 the State or is a solvent insurer approved or accepted by the Commissioner for the
 purpose of reinsurance; and

16 (ii) the reinsurance contract provides, in substance, that in the 17 event of the insolvency of the ceding insurer, the reinsurance shall be payable under 18 the terms of a contract reinsured by the reinsurer on the basis of reported claims 19 allowed by the court in a liquidation proceeding, without diminution because of the 20 insolvency of the ceding insurer.

21 (2) Payments made by a reinsurer under paragraph (1)(ii) of this 22 subsection shall be made directly to the ceding insurer or its domiciliary receiver 23 unless:

(i) the reinsurance contract or other written agreement
specifically provides another payee of the reinsurance in the event of the insolvency of
the ceding insurer; or

(ii) subject to any contractual or statutory requirement of consent by the policyholder, the reinsurer has assumed the policy obligations of the ceding insurer as direct obligations of the reinsurer to the payees under the policies and in substitution for the ceding insurer's obligations to the payees.

31 (3) (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, if a life 32 and health insurance guaranty association has elected to succeed to the rights and 33 obligations of an insolvent insurer under a reinsurance contract, the reinsurer's 34 liability to pay covered reinsured claims shall continue under the reinsurance 35 contract, subject to the payment of premiums to the reinsurer for the reinsurance 36 coverage.

1 (ii) Payment for a covered reinsured claim under subparagraph 2 (i) of this paragraph shall be made by the reinsurer only at the direction of the life and 3 health insurance guaranty association or its designated successor.

4 (iii) Payment for a covered reinsured claim made by the 5 reinsurer at the direction of the life and health insurance guaranty association or its 6 designated successor discharges the reinsurer's liability to any other person for 7 payment of the covered reinsured claim.

8 (b) (1) A reinsurance agreement may provide that the domiciliary receiver 9 of an insolvent ceding insurer shall give written notice to the reinsurer of the 10 pendency of a claim made against the insolvent ceding insurer under the contract 11 reinsured within a reasonable time after the claim is filed in the liquidation 12 proceeding.

13 (2) During the pendency of the claim, the reinsurer, at its own 14 expense, may investigate the claim and interpose, in the liquidation proceeding, any 15 defense that it determines is available to the insolvent ceding insurer or its receiver.

16 (3) (i) The reinsurer may file a claim against the insolvent ceding 17 insurer for any expense incurred by the reinsurer under paragraph (2) of this 18 subsection.

19 (ii) The claim may not exceed an amount equal to the 20 proportionate share of the benefit accruing to the insolvent ceding insurer solely as a 21 result of the defense undertaken by the reinsurer.

(iii) If two or more reinsurers are involved in a claim and a majority in interest elect to interpose a defense to the claim, the expense shall be apportioned in accordance with the terms of the reinsurance agreement as though the expense had been incurred by the insolvent ceding insurer.

(c) On request of the Commissioner, a ceding insurer shall inform the
 Commissioner promptly in writing of the cancellation or any other material change of
 any of its reinsurance treaties or arrangements.]

29 **5–904.**

30(A) IN ORDER FOR AN ASSUMING REINSURER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR31ACCREDITATION BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE REINSURER SHALL:

32 (1) FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER EVIDENCE OF ITS 33 SUBMISSION TO THIS STATE'S JURISDICTION;

1 (2) SUBMIT TO THIS STATE'S AUTHORITY TO EXAMINE ITS BOOKS 2 AND RECORDS;

3 (3) BE LICENSED TO TRANSACT INSURANCE OR REINSURANCE IN
4 AT LEAST ONE STATE OR, IN THE CASE OF A UNITED STATES BRANCH OF AN
5 ALIEN ASSUMING INSURER, BE ENTERED THROUGH AND LICENSED TO
6 TRANSACT INSURANCE OR REINSURANCE IN AT LEAST ONE STATE;

7 (4) FILE EACH YEAR WITH THE COMMISSIONER A COPY OF ITS 8 ANNUAL STATEMENT FILED WITH THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT OF ITS STATE 9 OF DOMICILE AND A COPY OF ITS MOST RECENT AUDITED FINANCIAL 10 STATEMENT; AND

11(5) DEMONSTRATETOTHESATISFACTIONOFTHE12COMMISSIONER THAT THE REINSURER HAS ADEQUATE FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO13MEETITS REINSURANCEOBLIGATIONSANDISOTHERWISEQUALIFIEDTO14ASSUME REINSURANCEFROM DOMESTIC INSURERS.

15(B) AN ASSUMING INSURER IS DEEMED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF16SUBSECTION (A)(5) OF THIS SECTION AS OF THE TIME OF ITS APPLICATION IF:

17(1) THE ASSUMING INSURER MAINTAINS A SURPLUS AS REGARDS18POLICYHOLDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN \$20,000,000; AND

19 (2) THE COMMISSIONER HAS NOT DENIED THE ASSUMING 20 INSURER'S ACCREDITATION WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ITS 21 APPLICATION.

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Each unauthorized insurer that applies for approval or renewal of approval as an accepted reinsurer shall file annually with the Commissioner:

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- (1) an annual statement on convention form;
- 26 (2) a certificate evidencing a deposit; and
- 27 (3) a certificate of compliance.]
- 28 **5–905.**

29 (A) TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER TO DETERMINE THE SUFFICIENCY 30 OF THE TRUST FUND PROVIDED FOR IN § 5–903(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE 31 ASSUMING INSURER SHALL REPORT EACH YEAR TO THE COMMISSIONER INFORMATION SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED
 ON THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL
 STATEMENT FORM BY LICENSED INSURERS.

4 (B) THE ASSUMING INSURER SHALL SUBMIT TO EXAMINATION OF ITS 5 BOOKS AND RECORDS BY THE COMMISSIONER AND BEAR THE EXPENSE OF 6 EXAMINATION.

7 (C) CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE MAY NOT BE GRANTED UNDER THIS 8 SECTION UNLESS THE FORM OF THE TRUST AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE 9 TRUST HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY:

10 (1) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE WHERE THE TRUST IS 11 DOMICILED; OR

12 (2) THE COMMISSIONER OF ANOTHER STATE WHO, UNDER THE 13 TERMS OF THE TRUST INSTRUMENT, HAS ACCEPTED PRINCIPAL REGULATORY 14 OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUST.

15 (D) THE FORM OF THE TRUST AND ANY TRUST AMENDMENTS SHALL BE 16 FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF EACH STATE IN WHICH THE CEDING 17 INSURER BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST ARE DOMICILED.

18 **(E)** THE TRUST INSTRUMENT SHALL PROVIDE THAT CONTESTED 19 CLAIMS SHALL BE VALID AND ENFORCEABLE ON THE FINAL ORDER OF ANY 20 COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

(F) THE TRUST SHALL VEST LEGAL TITLE TO ITS ASSETS IN ITS
 TRUSTEES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ASSUMING INSURER'S UNITED STATES
 CEDING INSURERS AND THEIR ASSIGNS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST.

24 (G) THE TRUST AND THE ASSUMING INSURER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO 25 EXAMINATION AS THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES.

(H) THE TRUST SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR AS LONG AS THE
ASSUMING INSURER HAS OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS DUE UNDER THE
REINSURANCE AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO THE TRUST.

29 (I) NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28 OF EACH YEAR, THE TRUSTEE OF 30 THE TRUST SHALL:

1 (1) REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING THE BALANCE 2 OF THE TRUST AND LIST THE TRUST'S INVESTMENTS AT THE PRECEDING 3 YEAR-END; AND

4 (2) CERTIFY THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF THE TRUST, IF SO 5 PLANNED, OR CERTIFY THAT THE TRUST WILL NOT EXPIRE BEFORE THE 6 FOLLOWING DECEMBER 31.

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(1) IN THE CASE OF A SINGLE ASSUMING INSURER:

8 (I) THE TRUST FUND SHALL CONSIST OF FUNDS IN TRUST 9 IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE ASSUMING INSURER'S LIABILITIES 10 ATTRIBUTABLE TO REINSURANCE CEDED BY UNITED STATES CEDING 11 INSURERS; AND

12 (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS 13 SUBSECTION, THE ASSUMING INSURER SHALL MAINTAIN A TRUSTEED SURPLUS 14 OF NOT LESS THAN \$20,000,000.

15(2) **(I)** SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF THIS 16PARAGRAPH, AT ANY TIME AFTER THE ASSUMING INSURER HAS PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUED UNDERWRITING NEW BUSINESS SECURED BY THE TRUST FOR AT 17LEAST 3 FULL YEARS, THE COMMISSIONER WITH PRINCIPAL REGULATORY 1819 OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUST MAY AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION IN THE REQUIRED 20TRUSTEED SURPLUS, BUT ONLY AFTER A FINDING, BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RISK, THAT THE NEW REQUIRED SURPLUS LEVEL IS ADEQUATE FOR THE 2122PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES CEDING INSURERS, POLICYHOLDERS, AND 23CLAIMANTS IN LIGHT OF REASONABLY FORESEEABLE ADVERSE LOSS 24**DEVELOPMENT.**

25(II)THE RISK ASSESSMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF26THIS PARAGRAPH:

MAY INVOLVE AN ACTUARIAL REVIEW, INCLUDING
 AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF RESERVES AND CASH FLOWS; AND

29 2. SHALL CONSIDER ALL MATERIAL RISK FACTORS, 30 INCLUDING, WHEN APPLICABLE, THE LINES OF BUSINESS INVOLVED, THE 31 STABILITY OF THE INCURRED LOSS ESTIMATES, AND THE EFFECT OF THE 32 SURPLUS REQUIREMENTS ON THE ASSUMING INSURER'S LIQUIDITY OR 33 SOLVENCY.

1 (III) THE MINIMUM REQUIRED TRUSTEED SURPLUS UNDER 2 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE REDUCED TO AN AMOUNT 3 LESS THAN 30% OF THE ASSUMING INSURER'S LIABILITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO 4 REINSURANCE CEDED BY UNITED STATES CEDING INSURERS COVERED BY THE 5 TRUST.

6 (3) (I) IN THE CASE OF A GROUP INCLUDING INCORPORATED 7 AND INDIVIDUAL UNINCORPORATED UNDERWRITERS:

8 1. FOR REINSURANCE CEDED UNDER REINSURANCE 9 AGREEMENTS WITH AN INCEPTION, AMENDMENT, OR RENEWAL DATE ON OR 10 AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993, THE TRUST SHALL CONSIST OF A TRUSTEED ACCOUNT 11 IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE RESPECTIVE UNDERWRITERS' SEVERAL 12 LIABILITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO BUSINESS CEDED BY UNITED STATES 13 DOMICILED CEDING INSURERS TO ANY UNDERWRITER OF THE GROUP;

142.FOR REINSURANCE CEDED UNDER REINSURANCE15AGREEMENTS WITH AN INCEPTION DATE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992,16AND NOT AMENDED OR RENEWED AFTER THAT DATE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY17OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE TRUST SHALL CONSIST OF A18TRUSTEED ACCOUNT IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE RESPECTIVE19UNDERWRITERS' SEVERAL INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE LIABILITIES20ATTRIBUTABLE TO BUSINESS WRITTEN IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

213.IN ADDITION TO THESE TRUSTS, THE GROUP22SHALL MAINTAIN IN TRUST A TRUSTEED SURPLUS OF WHICH \$100,000,00023SHALL BE HELD JOINTLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNITED STATES DOMICILED24CEDING INSURERS OF ANY MEMBER OF THE GROUP FOR ALL YEARS OF25ACCOUNT.

26 (II) THE INCORPORATED MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

27 1. MAY NOT BE ENGAGED IN ANY BUSINESS OTHER
 28 THAN UNDERWRITING AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP; AND

29 **2.** SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME LEVEL OF 30 REGULATION AND SOLVENCY CONTROL BY THE GROUP'S DOMICILIARY 31 REGULATOR AS ARE THE UNINCORPORATED MEMBERS.

(III) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 ARE DUE TO BE FILED WITH THE GROUP'S DOMICILIARY REGULATOR, THE
 GROUP SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSIONER:

1 AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION BY THE GROUP'S 1. $\mathbf{2}$ DOMICILIARY REGULATOR OF THE SOLVENCY OF EACH UNDERWRITER MEMBER; 3 OR 4 2. IF A CERTIFICATION IS UNAVAILABLE, FINANCIAL $\mathbf{5}$ STATEMENTS, PREPARED BY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, OF EACH 6 UNDERWRITER MEMBER OF THE GROUP. 7(4) IN THE CASE OF A GROUP OF INCORPORATED UNDERWRITERS 8 UNDER COMMON ADMINISTRATION, THE GROUP SHALL: 9 HAVE CONTINUOUSLY TRANSACTED AN INSURANCE **(I)** BUSINESS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY 10 PRIOR TO MAKING APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION: 11 12**(II)** MAINTAIN AGGREGATE POLICYHOLDERS' SURPLUS OF AT LEAST \$10,000,000; 1314 (III) MAINTAIN A TRUST FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE GROUP'S SEVERAL LIABILITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO BUSINESS CEDED 1516 BY UNITED STATES DOMICILED CEDING INSURERS TO ANY MEMBER OF THE 17GROUP UNDER REINSURANCE CONTRACTS ISSUED IN THE NAME OF THE GROUP; 18 (IV) MAINTAIN A JOINT TRUSTEED SURPLUS OF WHICH 19 \$100.000.000 SHALL BE HELD JOINTLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNITED STATES DOMICILED CEDING INSURERS OF ANY MEMBER OF THE GROUP AS ADDITIONAL 2021SECURITY FOR THESE LIABILITIES; AND 22(V) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE DUE TO BE FILED WITH THE GROUP'S DOMICILIARY REGULATOR, MAKE 23AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF EACH 2425UNDERWRITER MEMBER'S SOLVENCY BY THE MEMBER'S DOMICILIARY 26**REGULATOR AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF EACH UNDERWRITER MEMBER OF** 27THE GROUP PREPARED BY ITS INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. 285-906. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE 29(A) 30 WITH § 5–903(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ASSUMING INSURER SHALL: BE DOMICILED AND LICENSED TO TRANSACT INSURANCE OR 31(1) **REINSURANCE IN A QUALIFIED JURISDICTION, AS DETERMINED UNDER § 5–907** 32

33 **OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

1 (2) MAINTAIN MINIMUM CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, OR ITS 2 EQUIVALENT, IN AN AMOUNT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES;

3 (3) MAINTAIN FINANCIAL STRENGTH RATINGS FROM TWO OR 4 MORE RATING AGENCIES THAT THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS ACCEPTABLE;

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(4) AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THIS STATE;

6 (5) APPOINT THE COMMISSIONER AS ITS AGENT FOR SERVICE OF 7 PROCESS IN THIS STATE;

8 (6) AGREE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ALL OF THE ASSUMING 9 INSURER'S LIABILITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO REINSURANCE CEDED BY UNITED 10 STATES CEDING INSURERS IF IT RESISTS ENFORCEMENT OF A FINAL UNITED 11 STATES JUDGMENT;

12(7) AGREE TO MEET APPLICABLE INFORMATION FILING13REQUIREMENTS AS THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES FOR THE INITIAL14APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AND ON AN ONGOING BASIS; AND

15(8) SATISFY ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION16THAT THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS RELEVANT.

17 (B) (1) AN ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING INCORPORATED AND 18 INDIVIDUAL UNINCORPORATED UNDERWRITERS, MAY BE A CERTIFIED 19 REINSURER IF THE ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING INCORPORATED AND INDIVIDUAL 20 UNINCORPORATED UNDERWRITERS, MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS 21 SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE ASSOCIATION SHALL SATISFY ITS MINIMUM CAPITAL AND
SURPLUS EQUIVALENTS, NET OF LIABILITIES, OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS
MEMBERS, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE A JOINT CENTRAL FUND THAT MAY BE
APPLIED TO ANY UNSATISFIED OBLIGATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OR ANY OF ITS
MEMBERS, IN AN AMOUNT THAT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES WILL
PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

(3) THE INCORPORATED MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY
 NOT BE ENGAGED IN ANY BUSINESS OTHER THAN UNDERWRITING AS A MEMBER
 OF THE ASSOCIATION.

31(4)THE INCORPORATED MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL32BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME LEVEL OF REGULATION AND SOLVENCY CONTROL BY

1 THE ASSOCIATION'S DOMICILIARY REGULATOR AS ARE THE UNINCORPORATED 2 MEMBERS.

3 (5) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE DUE
4 TO BE FILED WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S DOMICILIARY REGULATOR, THE
5 ASSOCIATION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSIONER:

6 (I) AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION BY THE ASSOCIATION'S
7 DOMICILIARY REGULATOR OF THE SOLVENCY OF EACH UNDERWRITER MEMBER;
8 OR

9 (II) IF A CERTIFICATION IS UNAVAILABLE, FINANCIAL 10 STATEMENTS, PREPARED BY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, OF EACH 11 UNDERWRITER MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

12 **5–907.**

(A) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAINTAIN AND PUBLISH A LIST
OF QUALIFIED JURISDICTIONS UNDER WHICH AN ASSUMING INSURER,
LICENSED AND DOMICILED IN THAT JURISDICTION, IS ELIGIBLE TO BE
CONSIDERED FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER AS A CERTIFIED
REINSURER.

18 (2) IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DOMICILIARY 19 JURISDICTION OF A NON–UNITED STATES ASSUMING INSURER IS ELIGIBLE TO 20 BE RECOGNIZED AS A QUALIFIED JURISDICTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

21(I) EVALUATETHEAPPROPRIATENESSAND22EFFECTIVENESSOFTHEREINSURANCESUPERVISORYSYSTEMOFTHE23JURISDICTION, INITIALLY AND ON AN ONGOING BASIS; AND

24(II) CONSIDER THE RIGHTS, BENEFITS, AND EXTENT OF25RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION AFFORDED BY THE NON-UNITED STATES26JURISDICTION TO REINSURERS LICENSED AND DOMICILED IN THE UNITED27STATES.

(3) A QUALIFIED JURISDICTION SHALL AGREE TO SHARE
 INFORMATION AND COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSIONER WITH RESPECT TO
 ALL CERTIFIED REINSURERS DOMICILED IN THAT JURISDICTION.

31(4)THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT RECOGNIZE AS A QUALIFIED32JURISDICTION A JURISDICTION THAT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES DOES

1 NOT ADEQUATELY AND PROMPTLY ENFORCE FINAL UNITED STATES 2 JUDGMENTS AND ARBITRATION AWARDS.

3 (5) THE COMMISSIONER MAY CONSIDER OTHER FACTORS IN 4 DETERMINING THE JURISDICTION'S ELIGIBILITY TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A 5 QUALIFIED JURISDICTION.

6 (B) (1) THERE IS A LIST OF QUALIFIED JURISDICTIONS PUBLISHED 7 THROUGH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS 8 COMMITTEE PROCESS.

9 (2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER THE NATIONAL 10 ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS LIST IN DETERMINING 11 QUALIFIED JURISDICTIONS.

12 (3) IF THE COMMISSIONER APPROVES A JURISDICTION AS 13 QUALIFIED THAT DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF 14 INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS LIST OF QUALIFIED JURISDICTIONS, THE 15 COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE THOROUGHLY DOCUMENTED JUSTIFICATION 16 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER REGULATIONS THE 17 COMMISSIONER ADOPTS.

18 UNITED STATES (4) JURISDICTIONS THAT MEET THE **REQUIREMENT FOR ACCREDITATION UNDER THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF** 1920**INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS FINANCIAL STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION** PROGRAM SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS QUALIFIED JURISDICTIONS IN THIS 2122STATE.

(5) IF A CERTIFIED REINSURER'S DOMICILIARY JURISDICTION
 CEASES TO BE A QUALIFIED JURISDICTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
 INDEFINITELY SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE REINSURER'S CERTIFICATION.

26 **5–908.**

(A) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ASSIGN A RATING TO EACH
CERTIFIED REINSURER, GIVING DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE FINANCIAL
STRENGTH RATINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY RATING AGENCIES THAT
THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS ACCEPTABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
REGULATIONS THE COMMISSIONER ADOPTS.

32 (2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PUBLISH A LIST OF ALL 33 CERTIFIED REINSURERS AND THEIR RATINGS.

1 (B) IF AN APPLICANT FOR CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS A 2 REINSURER IN A JURISDICTION ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 3 OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS:

4 (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEFER TO THAT JURISDICTION'S 5 CERTIFICATION AND TO THE RATING ASSIGNED BY THAT JURISDICTION; AND

6 (2) THE ASSUMING INSURER SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE A 7 CERTIFIED REINSURER IN THIS STATE.

8 (C) (1) A CERTIFIED REINSURER THAT CEASES TO ASSUME NEW 9 BUSINESS IN THIS STATE MAY REQUEST TO MAINTAIN ITS CERTIFICATION IN 10 INACTIVE STATUS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO QUALIFY FOR A REDUCTION IN 11 SECURITY FOR ITS IN-FORCE BUSINESS.

12 (2) AN INACTIVE CERTIFIED REINSURER SHALL CONTINUE TO 13 COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5–909 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

14 **(3)** THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ASSIGN A RATING THAT TAKES 15 INTO ACCOUNT, IF RELEVANT, THE REASONS WHY THE REINSURER IS NOT 16 ASSUMING NEW BUSINESS.

17 **5–909.**

18 (A) A CERTIFIED REINSURER SHALL SECURE OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED 19 FROM UNITED STATES CEDING INSURERS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AT A LEVEL 20 CONSISTENT WITH ITS RATING, AS SPECIFIED IN REGULATIONS THE 21 COMMISSIONER ADOPTS.

(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, IN ORDER FOR
A DOMESTIC CEDING INSURER TO QUALIFY FOR FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE CEDED TO A CERTIFIED REINSURER, THE CERTIFIED
REINSURER SHALL MAINTAIN SECURITY IN A FORM THE COMMISSIONER
CONSIDERS ACCEPTABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 5–912
OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR IN A MULTIBENEFICIARY TRUST IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
5–905 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

29 (C) (1) IF A CERTIFIED REINSURER MAINTAINS A TRUST TO FULLY 30 SECURE ITS OBLIGATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 5–905 OF 31 THIS SUBTITLE AND CHOOSES TO SECURE ITS OBLIGATIONS INCURRED AS A 32 CERTIFIED REINSURER IN THE FORM OF A MULTIBENEFICIARY TRUST, THE 33 CERTIFIED REINSURER SHALL MAINTAIN SEPARATE TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR ITS 34 OBLIGATIONS INCURRED UNDER REINSURANCE AGREEMENTS ISSUED OR RENEWED AS A CERTIFIED REINSURER WITH REDUCED SECURITY AS ALLOWED
 BY THIS SECTION OR COMPARABLE LAWS OF OTHER UNITED STATES
 JURISDICTIONS AND FOR ITS OBLIGATIONS SUBJECT TO § 5–905 OF THIS
 SUBTITLE.

5 (2) AS A CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION UNDER § 5–906 OF THIS 6 SUBTITLE, THE CERTIFIED REINSURER SHALL BIND ITSELF, BY THE LANGUAGE 7 OF THE TRUST AND AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER WITH PRINCIPAL 8 REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF EACH TRUST ACCOUNT, TO FUND, ON 9 TERMINATION OF THE TRUST ACCOUNT, OUT OF THE REMAINING SURPLUS OF 10 THE TRUST, ANY DEFICIENCY OF ANY OTHER TRUST ACCOUNT.

11 (D) THE MINIMUM TRUSTEED SURPLUS REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED IN § 12 5–905 OF THIS SUBTITLE DO NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO A 13 MULTIBENEFICIARY TRUST MAINTAINED BY A CERTIFIED REINSURER FOR THE 14 PURPOSE OF SECURING OBLIGATIONS INCURRED UNDER THIS SECTION, EXCEPT 15 THAT THE TRUST SHALL MAINTAIN A MINIMUM TRUSTEED SURPLUS OF 16 \$10,000,000.

17 (E) WITH RESPECT TO OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY A CERTIFIED 18 REINSURER UNDER THIS SECTION, IF THE SECURITY IS INSUFFICIENT, THE 19 COMMISSIONER:

20(1) SHALL REDUCE THE ALLOWABLE CREDIT BY AN AMOUNT21PROPORTIONATE TO THE DEFICIENCY; AND

(2) MAY IMPOSE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN ALLOWABLE CREDIT
 ON FINDING THAT THERE IS A MATERIAL RISK THAT THE CERTIFIED
 REINSURER'S OBLIGATIONS WILL NOT BE PAID IN FULL WHEN DUE.

(F) (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A CERTIFIED REINSURER
WHOSE CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN REVOKED, SUSPENDED, VOLUNTARILY
SURRENDERED, OR PLACED ON INACTIVE STATUS FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE
TREATED AS A CERTIFIED REINSURER REQUIRED TO SECURE 100% OF ITS
OBLIGATIONS.

30 (2) IF THE COMMISSIONER CONTINUES TO ASSIGN A HIGHER 31 RATING AS ALLOWED BY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE 32 REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A 33 CERTIFIED REINSURER IN INACTIVE STATUS OR TO A REINSURER WHOSE 34 CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

35 **5–910.**

1 (A) AFTER PROVIDING NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING TO 2 THE REINSURER, THE COMMISSIONER MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE A 3 REINSURER'S ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION IF THE REINSURER CEASES 4 TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION.

5 **(B)** THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL 6 AFTER THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER ON HEARING UNLESS:

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(1) THE REINSURER WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A HEARING;

8 (2) THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER IS BASED ON A REGULATORY 9 ACTION BY THE REINSURER'S DOMICILIARY JURISDICTION OR PRIMARY 10 CERTIFYING STATE TERMINATING THE REINSURER'S ELIGIBILITY TO TRANSACT 11 INSURANCE OR REINSURANCE;

12 (3) THE REINSURER VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERS ITS LICENSE OR
 13 CERTIFICATION TO TRANSACT INSURANCE OR REINSURANCE BUSINESS IN ITS
 14 DOMICILIARY JURISDICTION OR PRIMARY CERTIFYING STATE; OR

15(4)(I)AN EMERGENCY REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE16COMMISSIONER; AND

17(II) A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HAS NOT18STAYED THE COMMISSIONER'S ACTION.

19 (C) (1) WHILE A REINSURER'S ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION IS 20 SUSPENDED, A REINSURANCE CONTRACT ISSUED OR RENEWED AFTER THE 21 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SUSPENSION DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR CREDIT EXCEPT 22 TO THE EXTENT THE REINSURER'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONTRACT ARE 23 SECURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5–912 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24 (2) IF A REINSURER'S ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION IS 25 REVOKED, CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE MAY NOT BE GRANTED AFTER THE 26 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REVOCATION EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE 27 REINSURER'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONTRACT ARE SECURED IN 28 ACCORDANCE WITH § 5–909 OR § 5–912 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

29 **5–911.**

30 (A) IF THE ASSUMING INSURER IS NOT LICENSED, ACCREDITED, OR 31 CERTIFIED TO TRANSACT INSURANCE OR REINSURANCE IN THIS STATE, THE

1	CREDIT ALLOWED BY § 5-903(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED
2	UNLESS THE ASSUMING INSURER AGREES IN THE REINSURANCE AGREEMENTS:
3	(1) THAT IN THE EVENT OF THE FAILURE OF THE ASSUMING
4	INSURER TO PERFORM ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE
5	REINSURANCE AGREEMENT, THE ASSUMING INSURER, AT THE REQUEST OF THE
6	OF THE CEDING INSURER, SHALL:
7	(I) SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY COURT OF
8	COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN ANY STATE;
9	(II) COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE
10	THE COURT JURISDICTION; AND
11	(III) ABIDE BY THE FINAL DECISION OF THE COURT OR OF
12	ANY APPELLATE COURT IN CASE OF AN APPEAL; AND
13	(2) TO DESIGNATE THE COMMISSIONER AS ITS RESIDENT AGENT
14	ON WHOM ANY LAWFUL PROCESS MAY BE SERVED IN ANY ACTION, SUIT, OR
15	PROCEEDING INSTITUTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CEDING INSURER.
16	(B) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO CONFLICT
17	WITH OR OVERRIDE THE OBLIGATION OF THE PARTIES TO A REINSURANCE
18	AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE THEIR DISPUTES, IF THIS OBLIGATION IS CREATED
19	IN THE REINSURANCE AGREEMENT.
20	(C) IF THE ASSUMING INSURER DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
21	OF § 5–903(B) OR (C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE CREDIT ALLOWED BY § 5–903(D)
22	AND (E) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED UNLESS THE ASSUMING
23	INSURER AGREES IN THE TRUST AGREEMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING
24	CONDITIONS:

25(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THE TRUST 26INSTRUMENT, IF THE TRUST FUND IS INADEQUATE BECAUSE IT CONTAINS AN 27AMOUNT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED BY § 5–905(J) OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR IF THE GRANTOR OF THE TRUST HAS BEEN DECLARED INSOLVENT OR 2829PLACED INTO RECEIVERSHIP, REHABILITATION, LIQUIDATION, OR SIMILAR 30 PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LAWS OF ITS STATE OR COUNTRY OF DOMICILE, THE 31 TRUSTEE SHALL COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER WITH 32REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OVER THE TRUST OR WITH AN ORDER OF A COURT OF 33 COMPETENT JURISDICTION DIRECTING THE TRUSTEE TO TRANSFER TO THE 34COMMISSIONER WITH REGULATORY OVERSIGHT ALL OF THE ASSETS OF THE 35TRUST FUND;

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1 (2) THE ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY AND CLAIMS SHALL 2 BE FILED WITH AND VALUED BY THE COMMISSIONER WITH REGULATORY 3 OVERSIGHT OVER THE TRUST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN 4 WHICH THE TRUST IS DOMICILED THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THE LIQUIDATION 5 OF DOMESTIC INSURERS;

6 (3) IF THE COMMISSIONER WITH REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OVER 7 THE TRUST DETERMINES THAT THE ASSETS OF THE TRUST FUND OR ANY PART 8 OF THE ASSETS ARE NOT NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE CLAIMS OF THE UNITED 9 STATES CEDING INSURERS OF THE GRANTOR OF THE TRUST, THE ASSETS OR 10 PART SHALL BE RETURNED BY THE COMMISSIONER WITH REGULATORY 11 OVERSIGHT TO THE TRUSTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 12 TRUST AGREEMENT; AND

13(4) THE GRANTOR SHALL WAIVE ANY RIGHT OTHERWISE14AVAILABLE TO IT UNDER UNITED STATES LAW THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH15THIS SUBSECTION.

16 **5–912.**

17 (A) AN ASSET OR A REDUCTION FROM LIABILITY FOR THE 18 REINSURANCE CEDED BY A DOMESTIC INSURER TO AN ASSUMING INSURER NOT 19 MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 9–503 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE 20 ALLOWED IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE LIABILITIES CARRIED BY THE 21 CEDING INSURER.

(B) THE REDUCTION SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS HELD BY OR
ON BEHALF OF THE CEDING INSURER, INCLUDING FUNDS HELD IN TRUST FOR
THE CEDING INSURER, UNDER A REINSURANCE CONTRACT WITH THE ASSUMING
INSURER AS SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE
CONTRACT, IF THE SECURITY IS HELD:

27(1) IN THE UNITED STATES SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL SOLELY28BY, AND UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF, THE CEDING INSURER; OR

29 (2) IN THE CASE OF A TRUST, HELD IN A QUALIFIED UNITED 30 STATES FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

- 31 (C) THE SECURITY MAY BE IN THE FORM OF:
- 32 (1) CASH;

1 (2) SECURITIES LISTED BY THE SECURITIES VALUATION OFFICE 2 OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS, INCLUDING 3 THOSE DEEMED EXEMPT FROM FILING AS DEFINED BY THE PURPOSES AND 4 PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE SECURITIES VALUATION OFFICE, AND 5 QUALIFYING AS ADMITTED ASSETS;

6 (3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, CLEAN, 7 IRREVOCABLE, UNCONDITIONAL LETTERS OF CREDIT, ISSUED OR CONFIRMED 8 BY A QUALIFIED UNITED STATES FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, EFFECTIVE NO 9 LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE FILING IS BEING 10 MADE, AND IN THE POSSESSION OF, OR IN TRUST FOR, THE CEDING INSURER ON 11 OR BEFORE THE FILING DATE OF THE CEDING INSURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT; 12 OR

13(4) ANY OTHER FORM OF SECURITY ACCEPTABLE TO THE14COMMISSIONER.

15 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING THE SUBSEQUENT FAILURE OF THE ISSUING OR 16 CONFIRMING INSTITUTION TO MEET APPLICABLE STANDARDS OF ISSUER 17 ACCEPTABILITY, A LETTER OF CREDIT MEETING APPLICABLE STANDARDS OF 18 ISSUER ACCEPTABILITY AS OF THE DATE OF ITS ISSUANCE OR CONFIRMATION 19 UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONTINUE TO BE 20 ACCEPTABLE AS SECURITY UNTIL THE LETTER OF CREDIT EXPIRES OR IS 21 EXTENDED, RENEWED, MODIFIED, OR AMENDED, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

22 **5–913.**

23 (A) (1) A CEDING INSURER SHALL TAKE STEPS TO MANAGE ITS 24 REINSURANCE RECOVERABLES PROPORTIONATE TO ITS OWN BOOK OF 25 BUSINESS.

26 (2) (I) A DOMESTIC CEDING INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE 27 COMMISSIONER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER REINSURANCE RECOVERABLES FROM 28 ANY SINGLE ASSUMING INSURER, OR GROUP OF AFFILIATED ASSUMING 29 INSURERS, EXCEEDS OR IS LIKELY TO EXCEED 50% OF THE DOMESTIC CEDING 30 INSURER'S LAST REPORTED SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS.

31(II) THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I)32OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DOMESTIC CEDING33INSURER IS SAFELY MANAGING THE EXPOSURE.

34 (B) (1) A CEDING INSURER SHALL TAKE STEPS TO DIVERSIFY ITS 35 REINSURANCE PROGRAM. 1 (2) (I) A DOMESTIC CEDING INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE 2 COMMISSIONER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER CEDING OR BEING LIKELY TO CEDE TO 3 ANY SINGLE ASSUMING INSURER, OR GROUP OF AFFILIATED ASSUMING 4 INSURERS, MORE THAN 20% OF THE CEDING INSURER'S GROSS WRITTEN 5 PREMIUM IN THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR.

6 (II) THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I) 7 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DOMESTIC CEDING 8 INSURER IS SAFELY MANAGING THE EXPOSURE.

9 **5–914.**

10 THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS 11 SUBTITLE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 13 June 1, 2013.