#### SB0900/117375/1

#### BY: Finance Committee

# AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 900 (First Reading File Bill)

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "Senator Astle" and substitute "<u>Senators</u> <u>Astle, Della, Exum, Garagiola, Glassman, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Middleton, Pipkin, and Pugh</u>"; in line 3, after the first "of" insert "<u>requiring a title insurer</u> domiciled in the State to have and maintain a certain paid-in capital stock with a fixed nominal or par value in a certain amount as of certain dates; requiring a title insurer domiciled in the State to have and maintain a minimum capital stock in a certain amount as of certain dates;"; in line 6, after "reserves;" insert "prohibiting the release of certain unearned premium reserves under certain circumstances; requiring certain unearned premium reserves to be considered a certain reserve;"; and after line 7, insert:

## "<u>BY adding to</u>

<u>Article – Insurance</u> <u>Section 4-105.1</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2003 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 15 insert:

### "<u>4–105.1.</u>

# (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 4–104 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A TITLE INSURER DOMICILED IN THIS STATE SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN PAID-IN CAPITAL STOCK WITH A FIXED NOMINAL OR PAR VALUE IN THE AMOUNT OF:

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- (1) <u>\$500,000 AS OF JULY 1, 2010;</u>
- (2) <u>\$625,000 AS OF JULY 1, 2011; AND</u>

(3) \$750,000 AS OF JULY 1, 2012, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 4–105 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A TITLE INSURER DOMICILED IN THIS STATE SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN MINIMUM CAPITAL STOCK IN THE AMOUNT OF:

- (1) \$500,000 AS OF JULY 1, 2010;
- (2) \$625,000 AS OF JULY 1, 2011; AND

(3) \$750,000 AS OF JULY 1, 2012, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER.".

On page 2, in line 22, strike "The" and substitute "SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE"; and after line 32, insert:

"(C) (1) UNEARNED PREMIUM RESERVES MAY NOT BE RELEASED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION TO THE EXTENT THAT THE RELEASE WOULD RESULT IN THE AGGREGATE RESERVE FALLING BELOW THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND § 5-103 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) ANY AMOUNT OF UNEARNED PREMIUM RESERVES THAT MAY NOT BE RELEASED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SB0900/117375/1 Amendments to SB 900 Page 3 of 3

CONSIDERED AN UNEARNED PREMIUM RESERVE AND MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED <u>A SUPPLEMENTAL RESERVE.</u>".

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