

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB2494

Introduced 2/17/2005, by Rep. Mark H. Beaubien, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/132

from Ch. 73, par. 744

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning market conduct and non-financial examinations.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by changing Section 132 as follows:
- 6 (215 ILCS 5/132) (from Ch. 73, par. 744)
- 7 Sec. 132. Market conduct and non-financial examinations.
- 8 (1) The The Director, for the purposes of ascertaining the 9 non-financial business practices, performance, and operations 10 of any company, may make examinations of:
 - (a) any company transacting or being organized to transact business in this State;
 - (b) any person engaged in or proposing to be engaged in the organization, promotion, or solicitation of shares or capital contributions to or aiding in the formation of a company;
 - (c) any person having a contract, written or oral, pertaining to the management or control of a company as general agent, managing agent, or attorney-in-fact;
 - (d) any licensed or registered producer, firm, or administrator, or any person, organization, or corporation making application for any licenses or registration;
 - (e) any person engaged in the business of adjusting losses or financing premiums; or
 - (f) any person, organization, trust, or corporation having custody or control of information reasonably related to the operation, performance, or conduct of a company or person subject to the jurisdiction of the Director.
- 30 (2) Every company or person being examined and its 31 officers, directors, and agents must provide to the Director 32 convenient and free access at all reasonable hours at its

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office or location to all books, records, documents, and any or all papers relating to the business, performance, operations, and affairs of the company. The officers, directors, and agents of the company or person must facilitate the examination and aid in the examination so far as it is in their power to do so.

The Director and any authorized examiner have the power to administer oaths and examine under oath any person relative to the business of the company being examined.

- (3) The examiners designated by the Director under Section 402 must make a full and true report of every examination made by them, which contains only facts ascertained from the books, papers, records, or documents, and other evidence obtained by investigation and examined by them or ascertained from the testimony of officers or agents or other persons examined under oath concerning the business, affairs, conduct, and performance of the company or person. The report of examination must be verified by the oath of the examiner in charge thereof, and when so verified is prima facie evidence in any action or proceeding in the name of the State against the company, its officers, or agents upon the facts stated therein.
- (4) The Director must notify the company or person made the subject of any examination hereunder of the contents of the verified examination report before filing it and making the report public of any matters relating thereto, and must afford the company or person an opportunity to demand a hearing with reference to the facts and other evidence therein contained.

The company or person may request a hearing within 10 days after receipt of the examination report by giving the Director written notice of that request, together with a statement of its objections. The Director must then conduct a hearing in accordance with Sections 402 and 403. He must issue a written order based upon the examination report and upon the hearing within 90 days after the report is filed or within 90 days after the hearing.

If the examination reveals that the company is operating in violation of any law, regulation, or prior order, the Director

in the written order may require the company or person to take any action he considers necessary or appropriate in accordance with the report of examination or any hearing thereon. The order is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Review Law. The Director may withhold any report from public inspection for such time as he may deem proper and may, after filing the same, publish any part or all of the report as he considers to be in the interest of the public, in one or more newspapers in this State, without expense to the company.

(5) Any company which or person who violates or aids and abets any violation of a written order issued under this Section shall be guilty of a business offense and may be fined not more than \$5,000. The penalty shall be paid into the General Revenue fund of the State of Illinois.

15 (Source: P.A. 87-108.)