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1 AN ACT concerning insurance.

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 Sections 531.03, 531.05, 531.07, 531.08, 531.09, and 531.14 as follows:
- 7 (215 ILCS 5/531.03) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-3)
- 8 Sec. 531.03. Coverage and limitations.
- 9 (1) This Article shall provide coverage for the policies 10 and contracts specified in paragraph (2) of this Section:
 - (a) to persons who, regardless of where they reside (except for non-resident certificate holders under group policies or contracts), are the beneficiaries, assignees or payees of the persons covered under subparagraph (1)(b), and
 - (b) to persons who are owners of or certificate holders under the policies or contracts (other than unallocated annuity contracts and structured settlement annuities) and in each case who:
- (i) are residents; or
- 21 (ii) are not residents, but only under all of the 22 following conditions:
- 23 (A) the insurer that issued the policies or

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contracts is domiciled in this State; 1 2 (B) the states in which the persons reside have 3 associations similar to the Association created by this Article; (C) the persons are not eligible for coverage by an association in any other state due to the 6 7 fact that the insurer was not licensed in that 8 state at the time specified in that state's 9 guaranty association law. 10 (c) For unallocated annuity contracts specified in 11 subsection (2), paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection 12 (1) shall not apply and this Article shall (except as provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this subsection) 13 14 provide coverage to: 15 (i) persons who are the owners of the unallocated 16 annuity contracts if the contracts are issued to or in 17 connection with a specific benefit plan whose plan sponsor has its principal place of business in this 18 19 State; and 20 (ii) persons who are owners of unallocated annuity contracts issued to or in connection with government 21 22 lotteries if the owners are residents. 23 (d) For structured settlement annuities specified in

subsection (2), paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection

(1) shall not apply and this Article shall (except as

provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this subsection)

	provide coverage to a person who is a payee under a
2	structured settlement annuity (or beneficiary of a payee if
3	the payee is deceased), if the payee:
4	(i) is a resident, regardless of where the contract
5	owner resides; or
6	(ii) is not a resident, but only under both of the
7	following conditions:
8	(A) with regard to residency:
9	(I) the contract owner of the structured
10	settlement annuity is a resident; or
11	(II) the contract owner of the structured
12	settlement annuity is not a resident but the
13	insurer that issued the structured settlement
14	annuity is domiciled in this State and the
15	state in which the contract owner resides has
16	an association similar to the Association
17	created by this Article; and
18	(B) neither the payee or beneficiary nor the
19	contract owner is eligible for coverage by the
20	association of the state in which the payee or
21	contract owner resides.
22	(e) This Article shall not provide coverage to:
23	(i) a person who is a payee or beneficiary of a
24	contract owner resident of this State if the payee or
25	beneficiary is afforded any coverage by the

association of another state; or

- (ii) a person covered under paragraph (c) of this subsection (1), if any coverage is provided by the association of another state to that person.
 - (f) This Article is intended to provide coverage to a person who is a resident of this State and, in special circumstances, to a nonresident. In order to avoid duplicate coverage, if a person who would otherwise receive coverage under this Article is provided coverage under the laws of any other state, then the person shall not be provided coverage under this Article. In determining the application of the provisions of this paragraph in situations where a person could be covered by the association of more than one state, whether as an owner, payee, beneficiary, or assignee, this Article shall be construed in conjunction with other state laws to result in coverage by only one association.
 - (2) (a) This Article shall provide coverage to the persons specified in paragraph (1) of this Section for direct, (i) nongroup life, health, annuity and supplemental policies, or contracts, (ii) for certificates under direct group policies or contracts, (iii) for unallocated annuity contracts and (iv) for contracts to furnish health care services and subscription certificates for medical or health care services issued by persons licensed to transact insurance business in this State under the Illinois Insurance Code. Annuity contracts and certificates under group annuity contracts include but are not

annuity contracts.

- limited to guaranteed investment contracts, deposit administration contracts, unallocated funding agreements, allocated funding agreements, structured settlement agreements, lottery contracts and any immediate or deferred
 - (b) This Article shall not provide coverage for:
 - (i) that portion of a policy or contract not guaranteed by the insurer, or under which the risk is borne by the policy or contract owner;
 - (ii) any such policy or contract or part thereof assumed by the impaired or insolvent insurer under a contract of reinsurance, other than reinsurance for which assumption certificates have been issued;
 - (iii) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent that the rate of interest on which it is based or the interest rate, crediting rate, or similar factor is determined by use of an index or other external reference stated in the policy or contract employed in calculating returns or changes in value:
 - (A) averaged over the period of 4 years prior to the date on which the member insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under this Article, whichever is earlier, exceeds the rate of interest determined by subtracting 2 percentage points from Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average averaged for that same 4-year period or for such lesser period if the

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policy or contract was issued less than 4 years before the member insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under this Article, whichever is earlier; and

- (B) on and after the date on which the member insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under this Article, whichever is earlier, exceeds the rate of interest determined by subtracting 3 percentage points from Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average as most recently available;
- (iv) any unallocated annuity contract issued to or in connection with a benefit plan protected under the federal Benefit Guaranty Corporation, regardless Pension whether the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation has yet become liable to make any payments with respect to the benefit plan;
- (v) any portion of any unallocated annuity contract which is not issued to or in connection with a specific employee, union or association of natural persons benefit plan or a government lottery;
- (vi) an obligation that does not arise under the express written terms of the policy or contract issued by insurer to the contract owner or policy owner, the including without limitation:
 - (A) a claim based on marketing materials;
 - (B) a claim based on side letters, riders, or other documents that were issued by the insurer without

1	meeting applicable policy form filing or approval
2	requirements;
3	(C) a misrepresentation of or regarding policy
4	benefits;
5	(D) an extra-contractual claim; or
6	(E) a claim for penalties or consequential or
7	incidental damages;
8	(vii) any stop-loss insurance, as defined in clause (b)
9	of Class 1 or clause (a) of Class 2 of Section 4, and
10	further defined in subsection (d) of Section 352;
11	(viii) any policy or contract providing any hospital,
12	medical, prescription drug, or other health care benefits
13	pursuant to Part C or Part D of Subchapter XVIII, Chapter 7
14	of Title 42 of the United States Code (commonly known as
15	Medicare Part C & D) or any regulations issued pursuant
16	thereto;
17	(ix) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent
18	that the assessments required by Section 531.09 of this
19	Code with respect to the policy or contract are preempted
20	or otherwise not permitted by federal or State law;
21	(x) any portion of a policy or contract issued to a
22	plan or program of an employer, association, or other
23	person to provide life, health, or annuity benefits to its
24	employees, members, or others to the extent that the plan
25	or program is self-funded or uninsured, including, but not

limited to, benefits payable by an employer, association,

Т	of other person under:
2	(A) a multiple employer welfare arrangement as
3	defined in 29 U.S.C. Section 1002 29 U.S.C. Section
4	1144 ;
5	(B) a minimum premium group insurance plan;
6	(C) a stop-loss group insurance plan; or
7	(D) an administrative services only contract;
8	(xi) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent
9	that it provides for:
10	(A) dividends or experience rating credits;
11	(B) voting rights; or
12	(C) payment of any fees or allowances to any
13	person, including the policy or contract owner, in
14	connection with the service to or administration of the
15	policy or contract;
16	(xii) any policy or contract issued in this State by a
17	member insurer at a time when it was not licensed or did
18	not have a certificate of authority to issue the policy or
19	contract in this State;
20	(xiii) any contractual agreement that establishes the
21	member insurer's obligations to provide a book value
22	accounting guaranty for defined contribution benefit plan
23	participants by reference to a portfolio of assets that is
24	owned by the benefit plan or its trustee, which in each
25	case is not an affiliate of the member insurer;
26	(xiv) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent

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that it provides for interest or other changes in value to be determined by the use of an index or other external reference stated in the policy or contract, but which have not been credited to the policy or contract, or as to which the policy or contract owner's rights are subject to forfeiture, as of the date the member insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under this Code, whichever is earlier. If a policy's or contract's interest or changes in value are credited less frequently than annually, then for purposes of determining the values that have been credited and are not subject to forfeiture under this Section, the interest or change in value determined by using the procedures defined in the policy or contract will be credited as if the contractual date of crediting interest changing values was the date of impairment insolvency, whichever is earlier, and will not be subject to forfeiture; or

- (xv) that portion or part of a variable life insurance or variable annuity contract not guaranteed by an insurer.
- (3) The benefits for which the Association may become liable shall in no event exceed the lesser of:
 - (a) the contractual obligations for which the insurer is liable or would have been liable if it were not an impaired or insolvent insurer, or
 - (b) (i) with respect to any one life, regardless of the number of policies or contracts:

values;

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1	(A) \$300,000 in life insurance death benefits, but
2	not more than \$100,000 in net cash surrender and net
3	cash withdrawal values for life insurance;
4	(B) in health insurance benefits:
5	(I) \$100,000 for coverages not defined as
6	disability insurance or basic hospital, medical,
7	and surgical insurance or major medical insurance
8	or long-term care insurance, including any net
9	cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values;
10	(II) \$300,000 for disability insurance and
11	\$300,000 for long-term care insurance as defined
12	in Section 351A-1 of this Code; and
13	(III) \$500,000 for basic hospital medical and
14	surgical insurance or major medical insurance;
15	(C) \$250,000 in the present value of annuity
16	benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash
17	withdrawal values;
18	(ii) with respect to each individual participating in a
19	governmental retirement benefit plan established under
20	Sections 401, 403(b), or 457 of the U.S. Internal Revenue
21	Code covered by an unallocated annuity contract or the
22	beneficiaries of each such individual if deceased, in the
23	aggregate, \$250,000 in present value annuity benefits,
24	including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal

(iii) with respect to each payee of a structured

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settlement annuity or beneficiary or beneficiaries of the payee if deceased, \$250,000 in present value annuity benefits, in the aggregate, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values, if any; or

(iv) with respect to either (1) one contract owner provided coverage under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this Section or (2) one plan sponsor own directly or in trust one or whose plans unallocated annuity contracts not included in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of this subsection, \$5,000,000 in benefits, irrespective of the number of contracts with respect to the contract owner or plan sponsor. However, in the case where one or more unallocated annuity contracts are covered contracts under this Article and are owned by a trust or other entity for the benefit of 2 or more plan sponsors, coverage shall be afforded by the Association if the largest interest in the trust or entity owning the contract or contracts is held by a plan sponsor whose principal place of business is in this State. In no event shall the Association be obligated to cover more than \$5,000,000 in benefits with respect to all these unallocated contracts.

In no event shall the Association be obligated to cover more than (1) an aggregate of \$300,000 in benefits with respect to any one life under subparagraphs (i), (ii), and (iii) of this paragraph (b) except with respect to benefits for basic

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hospital, medical, and surgical insurance and major medical insurance under item (B) of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), in which case the aggregate liability of the Association shall not exceed \$500,000 with respect to any one individual or (2) with respect to one owner of multiple nongroup policies of life insurance, whether the policy owner is an individual, firm, corporation, or other person and whether the persons insured are officers, managers, employees, or other persons, \$5,000,000 in benefits, regardless of the number of policies and contracts held by the owner.

The limitations set forth in this subsection are limitations on the benefits for which the Association is obligated before taking into account either its subrogation and assignment rights or the extent to which those benefits could be provided out of the assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer attributable to covered policies. The costs of the Association's obligations under this Article may be met by the use of assets attributable to covered policies or reimbursed to the Association pursuant to its subrogation and assignment rights.

(4) In performing its obligations to provide coverage under Section 531.08 of this Code, the Association shall not be required to quarantee, assume, reinsure, or perform or cause to quaranteed, assumed, reinsured, or performed contractual obligations of the insolvent or impaired insurer under a covered policy or contract that do not materially

- affect the economic values or economic benefits of the covered 1
- 2 policy or contract.
- (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.) 3
- 4 (215 ILCS 5/531.05) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-5)
- 5 Sec. 531.05. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- "Account" means either of the 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ accounts created under 6
- Section 531.06. 7
- "Association" means the Illinois Life and Health Insurance 8
- 9 Guaranty Association created under Section 531.06.
- 10 "Authorized assessment" or the term "authorized" when used
- 11 in the context of assessments means a resolution by the Board
- 12 of Directors has been passed whereby an assessment shall be
- 13 called immediately or in the future from member insurers for a
- 14 specified amount. An assessment is authorized when the
- 15 resolution is passed.
- 16 "Benefit plan" means a specific employee, union, or
- association of natural persons benefit plan. 17
- "Called assessment" or the term "called" when used in the 18
- context of assessments means that a notice has been issued by 19
- 20 the Association to member insurers requiring that an authorized
- 21 assessment be paid within the time frame set forth within the
- 22 notice. An authorized assessment becomes a called assessment
- 23 when notice is mailed by the Association to member insurers.
- 24 "Director" means the Director of Insurance of this State.
- "Contractual obligation" means any obligation under a 25

- 1 policy or contract or certificate under a group policy or
- 2 contract, or portion thereof for which coverage is provided
- 3 under Section 531.03.
- 4 "Covered person" means any person who is entitled to the
- 5 protection of the Association as described in Section 531.02.
- 6 "Covered policy" means any policy or contract within the
- 7 scope of this Article under Section 531.03.
- 8 "Extra-contractual claims" shall include, for example,
- 9 claims relating to bad faith in the payment of claims, punitive
- or exemplary damages, or attorneys' fees and costs.
- "Impaired insurer" means (A) a member insurer which, after
- 12 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
- 13 Assembly amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, is not an
- 14 insolvent insurer, and is placed under an order of
- 15 rehabilitation or conservation by a court of competent
- jurisdiction or (B) a member insurer deemed by the Director
- after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th
- 18 General Assembly to be potentially unable to fulfill its
- 19 contractual obligations and not an insolvent insurer.
- "Insolvent insurer" means a member insurer that, after the
- 21 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
- 22 Assembly, is placed under a final order of liquidation by a
- court of competent jurisdiction with a finding of insolvency.
- 24 "Member insurer" means an insurer licensed or holding a
- 25 certificate of authority to transact in this State any kind of
- insurance for which coverage is provided under Section 531.03

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of this Code and includes an insurer whose license or

- certificate of authority in this State may have been suspended,
- 3 revoked, not renewed, or voluntarily withdrawn or whose
- 4 certificate of authority may have been suspended pursuant to
- 5 Section 119 of this Code, but does not include:
- 6 (1) a hospital or medical service organization,
 7 whether profit or nonprofit;
 - (2) a health maintenance organization;
 - (3) any burial society organized under Article XIX of this Code, any fraternal benefit society organized under Article XVII of this Code, any mutual benefit association organized under Article XVIII of this Code, and any foreign fraternal benefit society licensed under Article VI of this Code or a fraternal benefit society;
 - (4) a mandatory State pooling plan;
 - (5) a mutual assessment company or other person that operates on an assessment basis;
 - (6) an insurance exchange;
- 19 (7) an organization that is permitted to issue 20 charitable gift annuities pursuant to Section 121-2.10 of 21 this Code;
 - (8) any health services plan corporation established pursuant to the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act;
 - (9) any dental service plan corporation established pursuant to the Dental Service Plan Act; or
 - (10) an entity similar to any of the above.

"Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average" means the Monthly
Average Corporates as published by Moody's Investors Service,
Inc., or any successor thereto.

"Owner" of a policy or contract and "policy owner" and "contract owner" mean the person who is identified as the legal owner under the terms of the policy or contract or who is otherwise vested with legal title to the policy or contract through a valid assignment completed in accordance with the terms of the policy or contract and properly recorded as the owner on the books of the insurer. The terms owner, contract owner, and policy owner do not include persons with a mere beneficial interest in a policy or contract.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, governmental body or entity, or voluntary organization.

"Plan sponsor" means:

- (1) the employer in the case of a benefit plan established or maintained by a single employer;
- (2) the employee organization in the case of a benefit plan established or maintained by an employee organization; or
- (3) in a case of a benefit plan established or maintained by 2 or more employers or jointly by one or more employers and one or more employee organizations, the association, committee, joint board of trustees, or other similar group of representatives of the parties who

establish or maintain the benefit plan.

"Premiums" mean amounts or considerations, by whatever name called, received on covered policies or contracts less returned premiums, considerations, and deposits and less dividends and experience credits.

"Premiums" does not include:

- (A) amounts or considerations received for policies or contracts or for the portions of policies or contracts for which coverage is not provided under Section 531.03 of this Code except that assessable premium shall not be reduced on account of the provisions of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subsection (a) of Section 531.03 of this Code relating to interest limitations and the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of Section 531.03 relating to limitations with respect to one individual, one participant, and one contract owner;
- (B) premiums in excess of \$5,000,000 on an unallocated annuity contract not issued under a governmental retirement benefit plan (or its trustee) established under Section 401, 403(b) or 457 of the United States Internal Revenue Code; or
- (C) with respect to multiple nongroup policies of life insurance owned by one owner, whether the policy owner is an individual, firm, corporation, or other person, and whether the persons insured are officers, managers, employees, or other persons, premiums in excess of

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\$5,000,000 with respect to these policies or contracts, 1 2 regardless of the number of policies or contracts held by 3 the owner.

"Principal place of business" of a plan sponsor or a person other than a natural person means the single state in which the persons who establish policy for the direction, control, and coordination of the operations of the entity as a whole primarily exercise that function, determined by the Association in its reasonable judgment by considering the following factors:

- (A) the state in which the primary executive and administrative headquarters of the entity is located;
- (B) the state in which the principal office of the chief executive officer of the entity is located;
- (C) the state in which the board of directors (or similar governing person or persons) of the entity conducts the majority of its meetings;
- (D) the state in which the executive or management committee of the board of directors (or similar governing person or persons) of the entity conducts the majority of its meetings;
- (E) the state from which the management of the overall operations of the entity is directed; and
- (F) in the case of a benefit plan sponsored by affiliated comprising companies а consolidated corporation, the state in which the holding company or

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controlling affiliate has its principal place of business as determined using the above factors. However, in the case of a plan sponsor, if more than 50% of the participants in the benefit plan are employed in a single state, that state shall be deemed to be the principal place of business of the plan sponsor.

The principal place of business of a plan sponsor of a benefit plan described in paragraph (3) of the definition of "plan sponsor" this Section shall be deemed to be the principal place of business of the association, committee, joint board of trustees, or other similar group of representatives of the parties who establish or maintain the benefit plan that, in lieu of a specific or clear designation of a principal place of business, shall be deemed to be the principal place of business of the employer or employee organization that has the largest investment in the benefit plan in question.

"Receivership court" means the court in the insolvent or insurer's state having jurisdiction over impaired conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of the insurer.

"Resident" means a person to whom a contractual obligation is owed and who resides in this State on the date of entry of a court order that determines a member insurer to be an impaired insurer or a court order that determines a member insurer to be an insolvent insurer. A person may be a resident of only one state, which in the case of a person other than a natural person shall be its principal place of business. Citizens of

- the United States that are either (i) residents of foreign 1
- 2 countries or (ii) residents of United States possessions,
- 3 territories, or protectorates that do not have an association
- similar to the Association created by this Article, shall be
- 5 deemed residents of the state of domicile of the insurer that
- issued the policies or contracts. 6
- "Structured settlement annuity" means an annuity purchased 7
- 8 in order to fund periodic payments for a plaintiff or other
- 9 claimant in payment for or with respect to personal injury
- 10 suffered by the plaintiff or other claimant.
- 11 "State" means a state, the District of Columbia, Puerto
- 12 Rico, and a United States possession, territory,
- 13 protectorate.
- "Supplemental contract" means a written agreement entered 14
- 15 into for the distribution of proceeds under a life, health, or
- 16 annuity policy or a life, health, or annuity contract.
- 17 "Unallocated annuity contract" means any annuity contract
- or group annuity certificate which is not issued to and owned 18
- 19 by an individual, except to the extent of any annuity benefits
- 20 guaranteed to an individual by an insurer under such contract
- or certificate. 21
- 22 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)
- 23 (215 ILCS 5/531.07) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-7)
- 24 Sec. 531.07. Board of Directors. The board of directors
- of the Association consists of not less than 7 nor more than 11 25

- 1 members serving terms as established in the plan of operation.
- 2 The insurer members insurers of the board are to be selected by
- 3 member insurers subject to the approval of the Director. In
- 4 addition, 2 persons who must be public representatives may be
- 5 appointed by the Director to the board of directors. A public
- 6 representative may not be an officer, director, or employee of
- 7 an insurance company or any person engaged in the business of
- 8 insurance. Vacancies on the board must be filled for the
- 9 remaining period of the term in the manner described in the
- 10 plan of operation.
- In approving selections or in appointing members to the
- 12 board, the Director must consider, whether all member insurers
- are fairly represented.
- 14 Members of the board may be reimbursed from the assets of
- 15 the Association for expenses incurred by them as members of the
- 16 board of directors but members of the board may not otherwise
- 17 be compensated by the Association for their services.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)
- 19 (215 ILCS 5/531.08) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-8)
- Sec. 531.08. Powers and duties of the Association.
- 21 (a) In addition to the powers and duties enumerated in
- 22 other Sections of this Article:
- 23 (1) If a member insurer is an impaired insurer, then
- 24 the Association may, in its discretion and subject to any
- conditions imposed by the Association that do not impair

the contractual obligations of the impaired insurer and that are approved by the Director:

- (A) guarantee, assume, or reinsure or cause to be guaranteed, assumed, or reinsured, any or all of the policies or contracts of the impaired insurer; or
- (B) provide such money, pledges, loans, notes, guarantees, or other means as are proper to effectuate paragraph (A) and assure payment of the contractual obligations of the impaired insurer pending action under paragraph (A).
- (2) If a member insurer is an insolvent insurer, then the Association shall, in its discretion, either:
 - (A) guaranty, assume, or reinsure or cause to be guaranteed, assumed, or reinsured the policies or contracts of the insolvent insurer or assure payment of the contractual obligations of the insolvent insurer and provide money, pledges, loans, notes, guarantees, or other means reasonably necessary to discharge the Association's duties; or
 - (B) provide benefits and coverages in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (i) with respect to life and health insurance policies and annuities, ensure payment of benefits for premiums identical to the premiums and benefits (except for terms of conversion and renewability) that would have been payable under

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the policies or contracts of the insolvent insurer for claims incurred:

- (a) with respect to group policies and contracts, not later than the earlier of the next renewal date under those policies or contracts or 45 days, but in no event less than days, after the date on which Association becomes obligated with respect to the policies and contracts;
- (b) with respect to nongroup policies, contracts, and annuities not later than the earlier of the next renewal date (if any) under the policies or contracts or one year, but in no event less than 30 days, from the date on which the Association becomes obligated with respect to the policies or contracts;
- (ii) make diligent efforts to provide all known insureds or annuitants (for nongroup policies and contracts), or group policy owners with respect to group policies and contracts, 30 days notice of the termination (pursuant subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (B)) of the benefits provided;
- (iii) with respect to nongroup life and health insurance policies and annuities covered by the Association, make available to each known insured

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or annuitant, or owner if other than the insured or annuitant, and with respect to an individual formerly insured or formerly an annuitant under a group policy who is not eligible for replacement group coverage, make available substitute coverage on an individual basis in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3), if the insureds or annuitants had a right under law or the terminated annuity to convert policy or coverage individual coverage or to continue an individual policy or annuity in force until a specified age or for a specified time, during which the insurer had right unilaterally to make changes in any provision of the policy or annuity or had a right only to make changes in premium by class.

(b) In providing the substitute coverage required under subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (B) of item (2) of subsection (a) of this Section, the Association may offer either to reissue the terminated coverage or to issue an alternative policy.

Alternative or reissued policies shall be offered without requiring evidence of insurability, and shall not provide for any waiting period or exclusion that would not have applied under the terminated policy.

The Association may reinsure any alternative or reissued policy.

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Alternative policies adopted by the Association shall be subject to the approval of the Director. The Association may adopt alternative policies of various types for future insurance without regard to any particular impairment or insolvency.

Alternative policies shall contain at least the minimum statutory provisions required in this State and provide benefits that shall not be unreasonable in relation to the premium charged. The Association shall set the premium in accordance with a table of rates which it shall adopt. The premium shall reflect the amount of insurance to be provided and the age and class of risk of each insured, but shall not reflect any changes in the health of the insured after the original policy was last underwritten.

Any alternative policy issued by the Association shall provide coverage of a type similar to that of the policy issued by the impaired or insolvent insurer, as determined by the Association.

- the Association elects to reissue terminated coverage at a premium rate different from that charged under the terminated policy, the premium shall be set by the Association in accordance with the amount of insurance provided and the age and class of risk, subject to approval of the Director or by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (d) The Association's obligations with respect to coverage under any policy of the impaired or insolvent insurer or under

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- any reissued or alternative policy shall cease on the date such 1 2 coverage or policy is replaced by another similar policy by the policyholder, the insured, or the Association. 3
 - (e) When proceeding under this Section with respect to any policy or contract carrying quaranteed minimum interest rates, the Association shall assure the payment or crediting of a rate of interest consistent with subparagraph (2)(b)(iii)(B) of Section 531.03.
 - (f) Nonpayment of premiums thirty-one days after the date required under the terms of any quaranteed, assumed, alternative or reissued policy or contract or substitute coverage shall terminate the Association's obligations under such policy or coverage under this Act with respect to such policy or coverage, except with respect to any claims incurred or any net cash surrender value which may be due in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
 - (q) Premiums due for coverage after entry of an order of liquidation of an insolvent insurer shall belong to and be the direction of the Association, pavable at and Association shall be liable for unearned premiums due to policy or contract owners arising after the entry of such order.
 - (h) In carrying out its duties under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section, the Association may:
 - (1) subject to approval by a court in this State, impose permanent policy or contract liens in connection with a quarantee, assumption, or reinsurance agreement if

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the Association finds that the amounts which can be assessed under this Article are less than the amounts needed to assure full and prompt performance of the Association's duties under this Article or that the economic or financial conditions as they affect member insurers are sufficiently adverse to render the imposition of such permanent policy or contract liens to be in the public interest; or

(2) subject to approval by a court in this State, impose temporary moratoriums or liens on payments of cash values and policy loans or any other right to withdraw funds held in conjunction with policies or contracts in addition to any contractual provisions for deferral of cash or policy loan value. In addition, in the event of a temporary moratorium or moratorium charge imposed by the receivership court on payment of cash values or policy loans or on any other right to withdraw funds held in conjunction with policies or contracts, out of the assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer, the Association may defer the payment of cash values, policy loans, or other rights by the Association for the period of the moratorium or moratorium charge imposed by the receivership court, except for claims covered by the Association to be paid in accordance with a hardship procedure established by the or rehabilitator and liquidator approved the receivership court.

- 1 (i) There shall be no liability on the part of and no cause
- of action shall arise against the Association or against any
- 3 transferee from the Association in connection with the transfer
- 4 by reinsurance or otherwise of all or any part of an impaired
- or insolvent insurer's business by reason of any action taken
- 6 or any failure to take any action by the impaired or insolvent
- 7 insurer at any time.
- 8 (j) If the Association fails to act within a reasonable
- 9 period of time as provided in subsection (2) of this Section
- 10 with respect to an insolvent insurer, the Director shall have
- 11 the powers and duties of the Association under this Act with
- 12 regard to such insolvent insurers.
- 13 (k) The Association or its designated representatives may
- 14 render assistance and advice to the Director, upon his request,
- 15 concerning rehabilitation, payment of claims, continuations of
- 16 coverage, or the performance of other contractual obligations
- of any impaired or insolvent insurer.
- 18 (1) The Association shall have standing to appear or
- 19 intervene before a court or agency in this State with
- 20 jurisdiction over an impaired or insolvent insurer concerning
- 21 which the Association is or may become obligated under this
- 22 Article or with jurisdiction over any person or property
- 23 against which the Association may have rights through
- subrogation or otherwise. Standing shall extend to all matters
- 25 germane to the powers and duties of the Association, including,
- 26 but not limited to, proposals for reinsuring, modifying, or

guaranteeing the policies or contracts of the impaired or insolvent insurer and the determination of the policies or contracts and contractual obligations. The Association shall also have the right to appear or intervene before a court or agency in another state with jurisdiction over an impaired or insolvent insurer for which the Association is or may become obligated or with jurisdiction over any person or property against whom the Association may have rights through subrogation or otherwise.

- (m) (1) A person receiving benefits under this Article shall be deemed to have assigned the rights under and any causes of action against any person for losses arising under, resulting from, or otherwise relating to the covered policy or contract to the Association to the extent of the benefits received because of this Article, whether the benefits are payments of or on account of contractual obligations, continuation of coverage, or provision of substitute or alternative coverages. The Association may require an assignment to it of such rights and cause of action by any payee, policy, or contract owner, beneficiary, insured, or annuitant as a condition precedent to the receipt of any right or benefits conferred by this Article upon the person.
- (2) The subrogation rights of the Association under this subsection have the same priority against the assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer as that possessed by the person entitled to receive benefits under this Article.

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- (3) In addition to paragraphs (1) and (2), the Association shall have all common law rights of subrogation and any other equitable or legal remedy that would have been available to the impaired or insolvent insurer or owner, beneficiary, or payee of a policy or contract with respect to the policy or contracts, including without limitation, in the case of a structured settlement annuity, any rights of the owner, beneficiary, or payee of the annuity to the extent of benefits received pursuant to this Article, against a person originally or by succession responsible for the losses arising from the personal injury relating to the annuity or payment therefor, excepting any such person responsible solely by reason of serving as an assignee in respect of a qualified assignment under Internal Revenue Code Section 130.
- (4) If the preceding provisions of this subsection (1) are invalid or ineffective with respect to any person or claim for any reason, then the amount payable by the Association with respect to the related covered obligations shall be reduced by the amount realized by any other person with respect to the person or claim that is attributable to the policies, or portion thereof, covered by the Association.
- (5) If the Association has provided benefits with respect to a covered obligation and a person recovers amounts as to which the Association has rights as described in the preceding paragraphs of this subsection (10), then the person shall pay to the Association the portion of the recovery attributable to

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- the policies, or portion thereof, covered by the Association. 1
 - (n) The Association may:
 - (1) Enter into such contracts as are necessary or proper to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Article. +
 - (2) Sue or be sued, including taking any legal actions necessary or proper for recovery of any unpaid assessments under Section 531.09. The Association shall not be liable for punitive or exemplary damages. +
 - (3) Borrow money to effect the purposes of this Article. Any notes or other evidence of indebtedness of the Association not in default are legal investments for domestic insurers and may be carried as admitted assets.
 - (4) Employ or retain such persons as are necessary to handle the financial transactions of the Association, and to perform such other functions as become necessary or proper under this Article.
 - Negotiate and contract with any liquidator, (5) rehabilitator, conservator, or ancillary receiver to carry out the powers and duties of the Association.
 - (6) Take such legal action as may be necessary to avoid payment of improper claims.
 - (7) Exercise, for the purposes of this Article and to the extent approved by the Director, the powers of a domestic life or health insurer, but in no case may the Association issue insurance policies or annuity contracts

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other than those issued to perform the contractual obligations of the impaired or insolvent insurer.

- (8) Exercise all the rights of the Director under Section 193(4) of this Code with respect to covered policies after the association becomes obligated by statute.
- (9) Request information from a person seeking coverage from the Association in order to aid the Association in determining its obligations under this Article with respect to the person, and the person shall promptly comply with the request.
- (10) Take other necessary or appropriate action to discharge its duties and obligations under this Article or to exercise its powers under this Article.
- With respect to covered policies for which the Association becomes obligated after an entry of an order of liquidation or rehabilitation, the Association may elect to succeed to the rights of the insolvent insurer arising after the date of the order of liquidation or rehabilitation under any contract of reinsurance to which the insolvent insurer was a party, to the extent that such contract provides coverage for losses occurring after the date of the order of liquidation or rehabilitation. As a condition to making this election, the Association must pay all unpaid premiums due under the contract for coverage relating to periods before and after the date of the order of liquidation or rehabilitation.

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- (p) A deposit in this State, held pursuant to law or required by the Director for the benefit of creditors, including policy owners, not turned over to the domiciliary liquidator upon the entry of a final order of liquidation or order approving a rehabilitation plan of an insurer domiciled in this State or in a reciprocal state, pursuant to Article XIII 1/2 of this Code, shall be promptly paid to the Association. The Association shall be entitled to retain a portion of any amount so paid to it equal to the percentage determined by dividing the aggregate amount of policy owners' claims related to that insolvency for which the Association has provided statutory benefits by the aggregate amount of all policy owners' claims in this State related to that insolvency and shall remit to the domiciliary receiver the amount so paid to the Association less the amount retained pursuant to this subsection (13). Any amount so paid to the Association and retained by it shall be treated as a distribution of estate assets pursuant to applicable State receivership law dealing with early access disbursements.
- (q) The Board of Directors of the Association shall have discretion and may exercise reasonable business judgment to determine the means by which the Association is to provide the benefits of this Article in an economical and efficient manner.
- Where the Association has arranged or offered to provide the benefits of this Article to a covered person under plan or arrangement that fulfills the Association's

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- obligations under this Article, the person shall not be 1 2 entitled to benefits from the Association in addition to or 3 other than those provided under the plan or arrangement.
 - (s) Venue in a suit against the Association arising under the Article shall be in Cook County. The Association shall not be required to give any appeal bond in an appeal that relates to a cause of action arising under this Article.
 - (t) The Association may join an organization of one or more other State associations of similar purposes to further the purposes and administer the powers and duties the Association.
 - In carrying out its duties in connection with (u) quaranteeing, assuming, or reinsuring policies or contracts under subsections (1) or (2), the Association may, subject to approval of the receivership court, issue substitute coverage for a policy or contract that provides an interest rate, crediting rate, or similar factor determined by use of an index or other external reference stated in the policy or contract employed in calculating returns or changes in value by issuing an alternative policy or contract in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (1) in lieu of the index or other external reference provided for in the original policy or contract, the alternative policy or contract provides for (i) a fixed interest rate, or (ii) payment of dividends with minimum quarantees, or (iii) a different method for calculating

- interest or changes in value;
- 2 (2) there is no requirement for evidence of 3 insurability, waiting period, or other exclusion that 4 would not have applied under the replaced policy or 5 contract; and
- 6 (3) the alternative policy or contract is
 7 substantially similar to the replaced policy or contract in
 8 all other material terms.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10; revised 9-16-10.)
- 10 (215 ILCS 5/531.09) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-9)
- 11 Sec. 531.09. Assessments.

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- (1) For the purpose of providing the funds necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Association, the board of directors shall assess the member insurers, separately for each account, at such times and for such amounts as the board finds necessary. Assessments shall be due not less than 30 days after written notice to the member insurers and shall accrue interest from the due date at such adjusted rate as is established under Section 6621 of Chapter 26 of the United States Code and such interest shall be compounded daily.
 - (2) There shall be 2 classes of assessments, as follows:
 - (a) Class A assessments shall be made for the purpose of meeting administrative costs and other general expenses and examinations conducted under the authority of the Director under subsection (5) of Section 531.12.

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- (b) Class B assessments shall be made to the extent necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Association under Section 531.08 with regard to an impaired or insolvent domestic insurer or insolvent foreign or alien insurers.
- (3)(a) The amount of any Class A assessment shall be determined at the discretion of the board of directors and such assessments shall be authorized and called on a non-pro rata basis. The amount of any Class B assessment shall be allocated for assessment purposes among the accounts and subaccounts pursuant to an allocation formula which may be based on the premiums or reserves of the impaired or insolvent insurer or any other standard deemed by the board in its sole discretion as being fair and reasonable under the circumstances.
- (b) Class B assessments against member insurers for each account and subaccount shall be in the proportion that the premiums received on business in this State by each assessed member insurer on policies or contracts covered by each account or subaccount for the three most recent calendar years for which information is available preceding the year in which the insurer became impaired or insolvent, as the case may be, bears to such premiums received on business in this State for such calendar years by all assessed member insurers.
- (c) Assessments for funds to meet the requirements of the Association with respect to an impaired or insolvent insurer shall not be made until necessary to implement the purposes of

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- this Article. Classification of assessments under subsection 1
- 2 (2) and computations of assessments under this subsection shall
- 3 be made with a reasonable degree of accuracy, recognizing that
- exact determinations may not always be possible. 4
- 5 (4) The Association may abate or defer, in whole or in 6 part, the assessment of a member insurer if, in the opinion of 7 the board, payment of the assessment would endanger the ability 8 of the member insurer to fulfill its contractual obligations. 9 In the event an assessment against a member insurer is abated 10 or deferred in whole or in part the amount by which the 11 assessment is abated or deferred may be assessed against the 12 other member insurers in a manner consistent with the basis for 13 assessments set forth in this Section. Once the conditions that
 - (5) (a) (i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the total of all assessments authorized by the Association with respect to a member insurer for each subaccount of the life insurance and annuity account and for the health account shall not in one calendar year exceed 2% of that member insurer's average annual premiums received in this State on the policies and contracts covered by the subaccount or account during the 3 calendar years preceding the year in which the insurer became an impaired or insolvent insurer.

caused a deferral have been removed or rectified, the member

insurer shall pay all assessments that were deferred pursuant

to a repayment plan approved by the Association.

(ii) If 2 or more assessments are authorized in one

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- calendar year with respect to insurers that become impaired or insolvent in different calendar years, the average annual premiums for purposes of the aggregate assessment percentage limitation referenced in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall be equal and limited to the higher of the 3-year average annual premiums for the applicable subaccount or account as calculated pursuant to this Section.
 - (iii) If the maximum assessment, together with the other assets of the Association in an account, does not provide in one year in either account an amount sufficient to carry out the responsibilities of the Association, the additional funds shall be assessed as soon thereafter as permitted by this Article.
 - (b) The board may provide in the plan of operation a method of allocating funds among claims, whether relating to one or impaired or insolvent insurers, when the maximum assessment will be insufficient to cover anticipated claims.
 - (c) If the maximum assessment for a subaccount of the life insurance and annuity account in one year does not provide an amount sufficient to carry out the responsibilities of the Association, then pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection (3), the board shall assess the other subaccounts of the life and annuity account for the necessary additional amount, subject to the maximum stated in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
 - (6) The board may, by an equitable method as established in the plan of operation, refund to member insurers, in proportion

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- to the contribution of each insurer to that account, the amount by which the assets of the account exceed the amount the board finds is necessary to carry out during the coming year the obligations of the Association with regard to that account, including assets accruing from net realized gains and income from investments. A reasonable amount may be retained in any account to provide funds for the continuing expenses of the Association and for future losses.
 - (7) An assessment is deemed to occur on the date upon which the board votes such assessment. The board may defer calling the payment of the assessment or may call for payment in one or more installments.
 - (8) It is proper for any member insurer, in determining its premium rates and policyowner dividends as to any kind of insurance within the scope of this Article, to consider the amount reasonably necessary to meet its assessment obligations under this Article.
 - (9) The Association must issue to each insurer paying a Class B assessment under this Article a certificate of contribution, in a form acceptable to the Director, for the amount of the assessment so paid. All outstanding certificates are of equal dignity and priority without reference to amounts or dates of issue. A certificate of contribution may be shown by the insurer in its financial statement as an asset in such form and for such amount, if any, and period of time as the Director may approve, provided the insurer shall in any event

- at its option have the right to show a certificate of 1
- 2 contribution as an admitted asset at percentages of the
- original face amount for calendar years as follows: 3
- 100% for the calendar year after the year of issuance; 4
- 5 80% for the second calendar year after the year of
- 6 issuance;
- 7 60% for the third calendar year after the year of issuance;
- 8 for the fourth calendar year after the year of
- 9 issuance:
- 10 20% for the fifth calendar year after the year of issuance.
- 11 (10) The Association may request information of member
- 12 insurers in order to aid in the exercise of its power under
- 13 this Section and member insurers shall promptly comply with a
- 14 request.
- (Source: P.A. 95-86, eff. 9-25-07 (changed from 1-1-08 by P.A. 15
- 16 95-632); 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)
- 17 (215 ILCS 5/531.14) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-14)
- Sec. 531.14. Miscellaneous Provisions. 18
- 19 (1) Nothing in this Article may be construed to reduce the
- 20 liability for unpaid assessments of the insured of an impaired
- 21 or insolvent insurer operating under a plan with assessment
- 22 liability.
- (2) Records must be kept of all negotiations and meetings 23
- 24 in which the Association or its representatives are involved to
- 25 discuss the activities of the Association in carrying out its

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- powers and duties under Section 531.08. Records of such negotiations or meetings may be made public only upon the termination of a liquidation, rehabilitation, or conservation proceeding involving the impaired or insolvent insurer, upon the termination of the impairment or insolvency of the insurer, or upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this paragraph (2) limits the duty of the Association to render a report of its activities under Section 531.15.
- (3) For the purpose of carrying out its obligations under this Article, the Association is deemed to be a creditor of the impaired or insolvent insurer to the extent of assets attributable to covered policies reduced by any amounts to which the Association is entitled as subrogee (under paragraph (8) of Section 531.08). All assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer attributable to covered policies must be used to pay all contractual continue all covered policies and obligations of the impaired insurer as required by this Article. "Assets attributable to covered policies", as used in this paragraph (3), is that proportion of the assets which the reserves that should have been established for such policies bear to the reserve that should have been established for all policies of insurance written by the impaired or insolvent insurer.
- (4) (a) Prior to the termination of any liquidation, rehabilitation, or conservation proceeding, the court may take into consideration the contributions of the respective

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- parties, including the Association, the shareholders policyowners of the impaired or insolvent insurer, and any other party with a bona fide interest, in making an equitable distribution of the ownership rights of such impaired or insolvent insurer. In such a determination, consideration must be given to the welfare of the policyholders of the continuing or successor insurer.
 - (b) No distribution to stockholders, if any, of an impaired or insolvent insurer may be made until and unless the total amount of valid claims of the Association for funds expended $_{L}$ with interest, in carrying out its powers and duties under Section 531.08, with respect to such insurer have been fully recovered by the Association.
 - (5) (a) If an order for liquidation or rehabilitation of an insurer domiciled in this State has been entered, the receiver appointed under such order has a right to recover on behalf of the insurer, from any affiliate that controlled it, the amount of distributions, other than stock dividends paid by the insurer on its capital stock, made at any time during the 5 years preceding the petition for liquidation or rehabilitation subject to the limitations of paragraphs (b) to (d).
 - (b) No such dividend is recoverable if the insurer shows that when paid the distribution was lawful and reasonable, and that the insurer did not know and could not reasonably have known that the distribution might adversely affect the ability of the insurer to fulfill its contractual obligations.

- (c) Any person who as an affiliate that controlled the 1
- 2 insurer at the time the distributions were paid is liable up to
- the amount of distributions he received. Any person who was an 3
- affiliate that controlled the insurer at the time the
- 5 distributions were declared, is liable up to the amount of
- distributions he would have received if they had been paid 6
- 7 immediately. If 2 persons are liable with respect to the same
- 8 distributions, they are jointly and severally liable.
- 9 (d) The maximum amount recoverable under subsection (5) of
- 10 this Section is the amount needed in excess of all other
- 11 available assets of the insolvent insurer to pay the
- 12 contractual obligations of the insolvent insurer.
- 13 (e) If any person liable under paragraph (c) of subsection
- 14 (5) of this Section is insolvent, all its affiliates that
- 15 controlled it at the time the dividend was paid are jointly and
- 16 severally liable for any resulting deficiency in the amount
- 17 recovered from the insolvent affiliate.
- (6) As a creditor of the impaired or insolvent insurer as 18
- established in subsection (3) of this Section and consistent 19
- 20 with subsection (2) of Section 205 of this Code, the
- Association and other similar associations shall be entitled to 21
- 22 receive a disbursement of assets out of the marshaled assets,
- 23 from time to time as the assets become available to reimburse
- it, as a credit against contractual obligations under this 24
- 25 Article. If the liquidator has not, within 120 days after a
- 26 final determination of insolvency of an insurer by the

- 1 receivership court, made an application to the court for the
- 2 approval of a proposal to disburse assets out of marshaled
- 3 assets to guaranty associations having obligations because of
- the insolvency, then the Association shall be entitled to make
- 5 application to the receivership court for approval of its own
- 6 proposal to disburse these assets.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)