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#### HB4193

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

| 215 ILCS 5/121-2.08 | from Ch. 73, par. 733-2.08 |
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| 215 ILCS 5/412      | from Ch. 73, par. 1024     |
| 215 ILCS 5/445      | from Ch. 73, par. 1057     |

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In the provision concerning transactions in the State involving industrial insureds' contracts of insurance, restores the language that was deleted by Public Act 98-978 and deletes the language that was added by Public Act 98-978. Deletes the references to the provision concerning transactions in the State involving industrial insureds' contracts of insurance that were added by Public Act 98-978. Deletes language in the definition of "home state" that was added by Public Act 98-978. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by 5 changing Sections 121-2.08, 412, and 445 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/121-2.08) (from Ch. 73, par. 733-2.08)

7 Sec. 121-2.08. Transactions in this State involving 8 contracts of insurance <u>issued to one or more</u> <del>independently</del> 9 <del>procured directly from an unauthorized insurer by</del> industrial 10 insureds. <u>For the purposes of this Section</u>, <u>"industrial</u> 11 insured" is an insured:

12 <u>(a) which procures the insurance of any risk or risks other</u> 13 than life and annuity contracts by use of the services of a 14 <u>full-time employee acting as an insurance manager or buyer or</u> 15 <u>the services of a regularly and continuously retained gualified</u> 16 insurance consultant;

17 (b) whose aggregate annual premiums for insurance on all 18 risks, except for life and accident and health insurance, total 19 at least \$100,000; and

20 (c) which either (i) has at least 25 full-time employees,
21 (ii) has gross assets in excess of \$3,000,000, or (iii) has
22 annual gross revenues in excess of \$5,000,000.

23 (a) As used in this Section:

| 1  | "Exempt commercial purchaser" means exempt commercial           |
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| 2  | purchaser as the term is defined in subsection (1) of Section   |
| 3  | 445 of this Code.   |
| 4  | "Home state" means home state as the term is defined in         |
| 5  | subsection (1) of Section 445 of this Code.                     |
| 6  | "Industrial insured" means an insured:                          |
| 7  | (i) that procures the insurance of any risk or risks of         |
| 8  | the kinds specified in Classes 2 and 3 of Section 4 of this     |
| 9  | Code by use of the services of a full time employee who is      |
| 10 | a qualified risk manager or the services of a regularly and     |
| 11 | continuously retained consultant who is a qualified risk        |
| 12 | manager;  |
| 13 | (ii) that procures the insurance directly from an               |
| 14 | unauthorized insurer without the services of an                 |
| 15 | intermediary insurance producer; and                            |
| 16 | (iii) that is an exempt commercial purchaser whose home         |
| 17 | <del>state is Illinois.</del>                                   |
| 18 | "Insurance producer" means insurance producer as the term       |
| 19 | is defined in Section 500 10 of this Code.                      |
| 20 | "Qualified risk manager" means qualified risk manager as        |
| 21 | the term is defined in subsection (1) of Section 445 of this    |
| 22 | <del>Code.</del>  |
| 23 | "Unauthorized insurer" means unauthorized insurer as the        |
| 24 | term is defined in subsection (1) of Section 445 of this Code.  |
| 25 | (b) For contracts of insurance effective January 1, 2015 or     |
| 26 | later, within 90 days after the effective date of each contract |

of insurance issued under this Section, the insured shall file 1 2 a report with the Director by submitting the report to the Surplus Line Association of Illinois in writing or in a 3 computer readable format and provide information as designated 4 by the Surplus Line Association of Illinois. The information in 5 6 the report shall be substantially similar to that required for 7 surplus line submissions as described in subsection (5) of Section 445 of this Code. Where applicable, the report shall 8 9 satisfy, with respect to the subject insurance, the reporting 10 requirement of Section 12 of the Fire Investigation Act.

11 (c) For contracts of insurance effective January 1, 2015 or 12 later, within 30 days after filing the report, the insured shall pay to the Director for the use and benefit of the State 13 a sum equal to the gross premium of the contract of insurance 14 multiplied by the surplus line tax rate, as described in 15 16 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 445 of this Code, 17 and shall pay the fire marshal tax that would otherwise be due annually in March for insurance subject to tax under Section 12 18 of the Fire Investigation Act. For contracts of insurance 19 effective January 1, 2015 or later, within 30 days after filing 20 the report, the insured shall pay to the Surplus Line 21 22 Association of Illinois a countersigning fee that shall be 23 assessed at the same rate charged to members pursuant subsection (4) of Section 445.1 of this Code. 24

25 (d) For contracts of insurance effective January 1, 2015 or
 26 later, the insured shall withhold the amount of the taxes and

countersignature fee from the amount of premium charged by and otherwise payable to the insurer for the insurance. If the insured fails to withhold the tax and countersignature fee from the premium, then the insured shall be liable for the amounts thereof and shall pay the amounts as prescribed in subsection (c) of this Section.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-978, eff. 1-1-15.)

8 (215 ILCS 5/412) (from Ch. 73, par. 1024)

9 Sec. 412. Refunds; penalties; collection.

10 (1) (a) Whenever it appears to the satisfaction of the 11 Director that because of some mistake of fact, error in 12 calculation, or erroneous interpretation of a statute of this 13 or any other state, any authorized company or $_{\overline{\tau}}$  surplus line producer, or industrial insured has paid to him, pursuant to 14 15 any provision of law, taxes, fees, or other charges in excess 16 of the amount legally chargeable against it, during the 6 year immediately preceding the discoverv 17 period of such 18 overpayment, he shall have power to refund to such company or, 19 surplus line producer, or industrial insured the amount of the excess or excesses by applying the amount or amounts thereof 20 21 toward the payment of taxes, fees, or other charges already 22 due, or which may thereafter become due from that company until such excess or excesses have been fully refunded, or upon a 23 written request from the authorized company, surplus line 24 25 producer, or industrial insured, the Director shall provide a

cash refund within 120 days after receipt of the written 1 2 request if all necessary information has been filed with the 3 Department in order for it to perform an audit of the tax report for the transaction or period or annual return for the 4 5 year in which the overpayment occurred or within 120 days after 6 the date the Department receives all the necessary information 7 to perform such audit. The Director shall not provide a cash refund if there are insufficient funds in the Insurance Premium 8 9 Tax Refund Fund to provide a cash refund, if the amount of the 10 overpayment is less than \$100, or if the amount of the 11 overpayment can be fully offset against the taxpayer's 12 estimated liability for the year following the year of the cash 13 refund request. Any cash refund shall be paid from the Insurance Premium Tax Refund Fund, a special fund hereby 14 15 created in the State treasury.

16 (b) Beginning January 1, 2000 and thereafter, the 17 Department shall deposit a percentage of the amounts collected under Sections 409, 444, and 444.1 of this Code into the 18 Insurance Premium Tax Refund Fund. The percentage deposited 19 20 into the Insurance Premium Tax Refund Fund shall be the annual percentage. The annual percentage shall be calculated as a 21 22 fraction, the numerator of which shall be the amount of cash 23 refunds approved by the Director for payment and paid during the preceding calendar year as a result of overpayment of tax 24 liability under Sections 121-2.08, 409, 444, 444.1, and 445 of 25 this Code and the denominator of which shall be the amounts 26

collected pursuant to Sections <del>121-2.08,</del> 409, 444, 444.1, and 1 2 445 of this Code during the preceding calendar year. However, 3 if there were no cash refunds paid in a preceding calendar year, the Department shall deposit 5% of the amount collected 4 5 in that preceding calendar year pursuant to Sections 121 2.08, 6 409, 444, 444.1, and 445 of this Code into the Insurance 7 Premium Tax Refund Fund instead of an amount calculated by 8 using the annual percentage.

9 (c) Beginning July 1, 1999, moneys in the Insurance Premium 10 Tax Refund Fund shall be expended exclusively for the purpose 11 of paying cash refunds resulting from overpayment of tax 12 liability under Sections 121-2.08, 409, 444, 444.1, and 445 of this Code as determined by the Director pursuant to subsection 13 1(a) of this Section. Cash refunds made in accordance with this 14 15 Section may be made from the Insurance Premium Tax Refund Fund 16 only to the extent that amounts have been deposited and 17 retained in the Insurance Premium Tax Refund Fund.

(d) This Section shall constitute an irrevocable and
continuing appropriation from the Insurance Premium Tax Refund
Fund for the purpose of paying cash refunds pursuant to the
provisions of this Section.

(2) (a) When any insurance company fails to file any tax return required under Sections 408.1, 409, 444, and 444.1 of this Code or Section 12 of the Fire Investigation Act on the date prescribed, including any extensions, there shall be added as a penalty \$400 or 10% of the amount of such tax, whichever

is greater, for each month or part of a month of failure to file, the entire penalty not to exceed \$2,000 or 50% of the tax due, whichever is greater.

4 (b) When any <u>industrial insured or</u> surplus line producer 5 fails to file any tax return or report required under <u>Section</u> 6 <del>Sections 121 2.08 and</del> 445 of this Code or Section 12 of the 7 Fire Investigation Act on the date prescribed, including any 8 extensions, there shall be added:

9 (i) as a late fee, if the return or report is received 10 at least one day but not more than 7 days after the 11 prescribed due date, \$400 or 10% of the tax due, whichever 12 is greater, the entire fee not to exceed \$1,000;

(ii) as a late fee, if the return or report is received at least 8 days but not more than 14 days after the prescribed due date, \$400 or 10% of the tax due, whichever is greater, the entire fee not to exceed \$1,500;

(iii) as a late fee, if the return or report is received at least 15 days but not more than 21 days after the prescribed due date, \$400 or 10% of the tax due, whichever is greater, the entire fee not to exceed \$2,000; or

(iv) as a penalty, if the return or report is received more than 21 days after the prescribed due date, \$400 or 10% of the tax due, whichever is greater, for each month or part of a month of failure to file, the entire penalty not to exceed \$2,000 or 50% of the tax due, whichever is

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A tax return or report shall be deemed received as of the date mailed as evidenced by a postmark, proof of mailing on a recognized United States Postal Service form or a form acceptable to the United States Postal Service or other commercial mail delivery service, or other evidence acceptable to the Director.

8 (3)(a) When any insurance company fails to pay the full 9 amount due under the provisions of this Section, Sections 10 408.1, 409, 444, or 444.1 of this Code, or Section 12 of the 11 Fire Investigation Act, there shall be added to the amount due 12 as a penalty an amount equal to 10% of the deficiency.

13 (a-5) When any industrial insured or surplus line producer 14 fails to pay the full amount due under the provisions of this 15 Section, Sections 121-2.08 or Section 445 of this Code, or 16 Section 12 of the Fire Investigation Act on the date 17 prescribed, there shall be added:

(i) as a late fee, if the payment is received at least one day but not more than 7 days after the prescribed due date, 10% of the tax due, the entire fee not to exceed \$1,000;

(ii) as a late fee, if the payment is received at least 8 days but not more than 14 days after the prescribed due date, 10% of the tax due, the entire fee not to exceed \$1,500;

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(iii) as a late fee, if the payment is received at

1 least 15 days but not more than 21 days after the 2 prescribed due date, 10% of the tax due, the entire fee not 3 to exceed \$2,000; or

4 (iv) as a penalty, if the return or report is received
5 more than 21 days after the prescribed due date, 10% of the
6 tax due.

7 A tax payment shall be deemed received as of the date 8 mailed as evidenced by a postmark, proof of mailing on a 9 recognized United States Postal Service form or a form 10 acceptable to the United States Postal Service or other 11 commercial mail delivery service, or other evidence acceptable 12 to the Director.

13 (b) If such failure to pay is determined by the Director to 14 be wilful, after a hearing under Sections 402 and 403, there 15 shall be added to the tax as a penalty an amount equal to the 16 greater of 50% of the deficiency or 10% of the amount due and 17 unpaid for each month or part of a month that the deficiency remains unpaid commencing with the date that the amount becomes 18 due. Such amount shall be in lieu of any determined under 19 20 paragraph (a) or (a-5).

(4) Any insurance company, industrial insured, or surplus line producer that fails to pay the full amount due under this Section or Sections <del>121-2.08,</del> 408.1, 409, 444, 444.1, or 445 of this Code, or Section 12 of the Fire Investigation Act is liable, in addition to the tax and any late fees and penalties, for interest on such deficiency at the rate of 12% per annum,

or at such higher adjusted rates as are or may be established under subsection (b) of Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code, from the date that payment of any such tax was due, determined without regard to any extensions, to the date of payment of such amount.

6 (5) The Director, through the Attorney General, may 7 institute an action in the name of the People of the State of 8 Illinois, in any court of competent jurisdiction, for the 9 recovery of the amount of such taxes, fees, and penalties due, 10 and prosecute the same to final judgment, and take such steps 11 as are necessary to collect the same.

12 (6) In the event that the certificate of authority of a 13 foreign or alien company is revoked for any cause or the 14 company withdraws from this State prior to the renewal date of 15 the certificate of authority as provided in Section 114, the 16 company may recover the amount of any such tax paid in advance. 17 Except as provided in this subsection, no revocation or withdrawal excuses payment of or constitutes grounds for the 18 19 recovery of any taxes or penalties imposed by this Code.

(7) When an insurance company or domestic affiliated group fails to pay the full amount of any fee of \$200 or more due under Section 408 of this Code, there shall be added to the amount due as a penalty the greater of \$100 or an amount equal to 10% of the deficiency for each month or part of a month that the deficiency remains unpaid.

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(8) The Department shall have a lien for the taxes, fees,

charges, fines, penalties, interest, other charges, or any 1 2 portion thereof, imposed or assessed pursuant to this Code, upon all the real and personal property of any company or 3 person to whom the assessment or final order has been issued or 4 5 whenever a tax return is filed without payment of the tax or penalty shown therein to be due, including all such property of 6 the company or person acquired after receipt of the assessment, 7 issuance of the order, or filing of the return. The company or 8 9 person is liable for the filing fee incurred by the Department 10 for filing the lien and the filing fee incurred by the 11 Department to file the release of that lien. The filing fees 12 shall be paid to the Department in addition to payment of the 13 tax, fee, charge, fine, penalty, interest, other charges, or any portion thereof, included in the amount of the lien. 14 15 However, where the lien arises because of the issuance of a 16 final order of the Director or tax assessment by the 17 Department, the lien shall not attach and the notice referred to in this Section shall not be filed until all administrative 18 proceedings or proceedings in court for review of the final 19 20 order or assessment have terminated or the time for the taking thereof has expired without such proceedings being instituted. 21

Upon the granting of Department review after a lien has attached, the lien shall remain in full force except to the extent to which the final assessment may be reduced by a revised final assessment following the rehearing or review. The lien created by the issuance of a final assessment shall

terminate, unless a notice of lien is filed, within 3 years 1 2 after the date all proceedings in court for the review of the final assessment have terminated or the time for the taking 3 thereof has expired without such proceedings being instituted, 4 5 or (in the case of a revised final assessment issued pursuant to a rehearing or review by the Department) within 3 years 6 after the date all proceedings in court for the review of such 7 revised final assessment have terminated or the time for the 8 9 taking thereof has expired without such proceedings being 10 instituted. Where the lien results from the filing of a tax 11 return without payment of the tax or penalty shown therein to 12 be due, the lien shall terminate, unless a notice of lien is filed, within 3 years after the date when the return is filed 13 14 with the Department.

The time limitation period on the Department's right to 15 16 file a notice of lien shall not run during any period of time 17 in which the order of any court has the effect of enjoining or restraining the Department from filing such notice of lien. If 18 19 the Department finds that a company or person is about to depart from the State, to conceal himself or his property, or 20 to do any other act tending to prejudice or to render wholly or 21 22 partly ineffectual proceedings to collect the amount due and 23 owing to the Department unless such proceedings are brought without delay, or if the Department finds that the collection 24 25 amount due from any company or person will be of the 26 jeopardized by delay, the Department shall give the company or

person notice of such findings and shall make demand for 1 2 immediate return and payment of the amount, whereupon the 3 amount shall become immediately due and payable. If the company or person, within 5 days after the notice (or within such 4 5 extension of time as the Department may grant), does not comply with the notice or show to the Department that the findings in 6 7 the notice are erroneous, the Department may file a notice of 8 jeopardy assessment lien in the office of the recorder of the 9 county in which any property of the company or person may be 10 located and shall notify the company or person of the filing. 11 The jeopardy assessment lien shall have the same scope and 12 effect as the statutory lien provided for in this Section. If the company or person believes that the company or person does 13 14 not owe some or all of the tax for which the jeopardy 15 assessment lien against the company or person has been filed, 16 or that no jeopardy to the revenue in fact exists, the company 17 or person may protest within 20 days after being notified by the Department of the filing of the jeopardy assessment lien 18 19 and request a hearing, whereupon the Department shall hold a hearing in conformity with the provisions of this Code and, 20 21 pursuant thereto, shall notify the company or person of its 22 findings as to whether or not the jeopardy assessment lien will 23 be released. If not, and if the company or person is aggrieved by this decision, the company or person may file an action for 24 25 judicial review of the final determination of the Department in 26 accordance with the Administrative Review Law. If, pursuant to

such hearing (or after an independent determination of the 1 2 facts by the Department without a hearing), the Department 3 determines that some or all of the amount due covered by the jeopardy assessment lien is not owed by the company or person, 4 5 or that no jeopardy to the revenue exists, or if on judicial review the final judgment of the court is that the company or 6 7 person does not owe some or all of the amount due covered by 8 the jeopardy assessment lien against them, or that no jeopardy 9 to the revenue exists, the Department shall release its 10 jeopardy assessment lien to the extent of such finding of 11 nonliability for the amount, or to the extent of such finding 12 of no jeopardy to the revenue. The Department shall also release its jeopardy assessment lien against the company or 13 14 person whenever the amount due and owing covered by the lien, 15 plus any interest which may be due, are paid and the company or 16 person has paid the Department in cash or by guaranteed 17 remittance an amount representing the filing fee for the lien and the filing fee for the release of that lien. The Department 18 shall file that release of lien with the recorder of the county 19 20 where that lien was filed.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to give the 21 22 Department a preference over the rights of any bona fide 23 holder of security interest, purchaser, а mechanics 24 lienholder, mortgagee, or judgment lien creditor arising prior 25 to the filing of a regular notice of lien or a notice of jeopardy assessment lien in the office of the recorder in the 26

county in which the property subject to the lien is located. 1 2 For purposes of this Section, "bona fide" shall not include any mortgage of real or personal property or any other credit 3 transaction that results in the mortgagee or the holder of the 4 5 security acting as trustee for unsecured creditors of the 6 company or person mentioned in the notice of lien who executed such chattel or real property mortgage or the document 7 8 evidencing such credit transaction. The lien shall be inferior 9 to the lien of general taxes, special assessments, and special 10 taxes levied by any political subdivision of this State. In 11 case title to land to be affected by the notice of lien or 12 notice of jeopardy assessment lien is registered under the 13 provisions of the Registered Titles (Torrens) Act, such notice shall be filed in the office of the Registrar of Titles of the 14 15 county within which the property subject to the lien is 16 situated and shall be entered upon the register of titles as a 17 memorial or charge upon each folium of the register of titles affected by such notice, and the Department shall not have a 18 19 preference over the rights of any bona fide purchaser, 20 mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienholder arising prior to the registration of such notice. The regular lien or 21 22 jeopardy assessment lien shall not be effective against any 23 purchaser with respect to any item in a retailer's stock in trade purchased from the retailer in the usual course of the 24 25 retailer's business.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-158, eff. 8-2-13; 98-978, eff. 1-1-15.)

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1 (215 ILCS 5/445) (from Ch. 73, par. 1057)

2 Sec. 445. Surplus line.

3 (1) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section:

4 "Affiliate" means, with respect to an insured, any entity
5 that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control
6 with the insured. For the purpose of this definition, an entity
7 has control over another entity if:

8 (A) the entity directly or indirectly or acting through 9 one or more other persons owns, controls, or has the power 10 to vote 25% or more of any class of voting securities of 11 the other entity; or

12 (B) the entity controls in any manner the election of a13 majority of the directors or trustees of the other entity.

14 "Affiliated group" means any group of entities that are all 15 affiliated.

16 "Authorized insurer" means an insurer that holds a 17 certificate of authority issued by the Director but, for the 18 purposes of this Section, does not include a domestic surplus 19 line insurer as defined in Section 445a or any residual market 20 mechanism.

21 "Exempt commercial purchaser" means any person purchasing 22 commercial insurance that, at the time of placement, meets the 23 following requirements:

(A) The person employs or retains a qualified risk
 manager to negotiate insurance coverage.

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| 1  | (B) The person has paid aggregate nationwide                |
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| 2  | commercial property and casualty insurance premiums in      |
| 3  | excess of \$100,000 in the immediately preceding 12 months. |
| 4  | (C) The person meets at least one of the following          |
| 5  | criteria:   |
| 6  | (I) The person possesses a net worth in excess of           |
| 7  | \$20,000,000, as such amount is adjusted pursuant to the    |
| 8  | provision in this definition concerning percentage          |
| 9  | change.   |
| 10 | (II) The person generates annual revenues in                |
| 11 | excess of \$50,000,000, as such amount is adjusted          |
| 12 | pursuant to the provision in this definition                |
| 13 | concerning percentage change.                               |
| 14 | (III) The person employs more than 500 full-time or         |
| 15 | full-time equivalent employees per individual insured       |
| 16 | or is a member of an affiliated group employing more        |
| 17 | than 1,000 employees in the aggregate.                      |
| 18 | (IV) The person is a not-for-profit organization            |
| 19 | or public entity generating annual budgeted                 |
| 20 | expenditures of at least \$30,000,000, as such amount is    |
| 21 | adjusted pursuant to the provision in this definition       |
| 22 | concerning percentage change.                               |
| 23 | (V) The person is a municipality with a population          |
| 24 | in excess of 50,000 persons.                                |
| 25 | Effective on January 1, 2015 and each fifth January 1       |

26 occurring thereafter, the amounts in subitems (I), (II), and

1 (IV) of item (C) of this definition shall be adjusted to 2 reflect the percentage change for such 5-year period in the 3 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the 4 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

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"Home state" means the following:

(A) With respect to an insured, except as provided initem (B) of this definition:

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(I) the state in which an insured maintains its principal place of business or, in the case of an individual, the individual's principal residence; or

(II) if 100% of the insured risk is located out of the state referred to in subitem (I), the state to which the greatest percentage of the insured's taxable premium for that insurance contract is allocated.

(B) If more than one insured from an affiliated group
are named insureds on a single surplus line insurance
contract, then "home state" means the home state, as
determined pursuant to item (A) of this definition, of the
member of the affiliated group that has the largest
percentage of premium attributed to it under such insurance
contract.

22 If more than one insured from a group that is not 23 affiliated are named insureds on a single surplus line 24 insurance contract, then:

25(I) if individual group members pay 100% of the26premium for the insurance from their own funds, "home

state" means the home state, as determined pursuant to item (A) of this definition, of each individual group member; each individual group member's coverage under the surplus line insurance contract shall be treated as a separate surplus line contract for the purposes of this Section;

7 (II) otherwise, "home state" means the home state,
8 as determined pursuant to item (A) of this definition,
9 of the group.

10 Nothing in this definition shall be construed to alter the 11 terms of the surplus line insurance contract.

12 "Multi-State risk" means a risk with insured exposures in 13 more than one State.

14 "NAIC" means the National Association of Insurance 15 Commissioners or any successor entity.

16 "Qualified risk manager" means, with respect to a 17 policyholder of commercial insurance, a person who meets all of 18 the following requirements:

(A) The person is an employee of, or third-partyconsultant retained by, the commercial policyholder.

(B) The person provides skilled services in loss
 prevention, loss reduction, or risk and insurance coverage
 analysis, and purchase of insurance.

24 (C) With regard to the person:

(I) the person has:

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(a) a bachelor's degree or higher from an

1accredited college or university in risk2management, business administration, finance,3economics, or any other field determined by the4Director or his designee to demonstrate minimum5competence in risk management; and

(b) the following:

7 (i) three years of experience in risk
8 financing, claims administration, loss
9 prevention, risk and insurance analysis, or
10 purchasing commercial lines of insurance; or

(ii) alternatively has:

(AA) a designation as a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (in this subparagraph (ii) referred to as "CPCU") issued by the American Institute for CPCU/Insurance Institute of America;

17 (BB) a designation as an Associate in
18 Risk Management (ARM) issued by the
19 American Institute for CPCU/Insurance
20 Institute of America;

21 (CC) a designation as Certified Risk
22 Manager (CRM) issued by the National
23 Alliance for Insurance Education &
24 Research;

25(DD) a designation as a RIMS Fellow26(RF) issued by the Global Risk Management

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2 (EE) any other designation, certification, or license determined by 3 Director his designee 4 the or to 5 demonstrate minimum competency in risk 6 management;

(II) the person has:

8 (a) at least 7 years of experience in risk 9 financing, claims administration, loss prevention, 10 risk and insurance coverage analysis, or 11 purchasing commercial lines of insurance; and

12 (b) has any one of the designations specified13 in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b);

(III) the person has at least 10 years of
experience in risk financing, claims administration,
loss prevention, risk and insurance coverage analysis,
or purchasing commercial lines of insurance; or

(IV) the person has a graduate degree from an accredited college or university in risk management, business administration, finance, economics, or any other field determined by the Director or his or her designee to demonstrate minimum competence in risk management.

24 "Residual market mechanism" means an association, 25 organization, or other entity described in Article XXXIII of 26 this Code or Section 7-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or any

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1 similar association, organization, or other entity.

"State" means any state of the United States, the District
of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the
Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and American
Samoa.

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"Surplus line insurance" means insurance on a risk:

7 (A) of the kinds specified in Classes 2 and 3 of
8 Section 4 of this Code; and

9 (B) that is procured from an unauthorized insurer after 10 the insurance producer representing the insured or the 11 surplus line producer is unable, after diligent effort, to 12 procure the insurance from authorized insurers; and

13 (C) where Illinois is the home state of the insured,
14 for policies effective, renewed or extended on July 21,
15 2011 or later and for multiyear policies upon the policy
16 anniversary that falls on or after July 21, 2011; and

17 (D) that is located in Illinois, for policies effective18 prior to July 21, 2011.

"Unauthorized insurer" means an insurer that does not hold a valid certificate of authority issued by the Director but, for the purposes of this Section, shall also include a domestic surplus line insurer as defined in Section 445a.

23 (1.5) Procuring surplus line insurance; surplus line24 insurer requirements.

(a) Insurance producers may procure surplus lineinsurance only if licensed as a surplus line producer under

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1 this Section.

2 (b) Licensed surplus line producers may procure 3 surplus line insurance from an unauthorized insurer 4 domiciled in the United States only if the insurer:

(i) is permitted in its domiciliary jurisdictionto write the type of insurance involved; and

(ii) has, based upon information available to the surplus line producer, a policyholders surplus of not less than \$15,000,000 determined in accordance with the laws of its domiciliary jurisdiction; and

(iii) has standards of solvency and management
 that are adequate for the protection of policyholders.

Where an unauthorized insurer does not meet the standards set forth in (ii) and (iii) above, a surplus line producer may, if necessary, procure insurance from that insurer only if prior written warning of such fact or condition is given to the insured by the insurance producer or surplus line producer.

19 (C) Licensed surplus line producers may procure 20 surplus line insurance from an unauthorized insurer domiciled outside of the United States only if the insurer 21 22 meets the standards for unauthorized insurers domiciled in 23 the United States in paragraph (b) of this subsection (1.5) 24 or is listed on the Quarterly Listing of Alien Insurers 25 maintained by the International Insurers Department of the 26 NAIC. The Director shall make the Quarterly Listing of

- Alien Insurers available to surplus line producers without
   charge.
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(d) Insurance producers shall not procure from an unauthorized insurer an insurance policy:

5 (i) that is designed to satisfy the proof of 6 financial responsibility and insurance requirements in 7 any Illinois law where the law requires that the proof 8 of insurance is issued by an authorized insurer or 9 residual market mechanism;

10 (ii) that covers the risk of accidental injury to 11 employees arising out of and in the course of 12 employment according to the provisions of the Workers' 13 Compensation Act; or

14 (iii) that insures any Illinois personal lines 15 risk, as defined in subsection (a), (b), or (c) of 16 Section 143.13 of this Code, that is eligible for 17 residual market mechanism coverage, unless the insured or prospective insured requests limits of liability 18 19 greater than the limits provided by the residual market 20 mechanism. In the course of making a diligent effort to 21 procure insurance from authorized insurers, an 22 insurance producer shall not be required to submit a 23 risk to a residual market mechanism when the risk is 24 not eligible for coverage or exceeds the limits 25 available in the residual market mechanism.

26 Where there is an insurance policy issued by an

authorized insurer or residual market mechanism insuring a risk described in item (i), (ii), or (iii) above, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a surplus line producer from procuring from an unauthorized insurer a policy insuring the risk on an excess or umbrella basis where the excess or umbrella policy is written over one or

more underlying policies.

8 (e) Licensed surplus line producers may procure 9 surplus line insurance from an unauthorized insurer for an 10 exempt commercial purchaser without making the required 11 diligent effort to procure the insurance from authorized 12 insurers if:

(i) the producer has disclosed to the exempt commercial purchaser that such insurance may or may not be available from authorized insurers that may provide greater protection with more regulatory oversight; and

17 (ii) the exempt commercial purchaser has
18 subsequently in writing requested the producer to
19 procure such insurance from an unauthorized insurer.

20 (2) Surplus line producer; license. Any licensed producer
21 who is a resident of this State, or any nonresident who
22 qualifies under Section 500-40, may be licensed as a surplus
23 line producer upon payment of an annual license fee of \$400.

A surplus line producer so licensed shall keep a separate account of the business transacted thereunder for 7 years from the policy effective date which shall be open at all times to

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1 the inspection of the Director or his representative.

No later than July 21, 2012, the State of Illinois shall participate in the national insurance producer database of the NAIC, or any other equivalent uniform national database, for the licensure of surplus line producers and the renewal of such licenses.

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(3) Taxes and reports.

8 (a) Surplus line tax and penalty for late payment. The 9 surplus line tax rate for a surplus line insurance policy 10 or contract is determined as follows:

(i) 3% for policies or contracts with an effective
date prior to July 1, 2003;

(ii) 3.5% for policies or contracts with an
effective date of July 1, 2003 or later.

15 A surplus line producer shall file with the Director on 16 or before February 1 and August 1 of each year a report in 17 the form prescribed by the Director on all surplus line from unauthorized 18 insurance procured insurers and 19 submitted to the Surplus Line Association of Illinois 20 during the preceding 6 month period ending December 31 or June 30 respectively, and on the filing of such report 21 22 shall pay to the Director for the use and benefit of the 23 State a sum equal to the surplus line tax rate multiplied 24 by the gross premiums less returned premiums upon all 25 surplus line insurance submitted to the Surplus Line 26 Association of Illinois during the preceding 6 months.

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Any surplus line producer who fails to pay the full 1 2 amount due under this subsection is liable, in addition to 3 the amount due, for such late fee, penalty, and interest charges as are provided for under Section 412 of this Code. 4 5 The Director, through the Attorney General, may institute an action in the name of the People of the State of 6 7 Illinois, in any court of competent jurisdiction, for the 8 recovery of the amount of such taxes, late fees, interest, 9 and penalties due, and prosecute the same to final 10 judgment, and take such steps as are necessary to collect 11 the same.

12 (b) Fire Marshal Tax. Each surplus line producer shall file with the Director on or before March 31 of each year a 13 14 report in the form prescribed by the Director on all fire 15 insurance procured from unauthorized insurers and 16 submitted to the Surplus Line Association of Illinois 17 subject to tax under Section 12 of the Fire Investigation Act and shall pay to the Director the fire marshal tax 18 19 required thereunder.

(c) Taxes and fees charged to insured. The taxes
imposed under this subsection and the countersigning fees
charged by the Surplus Line Association of Illinois may be
charged to and collected from surplus line insureds.

24 (4) (Blank).

(5) Submission of documents to Surplus Line Association of
 Illinois. A surplus line producer shall submit every insurance

contract issued under his or her license to the Surplus Line
 Association of Illinois for recording and countersignature.
 The submission and countersignature may be effected through
 electronic means. The submission shall set forth:

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(a) the name of the insured;

6 (b) the description and location of the insured 7 property or risk;

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(c) the amount insured;

(d) the gross premiums charged or returned;

10 (e) the name of the unauthorized insurer from whom 11 coverage has been procured;

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(f) the kind or kinds of insurance procured; and

13 (g) amount of premium subject to tax required by14 Section 12 of the Fire Investigation Act.

Proposals, endorsements, and other documents which are incidental to the insurance but which do not affect the premium charged are exempted from filing and countersignature.

The submission of insuring contracts to the Surplus Line 18 Association of Illinois constitutes a certification by the 19 20 surplus line producer or by the insurance producer who presented the risk to the surplus line producer for placement 21 22 as a surplus line risk that after diligent effort the required 23 insurance could not be procured from authorized insurers and that such procurement was otherwise in accordance with the 24 25 surplus line law.

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(6) Countersignature required. It shall be unlawful for an

insurance producer to deliver any unauthorized insurer
 contract unless such insurance contract is countersigned by the
 Surplus Line Association of Illinois.

4 (7) Inspection of records. A surplus line producer shall
5 maintain separate records of the business transacted under his
6 or her license for 7 years from the policy effective date,
7 including complete copies of surplus line insurance contracts
8 maintained on paper or by electronic means, which records shall
9 be open at all times for inspection by the Director and by the
10 Surplus Line Association of Illinois.

(8) Violations and penalties. The Director may suspend or revoke or refuse to renew a surplus line producer license for any violation of this Code. In addition to or in lieu of suspension or revocation, the Director may subject a surplus line producer to a civil penalty of up to \$2,000 for each cause for suspension or revocation. Such penalty is enforceable under subsection (5) of Section 403A of this Code.

Director may declare insurer ineligible. If 18 (9) the 19 Director determines that the further assumption of risks might 20 be hazardous to the policyholders of an unauthorized insurer, 21 the Director may order the Surplus Line Association of Illinois 22 not to countersign insurance contracts evidencing insurance in 23 such insurer and order surplus line producers to cease procuring insurance from such insurer. 24

(10) Service of process upon Director. Insurance contracts
 delivered under this Section from unauthorized insurers, other

than domestic surplus line insurers as defined in Section 445a, 1 2 shall contain a provision designating the Director and his 3 successors in office the true and lawful attorney of the insurer upon whom may be served all lawful process in any 4 5 action, suit or proceeding arising out of such insurance. Service of process made upon the Director to be valid hereunder 6 7 state the name of the insured, the name of must. the 8 unauthorized insurer and identify the contract of insurance. 9 The Director at his option is authorized to forward a copy of 10 the process to the Surplus Line Association of Illinois for 11 delivery to the unauthorized insurer or the Director may 12 deliver the process to the unauthorized insurer by other means 13 which he considers to be reasonably prompt and certain.

(10.5) Insurance contracts delivered under this Section 14 from unauthorized insurers, other than domestic surplus line 15 16 insurers as defined in Section 445a, shall have stamped or 17 imprinted on the first page thereof in not less than 12-pt. bold face type the following legend: "Notice to Policyholder: 18 This contract is issued, pursuant to Section 445 of the 19 20 Illinois Insurance Code, by a company not authorized and licensed to transact business in Illinois and as such is not 21 22 covered by the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund." Insurance 23 contracts delivered under this Section from domestic surplus line insurers as defined in Section 445a shall have stamped or 24 25 imprinted on the first page thereof in not less than 12-pt. 26 bold face type the following legend: "Notice to Policyholder:

1 This contract is issued by a domestic surplus line insurer, as 2 defined in Section 445a of the Illinois Insurance Code, 3 pursuant to Section 445, and as such is not covered by the 4 Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund."

5 (11) The Illinois Surplus Line law does not apply to 6 insurance of property and operations of railroads or aircraft 7 engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, insurance of 8 vessels, crafts or hulls, cargoes, marine builder's risks, 9 marine protection and indemnity, or other risks including 10 strikes and war risks insured under ocean or wet marine forms 11 of policies.

12 (12) Surplus line insurance procured under this Section, 13 including insurance procured from a domestic surplus line 14 insurer, is not subject to the provisions of the Illinois 15 Insurance Code other than Sections 123, 123.1, 401, 401.1, 402, 16 403, 403A, 408, 412, 445, 445.1, 445.2, 445.3, 445.4, and all 17 of the provisions of Article XXXI to the extent that the provisions of Article XXXI are not inconsistent with the terms 18 19 of this Act.

20 (Source: P.A. 97-955, eff. 8-14-12; 98-978, eff. 1-1-15.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 22 becoming law.