

The Senate Insurance and Labor Committee offered the following substitute to SB 385:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to  
2 provide for the confidentiality of certain records of the Commissioner of Insurance to extend  
3 to state, federal, or international regulatory law enforcement; to provide for exceptions; to  
4 provide for certain premium taxes and the rate and manner of collection to include state  
5 participation in certain agreements with other states; to revise certain provisions regarding  
6 reinsurance; to revise certain provisions regarding reinsurance credits applicable to an  
7 assuming insurer licensed in its state of domicile or of certain alien assuming insurers; to  
8 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended by  
12 revising subsections (g) and (i) of Code Section 33-2-14, relating to preparation of written  
13 reports of examinations generally, certification of reports, admissibility in evidence, notice  
14 and hearing on reports, and use of examination documents, as follows:

15 "(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to the  
16 inspection of public records, all work papers, analysis, ~~recorded~~ information, documents,  
17 ~~copies~~ information received from another state, and any other materials created, produced,  
18 or obtained by or disclosed to the Commissioner or any other person in the course of an  
19 examination made under this chapter or in the course of analysis by the Commissioner of  
20 the financial condition or market conduct of a company must be given confidential  
21 treatment and are not subject to subpoena and may not be made public by the  
22 Commissioner or any other person. Access may be granted to authorized representatives  
23 of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Such representatives must agree  
24 in writing prior to receiving the information to treat such information confidentially as  
25 required by this Code section, unless the prior written consent of the company to which it  
26 pertains has been obtained."

27 "(i) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prevent or be construed as prohibiting the  
 28 Commissioner from disclosing the ~~contents of an examination report, preliminary~~  
 29 ~~examination report, or results or any matter relating thereto to the insurance department of~~  
 30 ~~this or any other state or country or to~~ work papers, analysis, information, or a document  
 31 described in subsection (g) of this Code section to state, federal, or international regulatory  
 32 agencies or state, federal, or international law enforcement officials of this or any other  
 33 ~~state or agency of the federal government at any time~~ authorities so long as such agency  
 34 or office receiving the report or matter relating thereto recipient agrees in writing to treat  
 35 such report confidentially and in a manner consistent with this title."

## 36 SECTION 2.

37 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-5-31, relating to  
 38 payment by broker of tax for privilege of doing business and computation and allocation of  
 39 tax, as follows:

40 "(b) If this state participates in a cooperative agreement, compact, or reciprocal agreement  
 41 with other states pursuant to Code Sections 33-5-40 through 33-5-44 and a surplus line  
 42 policy covers risks or exposures located or to be performed both in and out of this state, the  
 43 sum payable shall be computed based on an amount equal to 4 percent of that portion of  
 44 the gross premiums allocated to this state plus an amount equal to the portion of premiums  
 45 allocated to other states or territories on the basis of the tax rates and fees applicable to  
 46 properties, risks, or exposures located or to be performed outside this state."

## 47 SECTION 3.

48 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-5-33, relating to  
 49 filing of report by persons procuring insurance with unauthorized insurers and levy,  
 50 collection, and disposition of tax by persons procuring such insurance, and adding a new  
 51 subsection to read as follows:

52 "(b) ~~For~~ If this state participates in a cooperative agreement, compact, or reciprocal  
 53 agreement with other states pursuant to Code Sections 33-5-40 through 33-5-44, then for  
 54 the general support of the government of this state, there is levied and there shall be  
 55 collected from every such insured in this state for the privilege of so insuring his property  
 56 or interests, a tax ~~at the rate of 4 percent of the gross premium paid for any such insurance~~  
 57 covering risks or exposures located or to be performed both in and out of this state, after  
 58 deduction of return premiums, if any. The sum payable shall be computed based upon an  
 59 amount equal to 4 percent of that portion of the gross premiums allocated to this state plus  
 60 an amount equal to the portion of premiums allocated to other states or territories on the  
 61 basis of the tax rates and fees applicable to properties, risks, or exposures located or to be

62 performed outside this state. Such tax shall be paid to the Commissioner coincidentally  
 63 with the filing of the report provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.  
 64 (b.1) If this state does not participate in a cooperative agreement, compact, or reciprocal  
 65 agreement with other states pursuant to Code Sections 33-5-40 through 33-5-44, then for  
 66 the general support of the government of this state, there is levied and there shall be  
 67 collected from every such insured in this state for the privilege of so insuring his or her  
 68 property or interests both in and out of this state, a tax at the rate of 4 percent of the gross  
 69 premium paid for any such insurance, after deduction of return premiums, if any. Such tax  
 70 shall be paid to the Commissioner coincidentally with the filing of the report provided for  
 71 in subsection (a) of this Code section."

72 **SECTION 4.**

73 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 33-5-41, relating to Governor  
 74 authorized to enter into cooperative agreement, compact, or reciprocal agreement for  
 75 collection of insurance premium taxes, as follows:

76 "33-5-41.

77 The Governor, on behalf of the state, advised by and in consultation with the  
 78 Commissioner of Insurance, is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement, compact,  
 79 or reciprocal agreement with another state or states for the purpose of the collection of  
 80 insurance premium taxes imposed by Code ~~Section~~ Sections 33-5-31 and 33-5-33."

81 **SECTION 5.**

82 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 33-7-14, relating to reinsurance of  
 83 risks, as follows:

84 "33-7-14.

85 (a) Credit for reinsurance shall be allowed a domestic ceding insurer as either an asset or  
 86 a deduction from liability on account of reinsurance ceded only when the reinsurer meets  
 87 the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), ~~or (5), or (6)~~ of this subsection. Credit shall  
 88 be allowed under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection only with respect to cessions  
 89 of those kinds of classes of business for which the assuming insurer is licensed or otherwise  
 90 permitted to write or assume in its state of domicile, or in the case of a United States branch  
 91 of an alien assuming insurer, in the state through which it is entered and licensed to transact  
 92 insurance or reinsurance. If meeting the requirements of paragraph (3) or (4) of this  
 93 subsection, the requirements of paragraph ~~(6)~~ (7) of this subsection ~~must~~ shall also be met:

94 (1) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer which  
 95 is licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in this state;

96 (2) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer which  
 97 is accredited as a reinsurer by the Commissioner in this state. ~~An accredited~~ In order to  
 98 be eligible for accreditation, a reinsurer is one which shall:

99 (A) ~~Files~~ File with the Commissioner evidence of its submission to this state's  
 100 jurisdiction;

101 (B) ~~Submits~~ Submit to this state's authority to examine its books and records;

102 (C) ~~Is~~ Be licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least one state, or in the  
 103 case of a United States branch of an alien assuming insurer, ~~is~~ be entered through and  
 104 licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least one state; ~~and~~

105 (D) ~~Files~~ File annually with the Commissioner a copy of its annual statement filed with  
 106 the insurance department of its state of domicile and a copy of its most recent audited  
 107 financial statement; and:

108 ~~(i) Maintains a surplus with regard to policyholders in an amount which is not less~~  
 109 ~~than \$20 million and whose accreditation has not been denied by the Commissioner~~  
 110 ~~within 90 days of its submission; or~~

111 ~~(ii) Maintains a surplus with regard to policyholders in an amount less than \$20~~  
 112 ~~million and whose accreditation has been approved by the Commissioner.~~

113 ~~No credit shall be allowed a domestic ceding insurer if the assuming insurer's~~  
 114 ~~accreditation has been revoked by the Commissioner after notice and hearing;~~

115 (E) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it has adequate financial  
 116 capacity to meet its reinsurance obligations and is otherwise qualified to assume  
 117 reinsurance from domestic insurers. An assuming insurer is deemed to meet this  
 118 requirement as of the time of its application if it maintains a surplus as regards  
 119 policyholders in an amount of not less than \$20 million and its accreditation has not  
 120 been denied by the Commissioner within 90 days after the submission of its application;

121 (3) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer which  
 122 is domiciled and licensed in, or, in the case of a United States branch of an alien  
 123 assuming insurer, is entered through a state which employs standards regarding credit for  
 124 reinsurance substantially similar to those applicable under this Code section and the  
 125 assuming insurer or United States branch of an alien assuming insurer:

126 (A) Maintains a surplus with regard to policyholders in an amount not less than \$20  
 127 million; and

128 (B) Submits to the authority of this state to examine its books and records.  
 129 Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to reinsurance ceded and assumed  
 130 pursuant to pooling arrangements among insurers in the same holding company system;

131 (4)(A) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer  
 132 which maintains a trust fund in a qualified United States financial institution, as defined

133 in ~~paragraph (2)~~ of subsection (c) of this Code section, for the payment of the valid  
134 claims of its United States policyholders and ceding insurers, their assigns, and  
135 successors in interest. The assuming insurer shall report annually to the Commissioner  
136 information substantially the same as that required to be reported on the National  
137 Association of Insurance Commissioners Annual Statement form by licensed insurers  
138 to enable the Commissioner to determine the sufficiency of the trust fund. In the case  
139 of a single assuming insurer, the trust shall consist of a trustee account representing  
140 the assuming insurer's liabilities attributable to business written in the United States  
141 and, in addition, the assuming insurer shall maintain a trustee surplus of not less than  
142 \$20 million; provided, however, that, at any time after the assuming insurer has  
143 permanently discontinued underwriting new business secured by trust for at least three  
144 full years, the commissioner with principal regulatory oversight of the trust may  
145 authorize a reduction of the required trustee surplus, but only after a finding, based  
146 upon an assessment of the risk, that the new required surplus level is adequate for the  
147 protection of United States ceding insurers, policyholders, and claimants in light of  
148 reasonably foreseeable adverse loss development. The risk assessment may involve an  
149 actuarial review, including an independent analysis of reserves and cash flows, and  
150 shall consider all material risk factors, including, when applicable, the lines of business  
151 involved, the stability of the incurred loss estimates and the effect of the surplus  
152 requirements on the assuming insurer's liquidity or solvency. The minimum required  
153 trustee surplus may not be reduced to an amount less than 30 percent of the assuming  
154 insurer's liabilities attributable to reinsurance ceded by United States ceding insurers  
155 covered by the trust. In the case of a group including incorporated and individual  
156 unincorporated underwriters, the trust shall consist of a trustee account ~~representing~~  
157 ~~the group's~~ in an amount not less than the respective underwriters' liabilities attributable  
158 to business written in the United States and, in addition, the group shall maintain a  
159 trustee surplus of which \$100 million shall be held jointly for the benefit of United  
160 States ceding insurers of any member of the group for all years of account; the  
161 incorporated members of the group shall not be engaged in any business other than  
162 underwriting as a member of the group and shall be subject to the same level of  
163 solvency regulation and control by the group's domiciliary regulator as are the  
164 unincorporated members; and, within 90 days after its financial statements are due to  
165 be filed with the group's domiciliary regulator, the group shall ~~make available~~ provide  
166 to the Commissioner an annual certification of the solvency of each underwriter by the  
167 group's domiciliary regulator or, if a certification is unavailable, financial statements  
168 prepared by and its independent public accountants of each member of the group.

169 (B) In the case of a group of incorporated insurers under common administration which  
170 complies with the filing requirements contained in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph  
171 and which has continuously transacted an insurance business outside the United States  
172 for at least three years immediately prior to making application for accreditation, and  
173 submits to this state's authority to examine its books and records and bears the expense  
174 of the examination, and which has aggregate policyholders' surplus of \$10 billion; the  
175 trust shall be in an amount equal to the group's several liabilities attributable to business  
176 ceded by the United States ceding insurers to any member of the group pursuant to  
177 reinsurance contracts issued in the name of such group; plus the group shall maintain  
178 a joint trusted surplus of which \$100 million shall be held jointly for the benefit of  
179 United States ceding insurers of any member of the group as additional security for any  
180 such liabilities, and within 90 days after its financial statements are due to be filed with  
181 the group's domiciliary regulator, each member of the group shall make available to the  
182 Commissioner an annual certification of the member's solvency by the member's  
183 domiciliary regulator and financial statements prepared by its independent public  
184 accountant.

185 (C) ~~Such trust shall be established in a form~~ Credit for reinsurance shall not be granted  
186 under this paragraph unless the form of the trust and any amendments to the trust have  
187 been approved by the Commissioner commissioner of the state where the trust is  
188 domiciled or the commissioner of another state, who, pursuant to the terms of the trust  
189 agreement, has accepted principal regulatory oversight of the trust. The form of the  
190 trust and any trust amendments also shall be filed with the commissioner of every state  
191 in which the ceding insurer beneficiaries of the trust are domiciled. The trust  
192 instruments instrument shall provide that contested claims shall be valid and  
193 enforceable upon the final order of any court of competent jurisdiction in the United  
194 States. The trust shall vest legal title to its assets in the trustees of the trust for its  
195 United States ~~policyholders~~ and ceding insurers, their assigns, and successors in  
196 interest. The trust and the assuming insurer shall be subject to examination as  
197 determined by the Commissioner. The trust must remain in effect for as long as the  
198 assuming insurer shall have outstanding obligations due under the reinsurance  
199 agreements subject to the trust.

200 (D) No later than February 28 of each year the trustees of the trust shall report to the  
201 Commissioner in writing setting forth the balance of the trust and listing the trust's  
202 investments as of the end of the preceding year and shall certify the date of termination  
203 of the trust, if so planned, or certify that the trust shall not expire prior to the next  
204 following December 31;

205 (5) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer not  
 206 meeting the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection ~~but only with~~  
 207 ~~respect to the insurance of risks located in jurisdictions where such reinsurance is~~  
 208 ~~required by applicable law or regulation of that jurisdiction; and if such assuming insurer~~  
 209 has been certified by the Commissioner as a reinsurer in this state and secures its  
 210 obligations in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

211 (A) In order to be eligible for certification, the assuming insurer shall meet the  
 212 following requirements:

213 (i) The assuming insurer shall be domiciled and licensed to transact insurance or  
 214 reinsurance in a qualified jurisdiction, as determined by the Commissioner pursuant  
 215 to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph;

216 (ii) The assuming insurer shall maintain minimum capital and surplus, or its  
 217 equivalent, in an amount to be determined by the Commissioner pursuant to  
 218 regulation;

219 (iii) The assuming insurer shall maintain financial strength ratings from two or more  
 220 rating agencies deemed acceptable by the Commissioner pursuant to regulation;

221 (iv) The assuming insurer shall agree to submit to the jurisdiction of this state,  
 222 appoint the Commissioner as its agent for service of process in this state, and agree  
 223 to provide security for 100 percent of the assuming insurer's liabilities attributable to  
 224 reinsurance ceded by United States ceding insurers if it resists enforcement of a final  
 225 United States judgment;

226 (v) The assuming insurer shall agree to meet applicable information filing  
 227 requirements as determined by the Commissioner, both with respect to an initial  
 228 application for certification and on an ongoing basis; and

229 (vi) The assuming insurer shall satisfy any other requirements for certification  
 230 deemed relevant by the Commissioner.

231 (B) An association including incorporated and individual unincorporated underwriters  
 232 may be a certified reinsurer. In order to be eligible for certification, in addition to  
 233 satisfying requirements of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph:

234 (i) The association shall satisfy its minimum capital and surplus requirements through  
 235 the capital and surplus equivalents, net of liabilities, of the association and its  
 236 members, which shall include a joint central fund that may be applied to any  
 237 unsatisfied obligation of the association of any of its members, in an amount  
 238 determined by the Commissioner to provide adequate protection;

239 (ii) The incorporated members of the association shall not be engaged in any business  
 240 other than underwriting as a member of the association and shall be subject to the

241 same level of regulation and solvency control by the association's domiciliary  
242 regulator as are the unincorporated members; and  
243 (iii) Within 90 days after its financial statements are due to be filed with the  
244 association's domiciliary regulator, the association shall provide to the Commissioner  
245 an annual certification by the association's domiciliary regulator of the solvency of  
246 each underwriter member; or if a certification is unavailable, financial statements,  
247 prepared by independent public accountants, of each underwriter member of the  
248 association.

249 (C) The Commissioner shall create and publish a list of qualified jurisdictions under  
250 which an assuming insurer licensed and domiciled in such jurisdiction is eligible to be  
251 considered for certification by the Commissioner as a certified reinsurer.

252 (i) In order to determine whether the domiciliary jurisdiction of a non-United States  
253 assuming insurer is eligible to be recognized as a qualified jurisdiction, the  
254 Commissioner shall evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of the reinsurance  
255 supervisory system of the jurisdiction, both initially and on an ongoing basis, and  
256 consider the rights, benefits, and the extent of reciprocal recognition afforded by the  
257 non-United States jurisdiction to reinsurers licensed and domiciled in the United  
258 States. A qualified jurisdiction shall agree to share information and cooperate with  
259 the Commissioner with respect to all certified reinsurers domiciled within that  
260 jurisdiction. A jurisdiction may not be recognized as a qualified jurisdiction if the  
261 Commissioner has determined that the jurisdiction does not adequately and promptly  
262 enforce final United States judgments and arbitration awards. Additional factors may  
263 be considered in the discretion of the Commissioner.

264 (ii) A list of qualified jurisdictions shall be published through the National  
265 Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Committee Process. The  
266 Commissioner shall consider this list in determining qualified jurisdictions. If the  
267 Commissioner approves a jurisdiction as qualified that does not appear on the list of  
268 qualified jurisdictions, the Commissioner shall provide thoroughly documented  
269 justification in accordance with criteria to be developed under regulations.

270 (iii) United States jurisdictions that meet the requirement for accreditation under the  
271 NAIC financial standards and accreditation program shall be recognized as qualified  
272 jurisdictions.

273 (iv) If a certified reinsurer's domiciliary jurisdiction ceases to be a qualified  
274 jurisdiction, the Commissioner has the discretion to suspend the reinsurer's  
275 certification indefinitely, in lieu of revocation.

276 (D) The Commissioner shall assign a rating to each certified reinsurer, giving due  
277 consideration to the financial strength ratings that have been assigned by rating

278 agencies deemed acceptable to the Commissioner pursuant to regulation. The  
279 Commissioner shall publish a list of all certified reinsurers and their ratings.

280 (E) A certified reinsurer shall secure obligations assumed from United States ceding  
281 insurers under this subparagraph at a level consistent with its rating, as specified in  
282 regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

283 (i) In order for a domestic ceding insurer to qualify for full financial statement credit  
284 for reinsurance ceded to a certified reinsurer, the certified reinsurer shall maintain  
285 security in a form acceptable to the Commissioner and consistent with the provisions  
286 of subsection (b) of this Code section, or in a multibeneficiary trust in accordance  
287 with paragraph (4) of this subsection, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph.

288 (ii) If a certified reinsurer maintains a trust to fully secure its obligations subject to  
289 paragraph (4) of this subsection, and chooses to secure its obligations incurred as a  
290 certified reinsurer in the form of a multibeneficiary trust, the certified reinsurer shall  
291 maintain separate trust accounts for its obligations incurred under reinsurance  
292 agreements issued or renewed as a certified reinsurer with reduced security as  
293 permitted by this subsection or comparable laws of other United States jurisdictions  
294 and for its obligations subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection. It shall be a  
295 condition to the grant of certification under this paragraph that the certified reinsurer  
296 shall have bound itself, by the language of the trust and agreement with the  
297 commissioner with principal regulatory oversight of each such trust account, to fund,  
298 upon termination of any such trust account, out of the remaining surplus of such trust  
299 any deficiency of any other such trust account.

300 (iii) The minimum trustee surplus requirements provided in paragraph (4) of this  
301 subsection are not applicable with respect to a multibeneficiary trust maintained by  
302 a certified reinsurer for the purpose of securing obligations incurred under this  
303 subsection, except that such trust shall maintain a minimum trustee surplus of \$10  
304 million.

305 (iv) With respect to obligations incurred by a certified reinsurer under this  
306 subparagraph, if the security is insufficient, the Commissioner shall reduce the  
307 allowable credit by an amount proportionate to the deficiency, and shall have the  
308 discretion to impose further reductions in allowable credit upon finding that there is  
309 a material risk that the certified reinsurer's obligations will not be paid in full when  
310 due.

311 (v) For purposes of this subparagraph, a certified reinsurer whose certification has  
312 been terminated for any reason shall be treated as a certified reinsurer required to  
313 secure 100 percent of its obligations:

314 (I) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'terminated' refers to revocation,  
 315 suspension, voluntary surrender, and inactive status.

316 (II) If the Commissioner continues to assign a higher rating as permitted by other  
 317 provisions of this paragraph, this requirement shall not apply to a certified reinsurer  
 318 in inactive status or to a reinsurer whose certification has been suspended.

319 (F) If an applicant for certification has been certified as a reinsurer in an NAIC  
 320 accredited jurisdiction, the Commissioner shall have the discretion to defer to that  
 321 jurisdiction's certification, and shall have the discretion to defer to the rating assigned  
 322 by that jurisdiction, and such assuming insurer shall be considered to be a certified  
 323 reinsurer in this state.

324 (G) A certified reinsurer that ceases to assume new business in this state may request  
 325 to maintain its certification in inactive status in order to continue to qualify for a  
 326 reduction in security for its in-force business. An inactive certified reinsurer shall  
 327 continue to comply with all applicable requirements of this paragraph, and the  
 328 Commissioner shall assign a rating that takes into account, if relevant, the reasons why  
 329 the reinsurer is not assuming new business;

330 (6) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer not  
 331 meeting the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this subsection, but only  
 332 as to the insurance of risks located in jurisdictions where the reinsurance is required by  
 333 applicable law or regulation of that jurisdiction;

334 ~~(6)~~(7) If the assuming insurer is not licensed, or accredited, or certified to transact  
 335 insurance or reinsurance in this state, the credit permitted by paragraphs (3) and (4) of  
 336 this subsection shall not be allowed unless the assuming insurer agrees in the reinsurance  
 337 agreements:

338 (A) That, in the event of the failure of the assuming insurer to perform its obligations  
 339 under the terms of the reinsurance agreement, the assuming insurer, at the request of the  
 340 ceding insurer, shall submit to the jurisdiction of any court of competent jurisdiction in  
 341 any state of the United States, ~~will~~ shall comply with all requirements necessary to give  
 342 the court jurisdiction, and ~~will~~ shall abide by the final decision of ~~such~~ the court or of  
 343 any appellate court in the event of an appeal; and

344 (B) To designate the Commissioner or a designated attorney as its true and lawful  
 345 attorney upon whom may be served any lawful process in any action, suit, or  
 346 proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the ceding ~~company~~ insurer.

347 This paragraph is not intended to conflict with or override the obligation of the parties  
 348 to a reinsurance agreement to arbitrate their disputes, if this obligation is created in the  
 349 agreement;

350 (8) If the assuming insurer does not meet the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), or (3)  
351 of this subsection, the credit permitted by paragraph (4) or (6) of this subsection shall not  
352 be allowed unless the assuming insurer agrees in the trust agreements to the following  
353 conditions:

354 (A) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the trust instrument, if the trust fund is  
355 inadequate because it contains an amount less than the amount required by  
356 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, as applicable, or if the  
357 grantor of the trust has been declared insolvent or placed into receivership,  
358 rehabilitation, liquidation, or similar proceedings under the laws of its state or country  
359 of domicile, the trustee shall comply with an order of the commissioner with regulatory  
360 oversight over the trust or with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction directing  
361 the trustee to transfer to the commissioner with regulatory oversight all of the assets of  
362 the trust fund;

363 (B) The assets shall be distributed by and claims shall be filed with and valued by the  
364 commissioner with regulatory oversight in accordance with the laws of the state in  
365 which the trust is domiciled that are applicable to the liquidation of domestic insurance  
366 companies;

367 (C) If the commissioner with regulatory oversight determines that the assets of the trust  
368 fund or any part thereof are not necessary to satisfy the claims of the United States  
369 ceding insurers of the grantor of the trust, the assets or part thereof shall be returned by  
370 the commissioner with regulatory oversight to the trustee for distribution in accordance  
371 with the trust agreement; and

372 (D) The grantor shall waive any right otherwise available to it under United States law  
373 that is inconsistent with this provision.

374 (9) If an accredited or certified reinsurer ceases to meet the requirements for  
375 accreditation or certification, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke the reinsurer's  
376 accreditation or certification.

377 (A) The Commissioner shall give the reinsurer notice and opportunity for hearing. The  
378 suspension or revocation shall not take effect until after the Commissioner's order on  
379 hearing, unless:

380 (i) The reinsurer waives its right to hearing;

381 (ii) The Commissioner's order is based on regulatory action by the reinsurer's  
382 domiciliary jurisdiction or the voluntary surrender or termination of the reinsurer's  
383 eligibility to transact insurance or reinsurance business in its domiciliary jurisdiction  
384 or in the primary certifying state of the reinsurer under subparagraph (F) of  
385 paragraph (5) of this subsection; or

386 (iii) The Commissioner finds that an emergency requires immediate action and a  
 387 court of competent jurisdiction has not stayed the Commissioner's action.

388 (B) While a reinsurer's accreditation or certification is suspended, no reinsurance  
 389 contract issued or renewed after the effective date of the suspension qualifies for credit  
 390 except to the extent that the reinsurer's obligations under the contract are secured in  
 391 accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section. If a reinsurer's accreditation or  
 392 certification is revoked, no credit for reinsurance may be granted after the effective date  
 393 of the revocation except to the extent that the reinsurer's obligations under the contract  
 394 are secured in accordance with subparagraph (E) of paragraph (5) of this subsection or  
 395 subsection (b) of this Code section.

396 (10) Concentration Risk:

397 (A) A ceding insurer shall take steps to manage its reinsurance recoverable  
 398 proportionate to its own book of business. A domestic ceding insurer shall notify the  
 399 Commissioner within 30 days after reinsurance recoverables from any single assuming  
 400 insurers, or group of affiliated assuming insurers, exceeds 50 percent of the domestic  
 401 ceding insurer's last reported surplus to policyholders, or after it is determined that  
 402 reinsurance recoverables from any single assuming insurer, or group of affiliated  
 403 assuming insurers, is likely to exceed this limit. The notification shall demonstrate that  
 404 the exposure is safely managed by the domestic ceding insurer.

405 (B) A ceding insurer shall take steps to diversify its reinsurance program. A domestic  
 406 ceding insurer shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days after ceding to any single  
 407 assuming insurer, or group of affiliated assuming insurers, more than 20 percent of the  
 408 ceding insurer's gross written premium in the prior calendar year, or after it has  
 409 determined that the reinsurance ceded to any single assuming insurer, or group of  
 410 affiliated assuming insurers, is likely to exceed this limit. The notification shall  
 411 demonstrate that the exposure is safely managed by the domestic ceding insurer.

412 (b) ~~A~~ An asset or a reduction from liability for the reinsurance ceded by a domestic insurer  
 413 to an assuming insurer not meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section  
 414 shall be allowed in an amount not exceeding the liabilities carried by the ceding insurer and  
 415 such reduction shall be in the amount of funds held by or on behalf of the ceding insurer,  
 416 including funds held in trust for the ceding insurer, under a reinsurance contract with such  
 417 assuming insurer as security for the payment of obligations thereunder, if such security is  
 418 held in the United States subject to withdrawal solely by, and under the exclusive control  
 419 of, the ceding insurer; or, in the case of a trust, held in a qualified United States financial  
 420 institution, as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section. This security  
 421 may be in the form of:

422 (1) Cash;

423 (2) Securities listed by the Securities Valuation Office of the National Association of  
 424 Insurance Commissioners, including those deemed exempt from filing as defined by the  
 425 Purposes and Procedures Manual of the Securities Validation Office, and qualifying as  
 426 admitted assets;

427 (3) Clean, irrevocable, unconditional letters of credit, issued or confirmed by a qualified  
 428 United States institution, as defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code  
 429 section, no later than December 31 of the year for which filing is being made, and in the  
 430 possession of, or in the trust for, the ceding ~~company~~ insurer on or before the filing date  
 431 of its annual statement. Letters of credit meeting applicable standards of issuer  
 432 acceptability as of the dates of their issuance or confirmation shall, notwithstanding the  
 433 issuing or confirming institution's subsequent failure to meet applicable standards of  
 434 issuer acceptability, continue to be acceptable as security until their expiration, extension,  
 435 renewal, modification, or amendment, whichever first occurs; or

436 (4) Any other form of security acceptable to the Commissioner.

437 (c)(1) For purposes of paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section, 'qualified  
 438 United States financial institution' means an institution that:

439 (A) Is organized or, in the case of a United States office of a foreign banking  
 440 organization, licensed under the laws of the United States or any state thereof;

441 (B) Is regulated, supervised, and examined by the United States federal or state  
 442 authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies; and

443 (C) Has been determined by either the Commissioner or the Securities Valuation  
 444 Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to meet such standards  
 445 of financial condition and standing as are considered necessary and appropriate to  
 446 regulate the quality of financial institutions whose letters of credit will be acceptable  
 447 to the Commissioner.

448 (2) A 'qualified United States financial institution' means, for the purposes of those  
 449 provisions of this Code section specifying those institutions that are eligible to act as a  
 450 fiduciary of a trust, an institution that:

451 (A) Is organized or, in the case of a United States branch or agency office of a foreign  
 452 banking organization, licensed under the laws of the United States or any state thereof  
 453 and has been granted authority to operate with fiduciary powers; and

454 (B) Is regulated, supervised, and examined by federal or state authorities having  
 455 regulatory authority over banks and trust companies."

#### 456 SECTION 4.

457 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.