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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1198

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3971L.03T 2004

AN ACT

To repeal section 382.210, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to extraordinary dividends for insurance holding companies.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 382.210, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 382.210, to read as follows:

382.210. 1. No insurer subject to registration under section 382.100 shall pay any

2 extraordinary dividend or make any other extraordinary distribution to its shareholders until

3 thirty days after the director has received notice of the declaration thereof and has not within such

4 period disapproved such payment, or the director has approved the payment within such

5 thirty-day period. For purposes of this section, net income excludes net realized capital gains

6 to the extent that realized capital gains exceed realized capital losses, and an extraordinary

dividend or distribution includes any dividend or distribution of cash or other property, whose

fair market value together with that of dividends or distributions made within the period of

twelve consecutive months ending on the date on which the proposed dividends are scheduled

10 for payment or distribution:

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(1) For life [insurance companies and], title, and property and casualty insurance

companies, such amount exceeds the greater of ten percent of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders as of the thirty-first day of December next preceding, or the net gain from

policyholders as of the thirty-first day of December next preceding, or the net gain from operations of the insurer, if the insurer is a life insurer, or the net investment income, if the

15 insurer is a title insurer, or the net income, if the insurer is a property and casualty insurer,

16 for the twelve-month period ending the thirty-first day of December next preceding, but shall not

17 include pro rata distributions of any class of the insurer's own securities;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.

- (2) For all other insurers, such amount exceeds the lesser of ten percent of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders as of the thirty-first day of December next preceding, or the net investment income for the twelve-month period ending the thirty-first day of December next preceding, but shall not include pro rata distributions of any class of the insurer's own securities.
 - 2. A life [or], title, **or property and casualty** insurer subject to registration under section 382.100 may only pay a shareholder dividend from earned surplus. With the prior approval of the director, a dividend may be declared from other than earned surplus.
 - 3. No life [or], title, or property and casualty insurer subject to registration under section 382.100 shall pay any extraordinary dividend unless, after the transaction is completed, the company's surplus as regards policyholders is reasonable in relation to the company's outstanding liabilities and adequate to its financial needs. In making this determination, the director shall use the factors found in section 382.200 and may consider:
 - (1) The quality of the company's earnings and the extent to which the reported earnings include extraordinary items; or
 - (2) The recent past and projected future trend in the company's surplus as regards policyholders.
 - 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an insurer may declare an extraordinary dividend or distribution which is conditional upon the director's approval thereof, and the declaration shall confer no rights upon shareholders until the director has approved the payment of the dividend or distribution, or the director has not disapproved the payment within the thirty-day period referred to above.