

HB 2345 -- Travel Club Assets

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Currently, a travel club must have liquid assets of at least \$250,000 in certificates of deposit or a letter of credit from a banking institution with at least \$75 million in assets before it can register or renew a registration with the Attorney General. This bill requires a travel club to have assets of at least \$50,000 in certificates of deposits or letters of credit issued by banking institutions in good standing with the Division of Finance within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration or in the form of surety bonds. The assets are not required to be liquid.

A travel club which has been adjudged to have failed to satisfy the legal obligations required under Section 407.1240, RSMo, must demonstrate within 30 days of the adjudication that it possesses at least \$250,000 in assets. Failure to do so will result in the registration statement no longer being effective.

Upon the written notification of the dissolution of a travel club, the Attorney General must release the travel club's assets within 30 days if the travel club has satisfied its legal obligations under Sections 407.1240 and 407.1252 and no alleged violations are pending.

The bill contains an emergency clause.