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AN ACT

To repeal sections 362.333, 375.020, and 382.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to insurance regulation.

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

Section A. Sections 362.333, 375.020, and 382.020, RSMo, are repealed

- 2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 362.333,
- 3 375.020, and 382.020, to read as follows:

362.333. In addition to the powers authorized in section 362.332, a bank

- 2 or trust company [with authorized trust authority and created under the laws of
- 3 this state] created under the laws of this or any other state or national
- 4 bank, with authorized trust authority may transfer by assignment, for
- 5 consideration or no consideration, some or all of its fiduciary obligations that
- 6 consist only of irrevocable life insurance trusts to [the Missouri trust office of an
- 7 out-of-state bank with trust powers or an out-of-state trust company] any bank
- 8 or trust company with authorized trust authority. The transfer of such
- 9 irrevocable life insurance trusts shall be subject to the provisions of this section
- and to all regulatory procedures described in subsections 2 to 7 of section 362.332.
- 11 On the effective date of the transfer of fiduciary obligations under this section,
- 12 the transferring bank or trust company shall be released from all transferred
- 13 fiduciary obligations and shall cease to act as a fiduciary, except that such
- 14 transferring bank or trust company shall not be relieved of any obligations
- 15 arising out of a breach of fiduciary duty occurring prior to such effective date.

375.020. 1. Beginning January 1, 2008, each insurance producer, unless

- 2 exempt pursuant to section 375.016, licensed to sell insurance in this state shall
- 3 successfully complete courses of study as required by this section. Any person
- 4 licensed to act as an insurance producer shall, during each two years, attend
- 5 courses or programs of instruction or attend seminars equivalent to a minimum
- 3 of sixteen hours of instruction. Of the sixteen hours' training required in this
- subsection, the hours need not be divided equally among the lines of authority in
- 8 which the producer has qualified. The courses or programs attended by the
- 9 producer during each two-year period shall include instruction on Missouri law,
- 10 products offered in any line of authority in which the producer is qualified,
- 11 producers' duties and obligations to the department, and business ethics,
- 12 including sales suitability. Course credit shall be given to members of the
- 13 general assembly as determined by the department.
- 2. Subject to approval by the director, the courses or programs of
- 15 instruction which shall be deemed to meet the director's standards for continuing
- 16 educational requirements shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 17 (1) American College Courses (CLU, ChFC);
- 18 (2) Life Underwriters Training Council (LUTC);
- 19 (3) Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC);
- 20 (4) Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU);
- 21 (5) Insurance Institute of America (IIA);
- 22 (6) Any other professional financial designation approved by the director
- 23 by rule;
- 24 (7) An insurance-related course taught by an accredited college or
- 25 university or qualified instructor who has taught a course of insurance law at
- 26 such institution;
- 27 (8) A course or program of instruction or seminar developed or sponsored
- 28 by any authorized insurer, recognized producer association or insurance trade
- 29 association, or any other entity engaged in the business of providing education
- 30 courses to producers. A local producer group may also be approved if the
- 31 instructor receives no compensation for services.
- 32 3. A person teaching any approved course of instruction or lecturing at
- 33 any approved seminar shall qualify for the same number of classroom hours as
- 34 would be granted to a person taking and successfully completing such course,
- 35 seminar or program.
- 36 4. Excess hours accumulated during any two-year period may be carried

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37 forward to the two-year period immediately following the two-year period in 38 which the course, program or seminar was held.

- 5. For good cause shown, the director may grant an extension of time during which the educational requirements imposed by this section may be completed, but such extension of time shall not exceed the period of one calendar year. The director may grant an individual waiver of the mandatory continuing education requirement upon a showing by the licensee that it is not feasible for the licensee to satisfy the requirements prior to the renewal date. Waivers may be granted for reasons including, but not limited to:
 - (1) Serious physical injury or illness;

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- (2) Active duty in the armed services for an extended period of time;
- 48 (3) Residence outside the United States; or
- 49 (4) The licensee is at least seventy years of age.
- 6. Every person subject to the provisions of this section shall furnish in a form satisfactory to the director, written certification as to the courses, programs or seminars of instruction taken and successfully completed by such person. Every provider of continuing education courses authorized in this state shall, within thirty working days of a licensed producer completing its approved course, provide certification to the director of the completion in a format prescribed by the director.
 - 7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to those natural persons holding licenses for any kind or kinds of insurance for which an examination is not required by the law of this state, nor shall they apply to any limited lines insurance producer license or restricted license as the director may exempt.
 - 8. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a life insurance producer who is limited by the terms of a written agreement with the insurer to transact only specific life insurance policies having an initial face amount of [five] fifteen thousand dollars or less, or annuities having an initial face amount of [ten] fifteen thousand dollars or less, that are designated by the purchaser for the payment of funeral or burial expenses. The director may require the insurer entering into the written agreements with the insurance producers pursuant to this subsection to certify as to the representations of the insurance producers.
 - 9. Rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this section shall be promulgated by the director, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations regarding the following:

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- (1) Course content and hour credits: the insurance advisory board established by section 375.019 shall be utilized by the director to assist him in determining acceptable content of courses, programs and seminars to include classroom equivalency;
- 76 (2) Filing fees for course approval: every applicant seeking approval by the director of a continuing education course under this section shall pay to the 77director a filing fee of fifty dollars per course. Fees shall be waived for state and 78 local insurance producer groups. Such fee shall accompany any application form 79 80 required by the director. Courses shall be approved for a period of no more than one year. Applicants holding courses intended to be offered for a longer period 81 must reapply for approval. Courses approved by the director prior to August 28, 82 1993, for which continuous certification is sought should be resubmitted for 83 approval sixty days before the anniversary date of the previous approval. 84
- 10. All funds received pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be transmitted by the director to the department of revenue for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the insurance dedicated fund. All expenditures necessitated by this section shall be paid from funds appropriated from the insurance dedicated fund by the legislature.
- 382.020. 1. Any domestic insurer, either by itself or in cooperation with 2 one or more persons, may invest in, otherwise acquire or operate one or more 3 subsidiaries engaged or registered to engage in one or more of the following 4 businesses:
- 5 (1) Any kind of insurance business authorized by the laws of the state of 6 Missouri;
 - (2) Investing, reinvesting or trading in securities for its own account, that of its parent, any subsidiary of its parent, or any affiliate or subsidiary;
- 9 (3) Rendering other services including, but not limited to, actuarial, loss 10 prevention, safety engineering, marketing, data processing, accounting, claims, 11 appraisal and collection services, if such services relate to the operations of the 12 insurance business of the insurer; provided, however, that such services shall not 13 include services of salvage of motor vehicles, the mechanical, body or other repair 14 of motor vehicles and the towing or retrieval of motor vehicles;
- 15 (4) Ownership and management of the kinds of assets which the parent 16 corporation could itself own or manage;
- 17 (5) Acting as administrative agent for a governmental instrumentality

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- 18 which is performing an insurance function;
- 19 (6) Financing of insurance premiums;
- 20 (7) Any other business activity determined by the director to be 21 reasonably ancillary to the insurance business of the insurer;
- 22 (8) Owning a corporation or corporations engaged in or organized to 23 engage exclusively in one or more of the businesses specified in this section;
- 24 (9) Acting as an insurance broker or as an insurance agent for its parent 25 or for any of its parent's insurer subsidiaries;
- 26 (10) Management of any investment company subject to or registered 27 pursuant to the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, including 28 related sales and services;
- 29 (11) Acting as a broker-dealer subject to or registered pursuant to the 30 federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
 - (12) Rendering investment advice to governments, government agencies, corporations or other organizations or groups.
- 2. In addition, a domestic insurance company may, if it maintains books 33 34 and records which separately account for such business, engage directly in any business referred to in subdivisions (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of subsection 1 of this 35 section, either to the extent necessarily or properly incidental to the insurance 36 business the insurer is authorized to do in this state or to the extent approved by 37 38 the director and subject to any limitations the director may prescribe for the 39 protection of the interests of the policyholders of the insurer after taking into account the effect of such business on the insurer's existing insurance business 40 and its surplus, the proposed allocation of the estimated costs of such business 41 42 and the risks inherent in such business as well as the relative advantages to the insurer and its policyholders of conducting such business directly instead of 43 through a subsidiary. Nothing in sections 382.010 to 382.300 shall be deemed to 44 limit the powers of a domestic insurance company existing prior to September 28, 45 1971. 46
- 3. In addition to investments in common stock, preferred stock, debt obligations and other securities permitted domestic insurers, a domestic insurer may also do one or more of the following:
- 50 (1) Invest in common stock, preferred stock, debt obligations, and other 51 securities of one or more subsidiaries, amounts which do not exceed the lesser of 52 [five] ten percent of such insurer's assets or fifty percent of such insurer's

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surplus as regards policyholders, if after such investments the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders will be reasonable in relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities and adequate to its financial needs. In calculating the amount of such investment, investments in domestic or foreign insurance subsidiaries shall be excluded, and there shall be included:

- (a) Total net moneys or other consideration expended and obligations assumed in the acquisition or formation of a subsidiary, including all organizational expenses and contributions to capital and surplus of such subsidiary whether or not represented by the purchase of capital stock or issuance of other securities; and
- 63 (b) All amounts expended in acquiring additional common stock, preferred 64 stock, debt obligations, and other securities and all contributions to the capital 65 or surplus of a subsidiary subsequent to its acquisition or formation;
- (2) With the approval of the director, invest any greater amount in common stock, preferred stock, debt obligations, or other securities of one or more subsidiaries, if after such investment the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders will be reasonable in relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities and adequate to its financial needs;
 - (3) Invest any amount in common stock, preferred stock, debt obligations and other securities of one or more subsidiaries engaged or organized to engage exclusively in the ownership and management of assets authorized as investments for the insurer, provided that each such subsidiary agrees to limit its investments in any asset so that such investments will not cause the amount of the total investment of the insurer to exceed any of the investment limitations specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection or in other insurance laws applicable to the insurer. For the purpose of this subdivision, the total investment of the insurer shall include:
 - (a) Any direct investment by the insurer in an asset; and
 - (b) The insurer's proportionate share of any investment in an asset by any subsidiary of the insurer, which shall be calculated by multiplying the amount of the subsidiary's investment by the percentage of the ownership of such subsidiary.
- 4. Investments in common stock, preferred stock, debt obligations or other securities made pursuant to subsection 3 of this section shall be made as provided by the statutes of this state.

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5. Whether any investment pursuant to subsections 3 and 4 of this section meets the applicable requirements thereof is to be determined immediately after such investment is made, taking into account the then outstanding principal balance on all previous investments in debt obligations, and the value of all previous investments in equity securities as of the date they are made.

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