

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 SB0375

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Sen. Napoleon Harris, III

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

2	15 ILC	s 5/532			from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.8	2
2	15 ILC	s 5/537.9			from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.8	7-9
2	15 ILC	S 5/538			from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.8	8
2	15 ILC	s 5/538.2			from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.8	8-2
2	15 ILC	s 5/538.7			from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.8	8-7
2	15 ILC	s 5/538.10	new							

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Authorizes the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund, at the direction of its board of directors and subject to the approval of the Director of Insurance, to form and own a not-for-profit corporation to which the Fund may delegate certain of its powers and duties provided by the Code. Allows the not-for-profit corporation to contract to provide services to the Office of Special Deputy Receiver or any other person or organization authorized by law to carry out the duties of the Director in the capacity of receiver under specified provisions of the Code, the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, an organizations in another state similar to the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund or the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by changing Sections 532, 537.9, 538, 538.2, and 538.7 and by adding Section 538.10 as follows:

7 (215 ILCS 5/532) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.82)

Sec. 532. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to provide a mechanism for the payment of covered claims under certain insurance policies and the expenses of the Fund in handling covered claims and to participate in and facilitate the process by which the assets of an insolvent company are marshaled and distributed pursuant to Article XIII of this Code or similar provisions in other states and jurisdictions to, among other things, reimburse the cost of covered claims, to avoid excessive delay in payment of covered claims, to avoid financial loss to claimants or policyholders because of the entry of an Order of Liquidation against an insolvent company, and to provide a Fund to assess among member companies the costs cost of such protection and maintain the continuity and self-sufficient operation of the Fund, and to offset the costs associated with maintaining the Fund's continuity and self-sufficient operations when practical by

- 1 providing assistance and services to the Director in her or
- 2 his capacity as receiver under Article XIII of this Code and
- 3 other State guaranty organizations in the performance of their
- 4 respective statutory and legal functions provided by law among
- 5 member companies.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 85-576.)
- 7 (215 ILCS 5/537.9) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.87-9)
- 8 Sec. 537.9. The Fund shall handle claims through its
- 9 employees or through one or more companies or other persons
- 10 employed as servicing facilities, including a corporation
- formed pursuant to Section 538.10.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 85-576.)
- 13 (215 ILCS 5/538) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.88)
- 14 Sec. 538. Powers of the Fund. The Fund shall have the
- powers enumerated in the Sections following this Section and
- preceding Section 539 538.1 through 538.8.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 77-305.)
- 18 (215 ILCS 5/538.2) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.88-2)
- 19 Sec. 538.2. The Fund may employ or retain such persons as
- are necessary to handle claims and perform other duties of the
- 21 Fund or may delegate such functions to a corporation formed
- pursuant to Section 538.10.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 77-305.)

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1 (215 ILCS 5/538.7) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.88-7)

Sec. 538.7. (a) The Fund may perform such other acts as are necessary or proper to effectuate the purposes of this Article.

(b) The Fund may contract with the Office of Special Deputy Receiver or any other person or organizations authorized by law to carry out the duties of the Director in her or his capacity as a receiver under Article XIII of this Code, the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association under Article XXXIII 1/2 of this Code, and organizations in another state similar to the Fund or the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The power of the Fund to contract with these persons or entities includes, but is not limited to, providing consulting services and claims administration services that assist with these persons or entities in the performance of their respective statutory and legal functions provided by law. The Fund may only exercise the authority to contract pursuant to this subsection upon the board of director's written determination that the provisioning of such services will advance the purposes set forth in Section 532. Any contract with organizations in another state similar to the Fund or the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association shall be subject to the prior approval of the Director. Any contract the Fund may enter into to provide services pursuant to this

- 1 <u>subsection shall be subordinate and subject to the Fund's</u>
- 2 statutory obligations to timely pay covered claims and avoid
- 3 financial loss to claimants or policyholders described in this
- 4 Article.

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- 5 (Source: P.A. 82-210.)
- 6 (215 ILCS 5/538.10 new)
- 7 Sec. 538.10. Formation of a not-for-profit corporation; 8 delegation of Fund powers. The Fund may, at the direction of its board of directors and subject to the approval of the 9 10 Director, form a not-for-profit corporation under the General 11 Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. The Fund may delegate 12 in its plan of operation any or all powers and duties of the 13 Fund, except those provided by Sections 537.6 and 538.3. The 14 not-for-profit corporation may contract to provide services to 15 any or all of the following types of organizations: (a) the 16 Office of Special Deputy Receiver or any other person or organization authorized by law to carry out the duties of the 17 18 Director in the capacity as a receiver under Article XIII of this Code; (b) the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 19 20 Association under Article XXXIII 1/2 of this Code; and (c) 21 organizations in another state similar to the Fund or the 22 Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The 23 not-for-profit corporation is authorized to contract pursuant 24 to this Section upon the board of directors' written

determination that the provisioning of such services will

- 1 advance the purpose set forth in Section 532. Any contract 2 with a organization in another state similar to the Fund or the 3 Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association shall 4 be subject to the prior approval of the Director. Any contract the not-for-profit corporation may enter into to provide 5 6 services pursuant to this Section shall be subordinate and subject to the Fund's statutory obligations to timely pay 7 covered claims and avoid financial loss to claimants or 8 9 policyholders described in this Article.
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.