94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/20/2006, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/392.2 new

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires powers of attorney for fidelity and surety insurers making an agent an attorney-in-fact to execute bonds to be duly acknowledged and recorded in the circuit court clerk's office in certain circumstances. Provides that a power of attorney need not be filed if a copy or facsimile of the power of attorney is attached to the bond or other obligation. Provides that the power of attorney need only be filed once while it remains in effect. Provides that the power of attorney shall give the attorney-in-fact the power to bind the surety on any bond until the expiration or revocation of the power of attorney.

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AN ACT concerning insurance.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by adding
Section 392.2 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/392.2 new)

Sec. 392.2. Powers of attorney.

(a) Each power of attorney for a fidelity and surety 8 insurer to an agent making that agent an attorney-in-fact to 9 execute any bond, as provided in paragraph (g) of Class 2 of 10 Section 4 of this Code, in the name and on behalf of the 11 insurer as surety shall, unless the power of attorney is 12 special and limited to one transaction or to definitely stated 13 14 transactions, be duly acknowledged and recorded in the clerk's 15 office of each circuit court where the powers delegated by it are to be exercised. No recording is required in any court in 16 17 this State if the power of attorney or a copy or a facsimile thereof, which may included a printed or facsimile signature or 18 19 corporate seal, in the name and on behalf of the insurer as surety, is duly attached to or made part of the bond or other 20 21 obligation.

22 (b) Any power of attorney recorded under subsection (a) of 23 this Section shall require no additional filings as long as the 24 power of attorney remains in effect.

(c) For any power of attorney that must be recorded under 25 26 subsection (a) of this Section, the power of an attorney-in-fact to bind the surety on any bond with the 27 28 authority conferred by a power of attorney shall, unless the power of attorney is otherwise limited, continue until the 29 30 expiration of the power or until the power is revoked by the surety with a written and sealed instrument duly acknowledged 31 32 and recorded in the county where the power of attorney is

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1 <u>recorded</u>.