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To amend sections 3905.01, 3905.06, and 3905.40 and 1
to enact section 3905.062 of the Revised Code to 2
establish requirements and procedures for issuing 3
portable electronics insurance. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3905.01, 3905.06, and 3905.40 be 5
amended and section 3905.062 of the Revised Code be enacted to 6
read as follows: 7

Sec. 3905.01. As used in this chapter: 8

(A) "Business entity" means a corporation, association, 9
partnership, limited liability company, limited liability 10
partnership, or other legal entity. 11

(B) "Home state" means the state or territory of the United 12
States, including the District of Columbia, in which an insurance 13
agent maintains the insurance agent's principal place of residence 14
or principal place of business and is licensed to act as an 15
insurance agent. 16

(C) "Insurance" means any of the lines of authority set forth 17
in Chapter 1739., 1751., or 1761. or Title XXXIX of the Revised 18
Code, or as additionally determined by the superintendent of 19
insurance. 20

(D) "Insurance agent" or "agent" means any person that, in 21
order to sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance, is required to be 22
licensed under the laws of this state, including limited lines 23
insurance agents and surplus line brokers. 24

(E) "Insurer" has the same meaning as in section 3901.32 of 25
the Revised Code. 26

(F) "License" means the authority issued by the 27
superintendent to a person to act as an insurance agent for the 28
lines of authority specified, but that does not create any actual, 29
apparent, or inherent authority in the person to represent or 30
commit an insurer. 31

(G) "Limited line credit insurance" means credit life, credit 32
disability, credit property, credit unemployment, involuntary 33
unemployment, mortgage life, mortgage guaranty, mortgage 34
disability, guaranteed automobile protection insurance, or any 35
other form of insurance offered in connection with an extension of 36
credit that is limited to partially or wholly extinguishing that 37
credit obligation and that is designated by the superintendent as 38
limited line credit insurance. 39

(H) "Limited line credit insurance agent" means a person that 40
sells, solicits, or negotiates one or more forms of limited line 41
credit insurance to individuals through a master, corporate, 42
group, or individual policy. 43

(I) "Limited lines insurance" means those lines of authority 44
set forth in divisions (B)(7) to ~~(10)~~(11) of section 3905.06 of 45
the Revised Code or in rules adopted by the superintendent, or any 46
lines of authority the superintendent considers necessary to 47

recognize for purposes of complying with section 3905.072 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Limited lines insurance agent" means a person authorized by the superintendent to sell, solicit, or negotiate limited lines insurance.

(K) "NAIC" means the national association of insurance commissioners.

(L) "Negotiate" means to confer directly with, or offer advice directly to, a purchaser or prospective purchaser of a particular contract of insurance with respect to the substantive benefits, terms, or conditions of the contract, provided the person that is conferring or offering advice either sells insurance or obtains insurance from insurers for purchasers.

(M) "Person" means an individual or a business entity.

(N) "Sell" means to exchange a contract of insurance by any means, for money or its equivalent, on behalf of an insurer.

(O) "Solicit" means to attempt to sell insurance, or to ask or urge a person to apply for a particular kind of insurance from a particular insurer.

(P) "Superintendent" or "superintendent of insurance" means the superintendent of insurance of this state.

(Q) "Terminate" means to cancel the relationship between an insurance agent and the insurer or to terminate an insurance agent's authority to transact insurance.

(R) "Uniform application" means the NAIC uniform application for resident and nonresident agent licensing, as amended by the NAIC from time to time.

(S) "Uniform business entity application" means the NAIC uniform business entity application for resident and nonresident business entities, as amended by the NAIC from time to time.

Sec. 3905.06. (A)(1) The superintendent of insurance shall 78
issue a resident insurance agent license to an individual 79
applicant whose home state is Ohio upon submission of a completed 80
application and payment of any applicable fee required under this 81
chapter, if the superintendent finds all of the following: 82

(a) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age. 83

(b) The applicant has not committed any act that is a ground 84
for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license under 85
section 3905.14 of the Revised Code. 86

(c) If required under section 3905.04 of the Revised Code, 87
the applicant has completed a program of insurance education for 88
each line of authority for which the applicant has applied. 89

(d) If required under section 3905.04 of the Revised Code, 90
the applicant has passed an examination for each line of authority 91
for which the applicant has applied. 92

(e) Any applicant applying for variable life-variable annuity 93
line of authority is registered with the financial industry 94
regulatory authority (FINRA) as a registered representative after 95
having passed at least one of the following examinations 96
administered by the FINRA: the series 6 examination, the series 7 97
examination, the series 63 examination, the series 66 examination, 98
or any other FINRA examination approved by the superintendent. 99

(f) If required under section 3905.051 of the Revised Code, 100
the applicant has consented to a criminal records check and the 101
results of the applicant's criminal records check are determined 102
to be satisfactory by the superintendent. 103

(g) The applicant is a United States citizen or has provided 104
proof of having legal authorization to work in the United States. 105

(h) The applicant is of good reputation and character, is 106
honest and trustworthy, and is otherwise suitable to be licensed. 107

(2) The superintendent shall issue a resident insurance agent license to a business entity applicant upon submission of a completed application and payment of any applicable fees required under this chapter if the superintendent finds all of the following:

(a) The Except as provided under division (C)(2) of section 3905.062 of the Revised Code, the applicant either is domiciled in Ohio or maintains its principal place of business in Ohio.

(b) The applicant has designated a licensed insurance agent who will be responsible for the applicant's compliance with the insurance laws of this state.

(c) The applicant has not committed any act that is a ground for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license under section 3905.14 of the Revised Code.

(d) Any applicant applying for a portable electronics insurance license line of authority satisfies the requirements of division (C)(1) of section 3905.062 of the Revised Code.

(e) The applicant has submitted any other documents requested by the superintendent.

(B) An insurance agent license issued pursuant to division (A) of this section shall state the licensee's name, the license number, the date of issuance, the date the license expires, the line or lines of authority for which the licensee is qualified, and any other information the superintendent deems necessary.

A licensee may be qualified for any of the following lines of authority:

(1) Life, which is insurance coverage on human lives, including benefits of endowment and annuities, and may include benefits in the event of death or dismemberment by accident and benefits for disability income;

(2) Accident and health, which is insurance coverage for sickness, bodily injury, or accidental death, and may include benefits for disability income;	138 139 140
(3) Property, which is insurance coverage for the direct or consequential loss or damage to property of any kind;	141 142
(4) Casualty, which is insurance coverage against legal liability, including coverage for death, injury, or disability or damage to real or personal property;	143 144 145
(5) Personal lines, which is property and casualty insurance coverage sold to individuals and families for noncommercial purposes;	146 147 148
(6) Variable life and variable annuity products, which is insurance coverage provided under variable life insurance contracts and variable annuities;	149 150 151
(7) Credit, which is limited line credit insurance;	152
(8) Title, which is insurance coverage against loss or damage suffered by reason of liens against, encumbrances upon, defects in, or the unmarketability of, real property;	153 154 155
(9) Surety bail bond, which is the authority set forth in sections 3905.83 to 3905.95 of the Revised Code;	156 157
(10) <u>Portable electronics insurance, which is a limited line described in section 3905.062 of the Revised Code;</u>	158 159
<u>(11)</u> Any other line of authority designated by the superintendent.	160 161
(C)(1) An individual seeking to renew a resident insurance agent license shall apply biennially for a renewal of the license on or before the last day of the licensee's birth month. A business entity seeking to renew a resident insurance agent license shall apply biennially for a renewal of the license on or before the date determined by the superintendent. The	162 163 164 165 166 167

superintendent shall send a renewal notice to all licensees at 168
least one month prior to the renewal date. 169

Applications shall be submitted to the superintendent on 170
forms prescribed by the superintendent. Each application shall be 171
accompanied by a biennial renewal fee. The superintendent also may 172
require an applicant to submit any document reasonably necessary 173
to verify the information contained in the renewal application. 174

(2) To be eligible for renewal, an individual applicant shall 175
complete the continuing education requirements pursuant to section 176
3905.481 of the Revised Code prior to the renewal date. 177

(3) If an applicant submits a completed renewal application, 178
qualifies for renewal pursuant to divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this 179
section, and has not committed any act that is a ground for the 180
refusal to issue, suspension of, or revocation of a license under 181
section 3905.14 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall 182
renew the applicant's resident insurance agent license. 183

(D) If an individual or business entity does not apply for 184
the renewal of the individual or business entity's license on or 185
before the license renewal date specified in division (C)(1) of 186
this section, the individual or business entity may submit a late 187
renewal application along with all applicable fees required under 188
this chapter prior to the first day of the second month following 189
the license renewal date. 190

(E) A license issued under this section that is not renewed 191
on or before its renewal date pursuant to division (C) of this 192
section or its late renewal date pursuant to division (D) of this 193
section automatically is suspended for nonrenewal on the first day 194
of the second month following the renewal date. If a license is 195
suspended for nonrenewal pursuant to this division, the individual 196
or business entity is eligible to apply for reinstatement of the 197
license within the twelve-month period following the date by which 198

the license should have been renewed by complying with the 199
reinstatement procedure established by the superintendent and 200
paying all applicable fees required under this chapter. 201

(F) A license that is suspended for nonrenewal that is not 202
reinstated pursuant to division (E) of this section automatically 203
is canceled unless the superintendent is investigating any 204
allegations of wrongdoing by the agent or has initiated 205
proceedings under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. In that case, 206
the license automatically is canceled after the completion of the 207
investigation or proceedings unless the superintendent revokes the 208
license. 209

(G) An individual licensed as a resident insurance agent who 210
is unable to comply with the license renewal procedures 211
established under this section and who is unable to engage in the 212
business of insurance due to military service, a long-term medical 213
disability, or some other extenuating circumstance may request an 214
extension of the renewal date of the individual's license. To be 215
eligible for such an extension, the individual shall submit a 216
written request with supporting documentation to the 217
superintendent. At the superintendent's discretion, the 218
superintendent may not consider a written request made after the 219
renewal date of the license. 220

Sec. 3905.062. (A) As used in this section: 221

(1) "Customer" means a person who purchases portable 222
electronics or services. 223

(2) "Enrolled customer" means a customer who elects coverage 224
under a portable electronics insurance policy issued to a vendor 225
of portable electronics by an insurer. 226

(3) "Endorsee" means an employee or authorized representative 227
of a vendor authorized to sell or offer portable electronics 228

insurance. 229

(4) "Location" means any physical location in this state or 230
any web site, call center site, or similar location directed to 231
residents of this state. 232

(5) "Portable electronics" means a personal, self-contained, 233
battery-operated electronic communication, viewing, listening, 234
recording, gaming, computing, or global positioning device that is 235
easily carried by an individual, including a cellular or satellite 236
telephone; pager; personal global positioning satellite unit; 237
portable computer; portable audio listening, video viewing or 238
recording device; digital camera; video camcorder; portable gaming 239
system; docking station; automatic answering device; and any other 240
similar device, and any accessory related to the use of the 241
device. 242

(6) "Portable electronics insurance" means insurance 243
providing coverage for the repair or replacement of portable 244
electronics, which may be offered on a month-to-month or other 245
periodic basis as a group or master commercial inland marine 246
policy issued to a vendor by an insurer, and may cover portable 247
electronics against loss, theft, inoperability due to mechanical 248
failure, malfunction, damage, or other applicable perils. 249
"Portable electronics insurance" does not mean any of the 250
following: 251

(a) A consumer goods service contract governed by section 252
3905.423 of the Revised Code; 253

(b) A policy of insurance covering a seller's or a 254
manufacturer's obligations under a warranty; 255

(c) A homeowner's, renter's, private passenger automobile, 256
commercial multi-peril, or similar insurance policy. 257

(7) "Portable electronics transaction" means the sale or 258
lease of portable electronics by a vendor to a customer or the 259

sale of a service related to the use of portable electronics by a 260
vendor to a customer. 261

(8) "Supervising entity" means an insurer or a business 262
entity licensed as an insurance agent under section 3905.06 of the 263
Revised Code that is appointed by an insurer to supervise the 264
administration of a portable electronics insurance program. 265

(9) "Vendor" means a person in the business of engaging in 266
portable electronics transactions directly or indirectly. 267

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, 268
no vendor or vendor's employee shall offer, sell, solicit, or 269
place portable electronics insurance unless the vendor is licensed 270
under section 3905.06 or 3905.07 of the Revised Code with a 271
portable electronics insurance line of authority. 272

(2) Any vendor offering or selling portable electronics 273
insurance on or before the effective date of this section that 274
wishes to continue offering or selling that insurance shall apply 275
for a license within ninety days after the superintendent of 276
insurance makes the application available. 277

(C)(1) The superintendent shall issue a resident business 278
entity license to a vendor under section 3905.06 of the Revised 279
Code if the vendor satisfies the requirements of sections 3905.05 280
and 3905.06 of the Revised Code, except that the application for a 281
portable electronics insurance license shall satisfy the following 282
additional requirements: 283

(a) The application shall include the location of the 284
vendor's home office. 285

(b) If the application requires the vendor to designate an 286
individual or entity as a responsible insurance agent, that agent 287
shall not be required to be an employee of the applicant and may 288
be the supervising entity or an individual agent who is an 289
employee of the supervising entity. 290

(c) If the vendor derives less than fifty per cent of the 291
vendor's revenue from the sale of portable electronics insurance, 292
the application for a portable electronics insurance license may 293
require the vendor to provide the name, residence address, and 294
other information required by the superintendent for one employee 295
or officer of the vendor who is designated by the vendor as the 296
person responsible for the vendor's compliance with the 297
requirements of this chapter. 298

(d) If the vendor derives fifty per cent or more of the 299
vendor's revenue from the sale of portable electronics insurance, 300
the application may require the information listed under division 301
(C)(1)(c) of this section for all owners with at least ten per 302
cent interest or voting interest, partners, officers, and 303
directors of the vendor, or members or managers of a vendor that 304
is a limited liability company. 305

(2) The superintendent shall issue a nonresident business 306
entity license to a vendor if the vendor satisfies the 307
requirements of section 3905.07 of the Revised Code. However, if 308
the nonresident vendor's home state does not issue a limited lines 309
license for portable electronics insurance, the nonresident vendor 310
may apply for a resident license under section 3905.06 of the 311
Revised Code in the same manner and with the same rights and 312
privileges as if the vendor were a resident of this state. 313

(D) The holder of a limited lines license may not sell, 314
solicit, or negotiate insurance on behalf of any insurer unless 315
appointed to represent that insurer under section 3905.20 of the 316
Revised Code. 317

(E) Division (B)(34) of section 3905.14 of the Revised Code 318
shall not apply to portable electronics vendors or the vendors' 319
endorsees. 320

(F)(1) A vendor may authorize any endorsee of the vendor to 321

sell or offer portable electronics insurance to a customer at any 322
location at which the vendor engages in portable electronics 323
transactions. 324

(2) An endorsee is not required to be licensed as an 325
insurance agent under this chapter if the vendor is licensed under 326
this section and the insurer issuing the portable electronics 327
insurance either directly supervises or appoints a supervising 328
entity to supervise the administration of the portable electronics 329
insurance program including development of a training program for 330
endorseses in accordance with division (G) of this section. 331

(3) No endorsee shall do any of the following: 332

(a) Advertise, represent, or otherwise represent the 333
endorsee's self as an insurance agent licensed under section 334
3905.06 of the Revised Code; 335

(b) Offer, sell, or solicit the purchase of portable 336
electronics insurance except in conjunction with and incidental to 337
the sale or lease of portable electronics; 338

(c) Make any statement or engage in any conduct, express or 339
implied, that would lead a customer to believe any of the 340
following: 341

(i) That the insurance policies offered by the endorsee 342
provide coverage not already provided by a customer's homeowner's 343
insurance policy, renter's insurance policy, or by another source 344
of coverage; 345

(ii) That the purchase by the customer of portable 346
electronics insurance is required in order to purchase or lease 347
portable electronics or services from the portable electronics 348
vendor; 349

(iii) That the portable electronics vendor or its endorseses 350
are qualified to evaluate the adequacy of the customer's existing 351

insurance coverage. 352

(G) Each vendor, or the supervising entity to that vendor, 353
shall provide a training and education program for all endorsees 354
who sell or offer portable electronics insurance. The program may 355
be provided as a web-based training module or in any other 356
electronic or recorded video form. The training and education 357
program shall meet all of the following minimum standards: 358

(1) The training shall be delivered to each endorsee of each 359
vendor who sells or offers portable electronics insurance and the 360
endorsee shall complete the training; 361

(2) If the training is conducted in an electronic form, the 362
supervising entity shall implement a supplemental education 363
program regarding portable electronics insurance that is conducted 364
and overseen by employees of the supervising entity who are 365
licensed as insurance agents under section 3905.06 of the Revised 366
Code; 367

(3) The training and education program shall include basic 368
information about portable electronics insurance and information 369
concerning all of the following prohibited actions of endorsees: 370

(a) No endorsee shall advertise, represent, or otherwise 371
represent the endorsee's self as a licensed insurance agent. 372

(b) No endorsee shall offer, sell, or solicit the purchase of 373
portable electronics insurance except in conjunction with and 374
incidental to the sale or lease of portable electronics. 375

(c) No endorsee shall make any statement or engage in any 376
conduct, express or implied, that would lead a customer to believe 377
any of the following: 378

(i) That the insurance policies offered by the endorsee 379
provide coverage not already provided by a customer's homeowner's 380
insurance policy, renter's insurance policy, or by another source 381

of coverage; 382

(ii) That the purchase by the customer of portable 383
electronics insurance is required in order to purchase or lease 384
portable electronics or services from the portable electronics 385
vendor; 386

(iii) That the portable electronics vendor or its endorsees 387
are qualified to evaluate the adequacy of the customer's existing 388
insurance coverage. 389

(H) A supervising entity appointed to supervise the 390
administration of a portable electronics insurance program under 391
division (F)(2) of this section shall maintain a registry of 392
locations supervised by that entity that are authorized to sell or 393
solicit portable electronics insurance in this state. The 394
supervising entity shall make the registry available to the 395
superintendent upon request by the superintendent if the 396
superintendent provides ten days' notice to the vendor or 397
supervising entity. 398

(I) At every location where a vendor offers portable 399
electronics insurance to customers, the vendor shall provide 400
brochures or other written materials to prospective customers that 401
include all of the following: 402

(1) A summary of the material terms of the insurance 403
coverage, including all of the following: 404

(a) The identity of the insurer; 405

(b) The identity of the supervising entity; 406

(c) The amount of any applicable deductible and how it is to 407
be paid; 408

(d) Benefits of the coverage; 409

(e) Key terms and conditions of coverage such as whether 410
portable electronics may be replaced with a similar make and 411

model, replaced with a reconditioned device, or repaired with 412
nonoriginal manufacturer parts or equipment. 413

(2) A summary of the process for filing a claim, including a 414
description of how to return portable electronics equipment and 415
the maximum fee applicable if a customer fails to comply with any 416
equipment return requirements; 417

(3) A disclosure that portable electronics insurance may 418
provide a duplication of coverage already provided by a customer's 419
homeowner's insurance policy, renter's insurance policy, or other 420
source of coverage; 421

(4) A disclosure that the enrollment by the customer in a 422
portable electronics insurance program is not required to purchase 423
or lease portable electronics or services; 424

(5) A disclosure that neither the endorsee nor the vendor is 425
qualified to evaluate the adequacy of the customer's existing 426
insurance coverage; 427

(6) A disclosure that the customer may cancel enrollment for 428
coverage under a portable electronics insurance policy at any time 429
and receive a refund of any applicable premium. 430

(J)(1) The charges for portable electronics insurance may be 431
billed and collected by the vendor of portable electronics, and 432
the vendor may receive compensation for performing billing and 433
collection services, if either of the following conditions are 434
met: 435

(a) If the charge to the customer for coverage is not 436
included in the cost associated with the purchase or lease of 437
portable electronics or related services, the charge for coverage 438
is separately itemized on the customer's bill. 439

(b) If the charge to the customer for coverage is included in 440
the cost associated with the purchase or lease of portable 441

electronics or related services, the vendor clearly and 442
conspicuously discloses to the customer that the charge for 443
portable electronics insurance coverage is included with the 444
charge for portable electronics or related services. 445

(2) All funds received by a vendor from a customer for the 446
sale of portable electronics insurance shall be considered funds 447
held in trust by the vendor in a fiduciary capacity for the 448
benefit of the insurer. Vendors that bill and collect such charges 449
are not required to maintain those funds in a segregated account 450
if the vendor is authorized by the insurer to hold those funds in 451
an alternate manner and the vendor remits the amount of the 452
charges to the supervising entity within sixty days after 453
receiving the charges. 454

(K)(1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (K)(2) and 455
(3) of this section, an insurer may terminate or otherwise change 456
the terms and conditions of a policy of portable electronics 457
insurance only upon providing the vendor policyholder and enrolled 458
customers with at least sixty days' prior notice. If the insurer 459
changes the terms and conditions, the insurer shall promptly 460
provide the vendor policyholder with a revised policy or 461
endorsement and each enrolled customer with a revised certificate, 462
endorsement, updated brochure, or other evidence indicating that a 463
change in the terms and conditions has occurred and a summary of 464
material changes. 465

(2) An insurer may terminate an enrolled customer's 466
enrollment under a portable electronics insurance policy upon 467
fifteen days' prior notice for discovery of fraud or material 468
misrepresentation in obtaining coverage or in the presentation of 469
a claim under the policy. 470

(3) An insurer may immediately terminate an enrolled 471
customer's enrollment under a portable electronics insurance 472
policy for any of the following reasons: 473

(a) The enrolled customer fails to pay the required premium; 474

(b) The enrolled customer ceases to have an active service 475
plan, if applicable, with the vendor of portable electronics; 476

(c) The enrolled customer exhausts the aggregate limit of 477
liability, if any, under the terms of the portable electronics 478
insurance policy and the insurer sends notice of termination to 479
the customer within thirty calendar days after exhaustion of the 480
limit. However, if the insurer does not send the notice within the 481
thirty-day time frame, enrollment shall continue notwithstanding 482
the aggregate limit of liability until the insurer sends notice of 483
termination to the enrolled customer. 484

(4) If a portable electronics insurance policy is terminated 485
by a vendor policyholder, the vendor policyholder shall provide 486
notice to each enrolled customer advising the customer of the 487
termination of the policy and the effective date of the 488
termination. The written notice shall be mailed or delivered to 489
the customer at least thirty days prior to the termination. 490

(5) Notice required pursuant to this section shall be 491
provided in writing, either via mail or by electronic means. 492

(a) If notice is provided via mail, it shall be mailed or 493
delivered to the vendor at the vendor's mailing address and to all 494
affected enrolled customers at the last known mailing addresses of 495
those customers on file with the insurer. The insurer or vendor of 496
portable electronics shall maintain proof of mailing in a form 497
authorized or accepted by the United States postal service or 498
other commercial mail delivery service. 499

(b) If notice is provided electronically, it shall be 500
transmitted via facsimile or electronic mail to the vendor at the 501
vendor's facsimile number or electronic mail address and to all 502
affected enrolled customers at the last known facsimile numbers or 503
electronic mail addresses of those customers on file with the 504

insurer. The insurer or vendor shall maintain proof that the 505
notice was sent. 506

(L) An enrolled customer may cancel the enrolled customer's 507
coverage under a portable electronics insurance policy at any 508
time. Upon cancellation, the insurer shall refund any applicable 509
unearned premium. 510

(M) A license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize 511
the vendor and its endorsees to engage only in those activities 512
that are expressly permitted by this section. 513

(N)(1) If a vendor or a vendor's endorsee violates any 514
provision of this section, the superintendent may revoke or 515
suspend the license issued or impose any other sanctions provided 516
under section 3905.14 of the Revised Code. 517

(2) If any provision of this section is violated by a vendor 518
or a vendor's endorsee at a particular location, the 519
superintendent may issue a cease and desist order to a particular 520
location, or take any other administrative action authorized in 521
section 3901.22 and division (D) of section 3905.14 of the Revised 522
Code. 523

(3) If any person violates division (B) or (F)(3) of this 524
section, the superintendent may issue a cease and desist order in 525
addition to taking any other administrative action provided for in 526
sections 3901.22 and division (D) of section 3905.14 of the 527
Revised Code. 528

(4) If the superintendent determines that a violation of this 529
section or section 3905.14 of the Revised Code has occurred, the 530
superintendent may assess a civil penalty in amount not exceeding 531
twenty-five thousand dollars per violation and an administrative 532
fee to cover the expenses incurred by the department in the 533
administrative action, including costs incurred in the 534
investigation and hearing process. 535

(0) The superintendent may adopt rules implementing this 536
section. 537

Sec. 3905.40. There shall be paid to the superintendent of 538
insurance the following fees: 539

(A) Each insurance company doing business in this state shall 540
pay: 541

(1) For filing a copy of its charter or deed of settlement, 542
two hundred fifty dollars; 543

(2) For filing each statement, one hundred seventy-five 544
dollars; 545

(3) For each certificate of authority or license, one hundred 546
seventy-five, and for each certified copy thereof, five dollars; 547

(4) For each copy of a paper filed in the superintendent's 548
office, twenty cents per page; 549

(5) For issuing certificates of deposits or certified copies 550
thereof, five dollars for the first certificate or copy and one 551
dollar for each additional certificate or copy; 552

(6) For issuing certificates of compliance or certified 553
copies thereof, sixty dollars; 554

(7) For affixing the seal of office and certifying documents, 555
other than those enumerated herein, two dollars; 556

(8) For each agent appointment and each annual renewal of an 557
agent appointment, twenty dollars; 558

(9) For each termination of an agent appointment, five 559
dollars. 560

(B) Each domestic life insurance company doing business in 561
this state shall pay for annual valuation of its policies, one 562
cent on every one thousand dollars of insurance. 563

(C) Each applicant for licensure as an insurance agent except 564
applicants for licensure as surety bail bond agents ~~and~~, surplus 565
line brokers, and portable electronics insurance vendors shall pay 566
ten dollars for each line of authority requested. Fees collected 567
under this division shall be credited to the department of 568
insurance operating fund created in section 3901.021 of the 569
Revised Code. 570

(D) Each domestic mutual life insurance company shall pay for 571
verifying that any amendment to its articles of incorporation was 572
regularly adopted, two hundred fifty dollars with each application 573
for verification. Any such amendment shall be considered to have 574
been regularly adopted when approved by the affirmative vote of 575
two-thirds of the policyholders present in person or by proxy at 576
any annual meeting of policyholders or at a special meeting of 577
policyholders called for that purpose. 578

(E) Each insurance agent doing business in this state shall 579
pay a biennial license renewal fee of twenty-five dollars, except 580
the following insurance agents are not required to pay ~~the~~ that 581
license renewal fee: 582

(1) Individual resident agents who have met their continuing 583
education requirements under section 3905.481 of the Revised Code; 584

(2) Surety bail bond agents; 585

(3) Surplus line brokers; 586

(4) Portable electronics insurance vendors. 587

(F) Each applicant for licensure as a portable electronics 588
insurance vendor with a portable electronics insurance limited 589
lines license and each licensed vendor doing business in this 590
state shall pay the following fees prescribed by the 591
superintendent: 592

(1) For vendors engaged in portable electronic transactions 593

at more than ten locations in this state, an application fee not 594
to exceed five thousand dollars for an initial license and a 595
biennial license renewal fee not to exceed two thousand five 596
hundred dollars for each renewal thereafter; 597

(2) For vendors engaged in portable electronic transactions 598
at ten or fewer locations in this state, an application fee not to 599
exceed three thousand dollars for an initial license and a 600
biennial license renewal fee not to exceed one thousand dollars 601
for each renewal thereafter. 602

(G) All fees collected by the superintendent under this 603
section except any fees collected under divisions (A)(2), (3), and 604
(6) of this section shall be credited to the department of 605
insurance operating fund created under section 3901.021 of the 606
Revised Code. 607

Section 2. That existing sections 3905.01, 3905.06, and 608
3905.40 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 609