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A BILL

То	amend sections 3901.21, 3901.32, 3901.33,	1
	3901.34, 3901.341, 3901.36, 3905.051, 3905.06,	2
	3905.064, 3915.073, 3953.01, 3953.331, and	3
	3953.36 and to enact sections 3901.046,	4
	3901.212, 3901.213, 3901.214, 3901.215,	5
	3905.065, 3905.066, 3905.067, 3905.068,	6
	3905.069, 3905.0610, and 3905.0611 of the	7
	Revised Code to amend the law related to travel	8
	insurance.	9

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

Section 1. That sections 3901.21, 3901.32, 3901.33,	10
3901.34, 3901.341, 3901.36, 3905.051, 3905.06, 3905.064,	11
3915.073, 3953.01, 3953.331, and 3953.36 be amended and sections	12
3901.046, 3901.212, 3901.213, 3901.214, 3901.215, 3905.065,	13
3905.066, 3905.067, 3905.068, 3905.069, 3905.0610, and 3905.0611	14
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	15

Sec. 3901.046. (A) As used in this section: 16

(1) "Electronic signature" has the same meaning as in 17 section 1306.01 of the Revised Code. 18 (2) "Insurer" has the same meaning as in section 3901.32 19 20 of the Revised Code. (B) An insurer may use an electronic signature to comply 21 with any signature requirement placed upon insurers by this 2.2 title, including any requirement that a document submitted by an 23 insurer to the department of insurance be signed. 24 Sec. 3901.21. The following are hereby defined as unfair 25 and deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance: 26 (A) Making, issuing, circulating, or causing or permitting 27 to be made, issued, or circulated, or preparing with intent to 28 so use, any estimate, illustration, circular, or statement 29 misrepresenting the terms of any policy issued or to be issued 30 or the benefits or advantages promised thereby or the dividends 31 or share of the surplus to be received thereon, or making any 32 false or misleading statements as to the dividends or share of 33 34 surplus previously paid on similar policies, or making any misleading representation or any misrepresentation as to the 35 financial condition of any insurer as shown by the last 36 preceding verified statement made by it to the insurance 37 department of this state, or as to the legal reserve system upon 38 which any life insurer operates, or using any name or title of 39 any policy or class of policies misrepresenting the true nature 40 thereof, or making any misrepresentation or incomplete 41 comparison to any person for the purpose of inducing or tending 42 to induce such person to purchase, amend, lapse, forfeit, 43

Any written statement concerning the premiums for a policy

change, or surrender insurance.

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which refers to the net cost after credit for an assumed dividend, without an accurate written statement of the gross premiums, cash values, and dividends based on the insurer's current dividend scale, which are used to compute the net cost for such policy, and a prominent warning that the rate of dividend is not guaranteed, is a misrepresentation for the purposes of this division.

(B) Making, publishing, disseminating, circulating, or 53 placing before the public or causing, directly or indirectly, to 54 be made, published, disseminated, circulated, or placed before 55 the public, in a newspaper, magazine, or other publication, or 56 in the form of a notice, circular, pamphlet, letter, or poster, 57 or over any radio station, or in any other way, or preparing 58 with intent to so use, an advertisement, announcement, or 59 statement containing any assertion, representation, or 60 statement, with respect to the business of insurance or with 61 respect to any person in the conduct of the person's insurance 62 business, which is untrue, deceptive, or misleading. 63

(C) Making, publishing, disseminating, or circulating, directly or indirectly, or aiding, abetting, or encouraging the making, publishing, disseminating, or circulating, or preparing with intent to so use, any statement, pamphlet, circular, article, or literature, which is false as to the financial condition of an insurer and which is calculated to injure any person engaged in the business of insurance.

(D) Filing with any supervisory or other public official,
or making, publishing, disseminating, circulating, or delivering
to any person, or placing before the public, or causing directly
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delivered to any person, or placed before the public, any false
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Making any false entry in any book, report, or statement 77 of any insurer with intent to deceive any agent or examiner 78 lawfully appointed to examine into its condition or into any of 79 its affairs, or any public official to whom such insurer is 80 required by law to report, or who has authority by law to 81 examine into its condition or into any of its affairs, or, with 82 like intent, willfully omitting to make a true entry of any 83 material fact pertaining to the business of such insurer in any 84 book, report, or statement of such insurer, or mutilating, 85 destroying, suppressing, withholding, or concealing any of its 86 records. 87

(E) Issuing or delivering or permitting agents, officers, or employees to issue or deliver agency company stock or other capital stock or benefit certificates or shares in any commonlaw corporation or securities or any special or advisory board contracts or other contracts of any kind promising returns and profits as an inducement to insurance.

(F) Making Except as provided in section 3901.213 of the Revised Code, making or permitting any unfair discrimination among individuals of the same class and equal expectation of life in the rates charged for any contract of life insurance or of life annuity or in the dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or in any other of the terms and conditions of such contract.

(G) (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by law,
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<u>including as provided in section 3901.213 of the Revised Code,</u>
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knowingly permitting or offering to make or making any contract
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of life insurance, life annuity or accident and health
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insurance, or agreement as to such contract other than as
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plainly expressed in the contract issued thereon, or paying or 106 allowing, or giving or offering to pay, allow, or give, directly 107 or indirectly, as inducement to such insurance, or annuity, any 108 rebate of premiums payable on the contract, or any special favor 109 or advantage in the dividends or other benefits thereon, or any 110 valuable consideration or inducement whatever not specified in 111 the contract; or giving, or selling, or purchasing, or offering 112 to give, sell, or purchase, as inducement to such insurance or 113 annuity or in connection therewith, any stocks, bonds, or other 114 securities, or other obligations of any insurance company or 115 other corporation, association, or partnership, or any dividends 116 or profits accrued thereon, or anything of value whatsoever not 117 specified in the contract. 118

(2) Nothing in division (F) or division (G) (1) of this 119 section shall be construed as prohibiting any of the following 120 practices: (a) in the case of any contract of life insurance or 121 life annuity, paying bonuses to policyholders or otherwise-122 abating their premiums in whole or in part out of surplus 123 accumulated from nonparticipating insurance, provided that any 124 such bonuses or abatement of premiums shall be fair and 125 equitable to policyholders and for the best interests of the 126 company and its policyholders; (b) in the case of life insurance-127 policies issued on the industrial debit plan, making allowance 128 to policyholders who have continuously for a specified period 129 made premium payments directly to an office of the insurer in an-130 amount which fairly represents the saving in collection-131 expenses; (c) readjustment of the rate of premium for a group 132 insurance policy based on the loss or expense experience-133 thereunder, at the end of the first or any subsequent policy 134 year of insurance thereunder, which may be made retroactive only 135 for such policy year. An insurer, producer, or representative of 136

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insurance.

either shall not offer or provide insurance as an inducement to	137
the purchase of another policy of insurance and shall not use	138
the words "free" or "no cost," or words of similar import, to	139
such effect in an advertisement.	140
(H) Making, issuing, circulating, or causing or permitting	141
to be made, issued, or circulated, or preparing with intent to	142
so use, any statement to the effect that a policy of life	143
insurance is, is the equivalent of, or represents shares of	144
capital stock or any rights or options to subscribe for or	145
otherwise acquire any such shares in the life insurance company	146
issuing that policy or any other company.	147
(I) Making, issuing, circulating, or causing or permitting	148
to be made, issued or circulated, or preparing with intent to so	149
issue, any statement to the effect that payments to a	150
policyholder of the principal amounts of a pure endowment are	151
other than payments of a specific benefit for which specific	152
premiums have been paid.	153
(J) Making, issuing, circulating, or causing or permitting	154
to be made, issued, or circulated, or preparing with intent to	155
so use, any statement to the effect that any insurance company	156
was required to change a policy form or related material to	157
comply with Title XXXIX of the Revised Code or any regulation of	158
the superintendent of insurance, for the purpose of inducing or	159
intending to induce any policyholder or prospective policyholder	160
to purchase, amend, lapse, forfeit, change, or surrender	161

(K) Aiding or abetting another to violate this section.

(L) Refusing to issue any policy of insurance, or164canceling or declining to renew such policy because of the sex165

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or marital status of the applicant,	prospective insured,	166
insured, or policyholder.		167

(M) Making or permitting any unfair discrimination between 168 individuals of the same class and of essentially the same hazard 169 in the amount of premium, policy fees, or rates charged for any 170 policy or contract of insurance, other than life insurance, or 171 in the benefits payable thereunder, or in underwriting standards 172 and practices or eligibility requirements, or in any of the 173 terms or conditions of such contract, or in any other manner 174 whatever. 175

(N) Refusing to make available disability income insurance solely because the applicant's principal occupation is that of managing a household.

(O) Refusing, when offering maternity benefits under any 179 individual or group sickness and accident insurance policy, to 180 make maternity benefits available to the policyholder for the 181 individual or individuals to be covered under any comparable 182 policy to be issued for delivery in this state, including family 183 members if the policy otherwise provides coverage for family 184 members. Nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit 185 an insurer from imposing a reasonable waiting period for such 186 benefits under an individual sickness and accident insurance 187 policy issued to an individual who is not a federally eligible 188 individual or a nonemployer-related group sickness and accident 189 insurance policy, but in no event shall such waiting period 190 exceed two hundred seventy days. 191

For purposes of division (0) of this section, "federally192eligible individual" means an eligible individual as defined in19345 C.F.R. 148.103.194

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(P) Using, or permitting to be used, a pattern settlement 195 as the basis of any offer of settlement. As used in this 196 division, "pattern settlement" means a method by which liability 197 is routinely imputed to a claimant without an investigation of 198 the particular occurrence upon which the claim is based and by 199 using a predetermined formula for the assignment of liability 200 arising out of occurrences of a similar nature. Nothing in this 201 division shall be construed to prohibit an insurer from 202 determining a claimant's liability by applying formulas or 203 quidelines to the facts and circumstances disclosed by the 204 insurer's investigation of the particular occurrence upon which 205 a claim is based. 206

(Q) Refusing to insure, or refusing to continue to insure, 207 or limiting the amount, extent, or kind of life or sickness and 208 accident insurance or annuity coverage available to an 209 individual, or charging an individual a different rate for the 210 same coverage solely because of blindness or partial blindness. 211 With respect to all other conditions, including the underlying 212 cause of blindness or partial blindness, persons who are blind 213 or partially blind shall be subject to the same standards of 214 sound actuarial principles or actual or reasonably anticipated 215 actuarial experience as are sighted persons. Refusal to insure 216 includes, but is not limited to, denial by an insurer of 217 disability insurance coverage on the grounds that the policy 218 defines "disability" as being presumed in the event that the 219 evesight of the insured is lost. However, an insurer may exclude 220 from coverage disabilities consisting solely of blindness or 221 partial blindness when such conditions existed at the time the 222 policy was issued. To the extent that the provisions of this 223 division may appear to conflict with any provision of section 224 3999.16 of the Revised Code, this division applies. 225

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(R)(1) Directly or indirectly offering to sell, selling,	226
or delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, or using or	227
otherwise marketing any policy of insurance or insurance product	228
in connection with or in any way related to the grant of a	229
student loan guaranteed in whole or in part by an agency or	230
commission of this state or the United States, except insurance	231
that is required under federal or state law as a condition for	232
obtaining such a loan and the premium for which is included in	233
the fees and charges applicable to the loan; or, in the case of	234
an insurer or insurance agent, knowingly permitting any lender	235
making such loans to engage in such acts or practices in	236
connection with the insurer's or agent's insurance business.	237
(2) Except in the case of a violation of division (G) of	238
this section, division (R)(1) of this section does not apply to	239
either of the following:	240
(a) Acts or practices of an insurer, its agents,	241
representatives, or employees in connection with the grant of a	242
guaranteed student loan to its insured or the insured's spouse	243
or dependent children where such acts or practices take place	244
more than ninety days after the effective date of the insurance;	245
(b) Acts or practices of an insurer, its agents,	246
representatives, or employees in connection with the	247
solicitation, processing, or issuance of an insurance policy or	248
product covering the student loan borrower or the borrower's	249
spouse or dependent children, where such acts or practices take	250
place more than one hundred eighty days after the date on which	251
the borrower is notified that the student loan was approved.	252
(S) Denying coverage, under any health insurance or health	253
care policy, contract, or plan providing family coverage, to any	254

natural or adopted child of the named insured or subscriber

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(T) (1) Using any underwriting standard or engaging in any 258 other act or practice that, directly or indirectly, due solely 259 to any health status-related factor in relation to one or more 260 individuals, does either of the following: 261

(a) Terminates or fails to renew an existing individual 262 policy, contract, or plan of health benefits, or a health 263 benefit plan issued to an employer, for which an individual 264 265 would otherwise be eligible;

(b) With respect to a health benefit plan issued to an employer, excludes or causes the exclusion of an individual from coverage under an existing employer-provided policy, contract, or plan of health benefits.

(2) The superintendent of insurance may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for purposes of implementing division (T)(1) of this section.

(3) For purposes of division (T)(1) of this section, "health status-related factor" means any of the following:

(a) Health status; (b) Medical condition, including both physical and mental 276 illnesses; 277

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(c) Claims experience;
(d) Receipt of health care;
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(e) Medical history;
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(f) Genetic information;
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(g) Evidence of insurability, including conditions arising
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out of acts of domestic violence;	283
(h) Disability.	284
(U) With respect to a health benefit plan issued to a	285
small employer, as those terms are defined in section 3924.01 of	286
the Revised Code, negligently or willfully placing coverage for	287
adverse risks with a certain carrier, as defined in section	288
3924.01 of the Revised Code.	289
(V) Using any program, scheme, device, or other unfair act	290
or practice that, directly or indirectly, causes or results in	291
the placing of coverage for adverse risks with another carrier,	292
as defined in section 3924.01 of the Revised Code.	293
(W) Failing to comply with section 3923.23, 3923.231,	294
3923.232, 3923.233, or 3923.234 of the Revised Code by engaging	295
in any unfair, discriminatory reimbursement practice.	296
(X) Intentionally establishing an unfair premium for, or	297
misrepresenting the cost of, any insurance policy financed under	298
a premium finance agreement of an insurance premium finance	299
company.	300
(Y)(1)(a) Limiting coverage under, refusing to issue,	301
canceling, or refusing to renew, any individual policy or	302
contract of life insurance, or limiting coverage under or	303
refusing to issue any individual policy or contract of health	304
insurance, for the reason that the insured or applicant for	305

(b) Adding a surcharge or rating factor to a premium of 307 any individual policy or contract of life or health insurance 308 for the reason that the insured or applicant for insurance is or 309 310 has been a victim of domestic violence;

insurance is or has been a victim of domestic violence;

(c) Denying coverage under, or limiting coverage under,
any policy or contract of life or health insurance, for the
reason that a claim under the policy or contract arises from an
incident of domestic violence;
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(d) Inquiring, directly or indirectly, of an insured315under, or of an applicant for, a policy or contract of life or316health insurance, as to whether the insured or applicant is or317has been a victim of domestic violence, or inquiring as to318whether the insured or applicant has sought shelter or319protection from domestic violence or has sought medical or320psychological treatment as a victim of domestic violence.321

(2) Nothing in division (Y) (1) of this section shall be
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construed to prohibit an insurer from inquiring as to, or from
underwriting or rating a risk on the basis of, a person's
physical or mental condition, even if the condition has been
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caused by domestic violence, provided that all of the following
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apply:

(a) The insurer routinely considers the condition in underwriting or in rating risks, and does so in the same manner for a victim of domestic violence as for an insured or applicant who is not a victim of domestic violence;

(b) The insurer does not refuse to issue any policy or
contract of life or health insurance or cancel or refuse to
renew any policy or contract of life insurance, solely on the
basis of the condition, except where such refusal to issue,
cancellation, or refusal to renew is based on sound actuarial
principles or is related to actual or reasonably anticipated
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(c) The insurer does not consider a person's status as

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itself,	to]	be a ph	ysical	or	mental		condition;		341

(d) The underwriting or rating of a risk on the basis of
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the condition is not used to evade the intent of division (Y) (1)
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of this section, or of any other provision of the Revised Code.
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(3) (a) Nothing in division (Y) (1) of this section shall be
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construed to prohibit an insurer from refusing to issue a policy
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or contract of life insurance insuring the life of a person who
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is or has been a victim of domestic violence if the person who
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committed the act of domestic violence is the applicant for the
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insurance or would be the owner of the insurance policy or
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contract.

(b) Nothing in division (Y)(2) of this section shall be 352 construed to permit an insurer to cancel or refuse to renew any 353 policy or contract of health insurance in violation of the 354 "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," 355 110 Stat. 1955, 42 U.S.C.A. 300gg-41(b), as amended, or in a 356 manner that violates or is inconsistent with any provision of 357 the Revised Code that implements the "Health Insurance 358 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996." 359

(4) An insurer is immune from any civil or criminal
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liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a
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result of any action taken by the insurer to comply with
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division (Y) of this section.
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(5) As used in division (Y) of this section, "domestic 364violence" means any of the following acts: 365

(a) Knowingly causing or attempting to cause physical harmto a family or household member;367

(b) Recklessly causing serious physical harm to a family 368

or household member;

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(c) Knowingly causing, by threat of force, a family or	370
household member to believe that the person will cause imminent	371
physical harm to the family or household member.	372
For the purpose of division (Y)(5) of this section,	373
"family or household member" has the same meaning as in section	374
2919.25 of the Revised Code.	375
Nothing in division (Y)(5) of this section shall be	376
construed to require, as a condition to the application of	377
division (Y) of this section, that the act described in division	378
(Y)(5) of this section be the basis of a criminal prosecution.	379
(Z) Disclosing a coroner's records by an insurer in	380
violation of section 313.10 of the Revised Code.	381
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(AA) Making, issuing, circulating, or causing or	382
permitting to be made, issued, or circulated any statement or	383
representation that a life insurance policy or annuity is a	384
contract for the purchase of funeral goods or services.	385
(BB) With respect to a health care contract as defined in	386
section 3963.01 of the Revised Code that covers vision services,	387
as defined in that section, including any of the contract terms	388
prohibited under or failing to make the disclosures required	389
under division (E) of section 3963.02 of the Revised Code.	390
(CC) With respect to private passenger automobile	391
insurance, charging premium rates that are excessive,	392
inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory, pursuant to division (D)	393
of section 3937.02 of the Revised Code, based solely on the	394
location of the residence of the insured.	395
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The enumeration in sections 3901.19 to 3901.26 of the

Revised Code of specific unfair or deceptive acts or practices397in the business of insurance is not exclusive or restrictive or398intended to limit the powers of the superintendent of insurance399to adopt rules to implement this section, or to take action400under other sections of the Revised Code.401

This section does not prohibit the sale of shares of any investment company registered under the "Investment Company Act of 1940," 54 Stat. 789, 15 U.S.C.A. 80a-1, as amended, or any policies, annuities, or other contracts described in section 3907.15 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "estimate," "statement," 407 "representation," "misrepresentation," "advertisement," or 408 "announcement" includes oral or written occurrences. 409

Sec. 3901.212. (A) As used in sections 3901.212 to4103901.213 of the Revised Code, "consumer" means a policyholder,411potential policyholder, certificate holder, potential412certificate holder, insured, potential insured, or applicant.413

(B) The superintendent may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter414119. of the Revised Code to implement the practices set forth in415section 3901.213 of the Revised Code to ensure consumer416protection. Such regulations, consistent with applicable law,417may address all of the following:418

(1) Consumer data protections and privacy; 419

(2) Consumer disclosure;

(3) Unfair discrimination;

(4) Any other matter the superintendent considers422pertinent.423

Sec. 3901.213. Nothing in division (F) or (G) of section 424

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3901.21 or in section 3933.01 of the Revised Code shall be	425
construed as prohibiting any of the following practices:	426
(A) In the case of any contract of life insurance or life	427
annuity, paying bonuses to policyholders or otherwise abating	428
their premiums in whole or in part out of surplus accumulated	429
from nonparticipating insurance, provided that any such bonuses	430
or abatement of premiums shall be fair and equitable to	431
policyholders and in the best interests of the company and its	432
policyholders;	433
(B) In the case of life insurance policies issued on the	434
industrial debit plan, making allowance to policyholders who	435
have continuously for a specified period made premium payments	436
directly to an office of the insurer in an amount which fairly	437
represents the saving in collection expenses;	438
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(C) Readjustment of the rate of premium for a group	439
insurance policy based on the loss or expense experience	440
thereunder, at the end of the first or any subsequent policy	441
year of insurance thereunder, which may be made retroactive only	442
for such policy year;	443
(D)(1) Subject to divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this	444
section, the offer or provision by insurers or producers, by or	445
through employees, affiliates, or third party representatives,	446
of value-added products or services at no or reduced cost when	447
such products or services are not specified in the policy of	448
insurance, if the product or service meets all of the following:	449
(a) The cost to the insurer or producer offering the	450
product or service to any given consumer is reasonable in	451
comparison to that consumer's premiums or insurance coverage for	452
the policy class.	453

(b) It relates to the insurance coverage.	454
(c) It is primarily designed to do one or more of the	455
following:	456
(i) Provide loss mitigation or loss control;	457
(ii) Reduce claim costs or claim settlement costs;	458
(iii) Provide education about liability risks or risk of	459
loss to persons or property;	460
(iv) Monitor or assess risk, identify risks, or identify	461
risk of loss to persons or property;	462
(v) Enhance health;	463
(vi) Enhance financial wellness through items such as	464
education or financial planning services;	465
(vii) Provide post-loss services;	466
(viii) Incentivize behavioral changes to improve the	467
health or reduce the risk of death or disability of a consumer;	468
(ix) Assist in the administration of the employee or	469
retiree benefit insurance coverage.	470
(d) The product or service is provided along with contact	471
information for the purpose of ensuring the consumer is assisted	472
with questions regarding the product or service, if the insurer	473
or producer is providing the product or service offered.	474
<u>(2)(a) Value-added products shall not be offered in a</u>	475
manner that is unfairly discriminatory. The availability of	476
value-added products or services shall be based on documented,	477
objective criteria.	478
(b) The documented criteria shall be maintained by the	479

insurer or producer and shall be provided to the superintendent	480
of insurance upon request.	481
(3) (a) If an insurer or producer does not have sufficient	482
evidence, but has a good-faith belief that a product or service	483
it wishes to offer meets the criteria prescribed in division (D)	484
(1) of this section, the insurer or producer may provide the	485
product or service in a manner that is not unfairly	486
discriminatory as part of a pilot or testing program for no more	487
than one year.	488
(b) An insurer or producer shall notify the superintendent	489
of insurance of such a pilot or testing program offered to	490
consumers in this state prior to launching the pilot or testing	491
program and may proceed with the pilot or testing program unless	492
the superintendent objects in writing within twenty-one days of	493
receiving notice.	494
(E)(1) Subject to divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this	495
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section, the offer or gifting of noncash gifts, items, or	
services, including providing meals to or making charitable	497
donations on behalf of a consumer, in connection with the	498
marketing, sale, purchase, or retention of contracts of	499
insurance, as long as the cost does not exceed an amount	500
determined by the superintendent per policy year per term or	501
<u>calendar year.</u>	502
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(2) The offer shall be made in a manner that is not	503
unfairly discriminatory.	504
(3) The consumer shall not be required to purchase,	505
continue to purchase, or renew a policy in exchange for the	506
gift, item, or service.	507
(F)(1) Subject to divisions (F)(2) and (3) of this	508

section, the offer or gifting of non-cash gifts, items, or	509
services, including providing meals to or making charitable	510
donations on behalf of, commercial or institutional consumers in	511
connection with the marketing, sale, purchase, or retention of	512
contracts of insurance, as long as the cost is reasonable in	513
comparison to the premium or proposed premium and the cost of	514
the gift or services is not included in any amounts charged to	515
another person or entity.	516
(2) The offer shall be made in a manner that is not	517
unfairly discriminatory.	518
(3) The consumer shall not be required to purchase,	519
continue to purchase, or renew a policy in exchange for the	520
gift, item, or service.	521
(G) The conducting of raffles or drawings to the extent	522
permitted by state law, so long as the raffle or drawing meets	523
all of the following:	524
(1) There is no financial cost to entrants to participate.	525
(2) The drawing or raffle does not obligate participants	526
to purchase insurance.	527
(3) The drawing or raffle is open to the public.	528
(4) The raffle or drawing is offered in a manner that is	529
not unfairly discriminatory.	530
Sec. 3901.214. The provisions of sections 3901.213 and	531
3933.01 of the Revised Code that prohibit a producer or insurer	532
from giving rebates, discounts, gifts, or other valuable	533
consideration as an inducement to insurance do not apply to	534
commercial property and casualty insurance, but do apply to	535
producer commission reductions not included in insurance company	536

<u>rate filings.</u>

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Sec. 3901.215. The intent of the general assembly in538amending section 3901.21 of the Revised Code and enacting539sections 3901.212 and 3901.213 of the Revised Code is to promote540innovation in connection with the offering of value-added541services while maintaining strong consumer protections.542

Sec. 3901.32. As used in sections 3901.32 to 3901.37 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Affiliate of" or "affiliated with" a specific person means a person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person specified.

(B) "Control," including "controlling," "controlled by," 549 and "under common control with," means the possession, direct or 550 indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the 551 management and policies of a person, whether through the 552 ownership of voting securities, by contract other than a 553 commercial contract for goods or nonmanagement services, or 554 otherwise, unless the power is the result of an official 555 556 position with or corporate office held by the person. Control shall be presumed to exist if any person, directly or 557 558 indirectly, owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing, ten per cent or more of the voting 559 securities of any other person. This presumption may be rebutted 560 by a showing made in the manner provided in division (J) of 561 section 3901.33 of the Revised Code that control does not exist 562 in fact. The superintendent of insurance may determine, after 563 furnishing all persons in interest notice and opportunity to be 564 heard and making specific findings of fact to support such 565 determination, that control exists in fact, notwithstanding the 566

(C) "Enterprise risk" means any activity, circumstance, 568 event, or series of events involving one or more affiliates of 569 an insurer that, if not remedied promptly, is likely to have a 570 materially adverse effect on the financial condition or 571 liquidity of the insurer or its insurance holding company system 572 as a whole. "Enterprise risk" includes anything that would cause 573 the insurer's risk-based capital to fall into company action 574 level as set forth in section 3903.83 of the Revised Code or 575 would cause the insurer to be in a hazardous financial 576 condition. 577

(D) "Group capital calculation instructions" means the578group capital calculation instructions, as adopted by the579national association of insurance commissioners and as amended580by the national association of insurance commissioners from time581to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the582national association of insurance commissioners.583

(E) "Group-wide supervisor" means the regulatory official 584 who is authorized by the superintendent to conduct and 585 coordinate group-wide supervision of an internationally active 586 insurance group and who is determined by the superintendent 587 pursuant to division (A) of section 3901.352 of the Revised Code 588 to have sufficient contacts with the internationally active 589 insurance group. 590

(E) (F)"Insurance holding company system" means two or591more affiliated persons, one or more of which is an insurer.592

(F) (G)"Insurer" means any person engaged in the business593of insurance, guaranty, or membership, an inter-insurance594exchange, a mutual or fraternal benefit society, or a health595

insuring corporation. "Insurer" does not include any agency, 596
authority, or instrumentality of the United States, its 597
possessions and territories, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 598
the District of Columbia, or a state or political subdivision of 599
a state. 600

(G) (H)"Internationally active insurance group" means an601insurance holding company system that includes an insurer602registered under section 3901.33 of the Revised Code and that603meets all of the following criteria:604

(1) Insurers that are part of the insurance holding605company system write premiums in at least three countries.606

(2) The percentage of gross premiums written outside the
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(3) Based on a three-year rolling average, either the
(4) total assets of the insurance holding company system are at
(5) least fifty billion dollars, or the total gross written premiums
(3) billion dollars, or the total gross written premiums
(3) billion dollars, or the total gross written billion
(4) billion dollars

(H) (I) (1) "Liquidity stress test framework" means a615separate national association of insurance commissioners616publication which includes all of the following:617

(a) A history of the national association of insurance618commissioners' development of regulatory liquidity stress619testing;620

(b) The scope criteria applicable for a specific data621year;622

(c) The liquidity stress test instructions and reporting 623

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templates for a specific data year.	624
(2) Such scope criteria, instructions, and reporting	625
templates shall be those adopted by the national association of	626
insurance commissioners and as amended by the national	627
association of insurance commissioners from time to time in	628
accordance with the procedures adopted by the national	629
association of insurance commissioners.	630
(J) "Person" means an individual, a corporation, a	631
partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, an	632
unincorporated organization, any similar entity, or any	633
combination of the foregoing acting in concert.	634
(I) (K) "Scope criteria" means the designated exposure	635
bases, along with minimum magnitudes thereof for the specified	636
data year, used to establish a preliminary list of insurers	637
considered scoped into the national association of insurance	638
<u>commissioners liquidity stress test framework for that data</u>	639
year.	640
<u>(L)</u> "Subsidiary" of a specified person is an affiliate	641
controlled by such person, directly or indirectly, through one	642
or more intermediaries.	643
(J) (M) "Voting security" includes any security	644
convertible into or evidencing a right to acquire a voting	645
security.	646
Sec. 3901.33. (A) Every insurer that is authorized to do	647
business in this state and that is a member of an insurance	648
holding company system shall register with the superintendent of	649
insurance, except a foreign insurer subject to disclosure	650
requirements and standards adopted by statute or regulation in	651

the jurisdiction of its domicile that are substantially similar

to those contained in this section and section 3901.341 of the 653 Revised Code. Every insurer that is subject to registration 654 under this section shall register initially not later than 655 thirty days after it becomes subject to registration, unless the 656 superintendent for good cause shown extends the time for 657 registration, and then within the extended time, and every such 658 insurer shall register annually after its initial registration. 659 The superintendent may require any authorized insurer that is a 660 member of a holding company system that is not subject to 661 registration under this section to furnish a copy of the 662 registration statement or other information filed by the 663 insurance company with the insurance regulatory authority of 664 domiciliary jurisdiction. 665

(B) Every insurer subject to registration shall file a
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registration statement with the superintendent on a form and in
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a format provided by the superintendent, which shall contain
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current information about all of the following:
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(1) The capital structure, general financial condition,
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 ownership, and management of the insurer and any person
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 controlling the insurer;
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(2) The identity of every member of the insurance holding673company system;674

(3) The following agreements in force, relationships
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 subsisting, and transactions currently outstanding between the
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 insurer and its affiliates:
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(a) Loans, other investments, or purchases, sales or
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exchanges of securities of the affiliates by the insurer or of
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the insurer by its affiliates;
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(b) Purchases, sales, or exchanges of assets; 681

(c) Transactions not in the ordinary course of business;	682
(d) Guarantees or undertakings for the benefit of an	683
affiliate that result in an actual contingent exposure of the	684
insurer's assets to liability, other than insurance contracts	685
entered into in the ordinary course of the insurer's business;	686
(e) All management and service contracts and all cost-	687
sharing arrangements;	688
(f) Reinsurance agreements;	689
(g) Dividends and other distributions to shareholders;	690
(h) Consolidated tax allocation agreements.	691
(4) Any pledge of the insurer's stock, including stock of	692
any subsidiary or controlling affiliate, for a loan made to any	693
member of the insurance holding company system;	694
(5) If requested by the superintendent, financial	695
statements of an insurance holding company system, including all	696
affiliates. Financial statements may include annual audited	697
financial statements filed with the United States securities and	698
exchange commission pursuant to the "Securities Act of 1933," 48	699
Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C. 77a, or the "Securities Exchange Act of	700
1934," 48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C. 78a. The insurer may satisfy the	701
request by providing the superintendent with the most recently	702
filed parent corporation financial statements that have been	703
filed with the securities and exchange commission.	704
(6) Other matters concerning transactions between	705
registered insurers and any affiliates as may be included from	706
time to time in any registration forms adopted or approved by	707
the superintendent;	708

(7) Statements that the insurer's or its ultimate

controlling person's board of directors oversees corporate710governance and internal controls and that the insurer's or its711ultimate controlling person's officers or senior management have712approved, implemented, and continue to maintain and monitor713corporate governance and internal control procedures;714

(8) Any other information required by the superintendent by rule or regulation.

(C) Each registration statement filed pursuant to division
(B) of this section shall summarize the information that has
changed from the prior registration statement filed pursuant to
that division.

(D) No information need be disclosed on the registration 721 statement filed pursuant to division (B) of this section if the 722 information is not material for the purposes of this section. 723 Unless the superintendent by rule, regulation, or order provides 724 otherwise, sales, purchases, exchanges, loans or extensions of 725 credit, or investments involving one-half of one per cent or 726 less of an insurer's admitted assets as of the thirty-first day 727 of December next preceding shall not be deemed material for the 728 purposes of this section. The definition of materiality provided 729 in this division shall not apply for purposes of the group 730 capital calculation or the liquidity stress test framework. 731

(E) Each registered insurer shall keep current the
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information required to be disclosed in its registration
statement by reporting all material changes or additions on
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amendment forms provided by the superintendent within fifteen
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days after the end of the month in which it learns of each
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change or addition.

(F) The superintendent shall terminate the registration of

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any insurer that demonstrates that it no longer is a member of 739 an insurance holding company system. 740

(G) The superintendent may require or allow two or more
affiliated insurers subject to registration under this section
to file a consolidated registration statement or consolidated
reports amending their consolidated registration statement or
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their individual registration statements.

(H) The superintendent may allow an insurer that is 746
authorized to do business in this state and that is part of an 747
insurance holding company system to register on behalf of any 748
affiliated insurer that is required to register under division 749
(A) of this section and to file all information and material 750
required to be filed under this section. 751

(I) This section does not apply to any insurer,
information, or transaction if and to the extent that the
superintendent by rule, regulation, or order exempts it from
this section.

(J) Any person may file with the superintendent a 756 disclaimer of affiliation with any authorized insurer or such a 757 758 disclaimer may be filed by the insurer or any member of an insurance holding company system. The disclaimer shall fully 759 disclose all material relationships and bases for affiliation 760 between the person and the insurer as well as the basis for 761 disclaiming the affiliation. After a disclaimer has been filed, 762 the insurer shall be relieved of any duty to register or report 763 under this section which may arise out of the insurer's 764 relationship with the person unless and until the superintendent 765 disallows the disclaimer. The superintendent shall disallow such 766 a disclaimer only in the manner provided in Chapter 119. of the 767 Revised Code. 768

(K) The ultimate controlling person of every insurer	769
subject to registration under this section also shall file an	770
annual enterprise risk report. The report shall be appropriate	771
to the nature, scale, and complexity of the operations of the	772
insurance holding company system and shall, to the best of the	773
ultimate controlling person's knowledge and belief, identify the	774
material risks within the insurance holding company system that	775
could pose enterprise risk to the insurer. The ultimate	776
controlling person shall file the report with the lead state	777
commissioner of the insurance holding company system as	778
determined by the procedures within the financial analysis	779
handbook adopted by the national association of insurance	780
commissioners.	781
(L)(1)(a) Except as provided below, the ultimate	782
<u>controlling person of every insurer subject to registration</u>	783
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shall annually file a group capital calculation as directed by	785
the lead state commissioner. This filing is required not later	785
than June 1, 2023, and on or before the first day of June each	
<u>year thereafter.</u>	787
(b) The filing requirements prescribed under division (L)	788
of this section shall not be required by the superintendent	789
prior to June 1, 2023. However, the superintendent may permit	790
filing prior to that date.	791
(2) The report shall be completed in accordance with the	792
national association of insurance commissioners group capital	793
calculation instructions, which may permit the lead state	794
commissioner to allow a controlling person that is not the	795
ultimate controlling person to file the group capital	796
calculation.	797
(3) The report shall be filed with the lead state	798

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commissioner of the insurance holding company system as	799
determined by the superintendent of insurance in accordance with	800
the procedures within the financial analysis handbook adopted by	801
the national association of insurance commissioners.	802
(4) Insurance holding company systems described below are	803
exempt from filing the group capital calculation:	804
(a) An insurance holding company system that has only one	805
insurer within its holding company structure, that only writes	806
business, and is only licensed, in its domestic state, and	807
assumes no business from any other insurer;	808
(b)(i) An insurance holding company system that is	809
required to perform a group capital calculation specified by the	810
United States federal reserve board.	811
(ii) The lead state commissioner shall request the	812
<u>calculation from the federal reserve board under the terms of</u>	813
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information sharing agreements in effect.	014
(iii) If the federal reserve board cannot share the	815
calculation with the lead state commissioner, the insurance	816
holding company system is not exempt from the group capital	817
calculation filing.	818
(c) An insurance holding company system whose non-U.S.,	819
group-wide supervisor is located within a reciprocal	820
jurisdiction, as described in section 3901.62 of the Revised	821
Code, that recognizes the United States state regulatory	822
approach to group supervision and group capital;	823
(d) An insurance holding company system that meets both of	824
the following:	825
(i) The insurance holding company provides information to	826

the lead state that meets the requirements for accreditation	827
under the national association of insurance commissioners	828
financial standards and accreditation program, either directly	829
or indirectly through the group-wide supervisor, who has	830
determined such information is satisfactory to allow the lead	831
state to comply with the national association of insurance	832
commissioners group supervision approach, as detailed in the	833
national association of insurance commissioners financial	834
analysis handbook.	835
(ii) The insurance holding company has a non-United States_	836
group-wide supervisor that is not in a reciprocal jurisdiction	837
that recognizes and accepts, as specified by the superintendent	838
in rule, the group capital calculation as the world-wide group	839
capital assessment for United States insurance groups who	840
operate in that jurisdiction.	841
(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of divisions (L)(4)(c)	842
and (d) of this section, a lead state commissioner shall require	843
the group capital calculation for United States operations of	844
any non-United States based insurance holding company system	845
where, after any necessary consultation with other supervisors	846
or officials, it is deemed appropriate by the lead state	847
commissioner for prudential oversight and solvency monitoring	848
purposes or for ensuring the competitiveness of the insurance	849
marketplace.	850
(6) Notwithstanding the exemptions from filing the group	851
capital calculation stated in divisions (L)(4)(a) to (d) of this	852
section, the lead state commissioner has the discretion to	853
exempt the ultimate controlling person from filing the annual	854
group capital calculation or to accept a limited group capital	855
filing or report in accordance with criteria as specified by the	856

superintendent in rule.	857
(7) If the lead state commissioner determines that an	858
insurance holding company system no longer meets one or more of	859
the requirements for an exemption from filing the group capital	860
calculation under this section, the insurance holding company	861
system shall file the group capital calculation at the next	862
annual filing date unless given an extension by the lead state	863
commissioner based on reasonable grounds shown.	864
(8) Until June 1, 2025, an insurance holding company	865
system that does not write business outside the United States is	866
not required to file a group capital calculation.	867
(M)(1) The ultimate controlling person of every insurer	868
subject to registration and also scoped into the national	869
association of insurance commissioners liquidity stress test	870
framework shall file the results of a specific year's liquidity	871
<u>stress test.</u>	872
(2) The filing shall be made to the lead state insurance	873
commissioner of the insurance holding company system as	874
determined by the procedures within the financial analysis	875
handbook adopted by the national association of insurance	876
commissioners.	877
(3) (a) The national association of insurance commissioners	878
liquidity stress test framework includes scope criteria	879
applicable to a specific data year. These scope criteria are	880
reviewed at least annually by the financial stability task force	881
<u>or its successor.</u>	882
(b) Any change to the national association of insurance	883
commissioners liquidity stress test framework or to the data	884
year for which the scope criteria are to be measured shall be	885

effective on January 1 of the year following the calendar year	886
when such changes are adopted.	887
(c) Insurers meeting at least one threshold of the scope	888
criteria are considered scoped into the national association of	889
insurance commissioners liquidity stress test framework for the	890
specified data year unless the lead state insurance	891
commissioner, in consultation with the national association of	892
insurance commissioners financial stability task force or its_	893
successor, determines the insurer should not be scoped into the	894
framework for that data year.	895
(d) Insurers that do not trigger at least one threshold of	896
the scope criteria are considered scoped out of the national	897
association of insurance commissioners liquidity stress test	898
framework for the specified data year, unless the lead state	899
insurance commissioner, in consultation with the national	900
association of insurance commissioners financial stability task	901
force or its successor, determines the insurer should be scoped	902
into the framework for that data year.	903
(e) Regulators wish to avoid having insurers scoped in and	904
out of the national association of insurance commissioners	905
liquidity stress test framework on a frequent basis. The lead	906
state insurance commissioner, in consultation with the financial	907
stability task force or its successor, will assess this concern	908
as part of the determination for an insurer.	909
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(f) The performance of, and filing of the results from, a	910
specific year's liquidity stress test shall comply with the	911
national association of insurance commissioners liquidity stress	912
test framework's instructions and reporting templates for that	913
year and any lead state insurance commissioner determinations,	914
in consultation with the financial stability task force or its	915

successor, provided within the framework. 916 (N) The failure to file any registration statement or any 917 amendment thereto or enterprise risk report required by this 918 section within the time specified for the filing is a violation 919 of this section. 920 Sec. 3901.34. (A) Transactions within an insurance holding 921 company system to which an insurer subject to registration is a 922 923 party shall be subject to the following standards: (1) The terms shall be fair and reasonable. 924 (2) Charges or fees for services performed shall be 925 reasonable. 926 (3) Expenses incurred and payment received shall be 927 allocated to the insurer in conformity with customary insurance 928 accounting practices that are consistently applied. 929 (4) The books, accounts, and records of each party shall 930 be so maintained as to clearly and accurately disclose the 931 precise nature and details of the transactions including such 932 accounting information as is necessary to support the 933 reasonableness of the charges or fees to the respective parties. 934 (5) The insurer's surplus as regards policyholders 935 following any dividends or distributions to shareholder 936 affiliates shall be reasonable in relation to the insurer's 937 outstanding liabilities and adequate to its financial needs. 938 (6) Agreements for cost-sharing services and management 939 services shall include such provisions as required by the 940 superintendent of insurance in rule or regulation; 941 (7) If an insurer subject to sections 3901.32 to 3901.37 942 of the Revised Code is deemed by the superintendent to be in a 943

hazardous financial condition or a condition that would be	944
grounds for supervision, conservation, or a delinquency	945
proceeding, then the superintendent may require the insurer to	946
secure and maintain either a deposit, held by the	947
superintendent, or a bond, as determined by the insurer at the	948
insurer's discretion, for the protection of the insurer for the	949
duration of the contract or agreement, or the existence of the	950
condition for which the superintendent required the deposit or	951
the bond.	952
(8) In determining whether a deposit or a bond is	953
required, the superintendent may consider whether concerns exist	954
with respect to the affiliated person's ability to fulfill the	955
contract or agreement if the insurer were to be put into	956
liquidation. Once the insurer is deemed to be in a hazardous	957
financial condition or a condition that would be grounds for	958
supervision, conservation or a delinquency proceeding, and a	959
deposit or bond is necessary, the superintendent has discretion	960
to determine the amount of the deposit or bond, not to exceed	961
the value of the contract or agreement in any one year, and	962
whether such deposit or bond shall be required for a single	963
contract, multiple contracts, or a contract only with a specific	964
person or persons;	965
(9)(a) All records and data of the insurer held by an	966
affiliate are and remain the property of the insurer, are	967
subject to control of the insurer, are identifiable, and are	968
segregated or readily capable of segregation, at no additional	969
cost to the insurer, from all other persons' records and data.	970
This includes all records and data that are otherwise the	971
property of the insurer, in whatever form maintained, including:	972

(i) Claims and claim files;

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(ii) Policyholder lists;	974
(iii) Application files;	975
(iv) Litigation files;	976
(v) Premium records;	977
(vi) Rate books;	978
(vii) Underwriting manuals;	979
(viii) Personnel records;	980
(ix) Financial records or similar records within the	981
possession, custody, or control of the affiliate.	982
(b) At the request of the insurer, the affiliate shall	983
provide that the receiver can:	984
(i) Obtain a complete set of all records of any type that	985
pertain to the insurer's business;	986
(ii) Obtain access to the operating systems on which the	987
<u>data is maintained;</u>	988
(iii) Obtain the software that runs those systems either	989
through assumption of licensing agreements or otherwise;	990
(iv) Restrict the use of the data by the affiliate if it	991
is not operating the insurer's business.	992
(c) The affiliate shall provide a waiver of any landlord	993
lien or other encumbrance to give the insurer access to all	994
records and data in the event of the affiliate's default under a	995
lease or other agreement.	996
(10) Premiums or other funds belonging to the insurer that	997
are collected by or held by an affiliate are the exclusive	998
property of the insurer and are subject to the control of the	999

insurer. Any right of offset in the event an insurer is placed 1000 into receivership is subject to Chapter 3903. of the Revised 1001 Code. 1002 (B) For the purposes of this section, in determining 1003 whether an insurer's surplus as regards policyholders is 1004 reasonable in relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities 1005 and adequate to its financial needs, the following factors, 1006 1007 among others, may be considered: 1008 (1) The size of the insurer as measured by its assets, capital, surplus, reserves, premium writings, insurance in 1009 force, and other appropriate criteria; 1010 (2) The extent to which the insurer's business is 1011 diversified among the several lines of insurance; 1012 (3) The number and size of risks insured in each line of 1013 business; 1014 (4) The extent of the geographical dispersion of the 1015 insurer's insured risks; 1016 (5) The nature and extent of the insurer's reinsurance 1017 1018 program; (6) The quality, diversification, and liquidity of the 1019 insurer's investment portfolio; 1020 (7) The recent past and projected future trend in the size 1021 1022 of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders; (8) The adequacy of the insurer's reserves; 1023 (9) The quality and liquidity of investments in 1024 subsidiaries. The superintendent may discount any such 1025 investment or treat any investment as a nonadmitted asset for 1026

purposes	of	determining	the	adequacy	of	surplus	as	regards	1027
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(10) The quality of the insurer's earnings and the extent to which the reported earnings include extraordinary items;

(11) The surplus as regards policyholders maintained by1031other comparable insurers in respect of the factors enumerated1032in this division.

(C) No insurer subject to registration under section 1034 3901.33 of the Revised Code shall pay any extraordinary dividend 1035 or make any other extraordinary distribution to its shareholders 1036 1037 and the declaration of any such dividend or distribution shall be conditional and shall confer no rights upon shareholders 1038 until thirty days after the superintendent has received notice 1039 of the declaration thereof and has not within the thirty-day 1040 period disapproved the dividend or distribution, or the 1041 superintendent has approved the dividend or distribution within 1042 the thirty-day period. 1043

Prior to paying any dividend or distribution, the insurer 1044 shall notify the superintendent on a form provided by the 1045 superintendent for informational purposes within five business 1046 days following its declaration of any dividend or distribution 1047 and at least ten calendar days prior to payment of such dividend 1048 or distribution, such ten-calendar-day period to be measured 1049 from the date of the superintendent's receipt of the notice. 1050

For the purposes of this section, an extraordinary1051dividend or distribution includes any dividend or distribution1052of cash or other property, whose fair market value, together1053with that of other dividends or distributions made within the1054preceding twelve months, exceeds the greater of ten per cent of1055

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the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders as of the thirty-1056first day of December next preceding, or the net income of the1057insurer for the twelve-month period ending the thirty-first day1058of December next preceding, but shall not include pro rata1059distributions of any class of the insurer's own securities.1060

Any dividend or distribution paid from other than earned 1061 surplus shall be considered an extraordinary dividend or 1062 extraordinary distribution. For the purposes of this section, 1063 "earned surplus" means an amount equal to an insurer's 1064 1065 unassigned funds as set forth in its most recent statutory financial statement submitted to the superintendent, including 1066 net unrealized capital gains and losses or revaluation of 1067 assets. 1068

Sec. 3901.341. (A) No insurer subject to registration 1069 under section 3901.33 of the Revised Code shall enter into any 1070 of the following transactions with any person in its insurance 1071 holding company system, including amendments or modifications of 1072 affiliate agreements previously filed under this section that 1073 are subject to the materiality standards contained in divisions 1074 (A) (1) to (5) of this section, until thirty days after the 1075 superintendent of insurance has received, for the 1076 superintendent's review, written notice of the insurer's 1077 intention to enter into the transaction and if, during that 1078 period, the superintendent has not disapproved the proposed 1079 transaction. The notice for amendments or modifications shall 1080 include the reasons for the change and the financial impact on 1081 the domestic insurer. Informal notice shall be reported to the 1082 superintendent within thirty days after termination of a 1083 previously filed agreement. These requirements shall apply to 1084 all of the following transactions: 1085

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(1) Any sale, purchase, exchange of assets, loan,	1086
extension of credit, guarantee, or investment, if the	1087
transaction equals or exceeds, with respect to insurers other	1088
than life insurers, the lesser of three per cent of the	1089
insurer's admitted assets as of the thirty-first day of December	1090
next preceding or twenty-five per cent of the insurer's surplus	1091
as regards policyholders as of the thirty-first day of December	1092
next preceding or, with respect to life insurers, three per cent	1093
of the insurer's admitted assets as of the thirty-first day of	1094
December next preceding;	1095
(2) Any loan or extension of credit to any person that is	1096
not an affiliate of the insurer, if both of the following apply:	1097
(a) The loan or extension of credit equals or exceeds,	1098
with respect to insurers other than life insurers, the lesser of	1099
three per cent of the insurer's admitted assets as of the	1100
thirty-first day of December next preceding or twenty-five per	1101
cent of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders as of the	1102
thirty-first day of December next preceding or, with respect to	1103
life insurers, three per cent of the insurer's admitted assets	1104
as of the thirty-first day of December next preceding.	1105
(b) The insurer makes the loan or extends the credit with	1106
an agreement or understanding that the proceeds of the	1107
transaction, in whole or in substantial part, are to be used to	1108
make loans or extend credit to, to purchase assets of, or to	1109
make investments in, any affiliate of the insurer.	1110
(3) Reinsurance agreements or modifications including all	1111
of the following:	1112
(a) All new reinsurance pooling agreements;	1113
(b) All reinsurance pooling agreements in which a domestic	1114

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company is newly added;	1115
(c) Agreements in which the reinsurance premium or the	1116
change in the insurer's liabilities, or the projected	1117
reinsurance premium or a change in the insurer's liabilities in	1118
any of the next three years, equals or exceeds five per cent of	1119
the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders as of the thirty-	1120
first day of December next preceding.	1121
Division (A)(3) of this section also applies to	1122
reinsurance agreements that may require as consideration the	1123
transfer of assets from an insurer to a nonaffiliate, if the	1124
insurer and nonaffiliate have an agreement or understanding that	1125
any portion of the assets will be transferred to one or more	1126
affiliates of the insurer.	1127
(4) All management agreements, service contracts, tax	1128
allocations agreements, and cost-sharing arrangements;	1129
(5) Any other material transaction that the	1130
superintendent, pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with	1131
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, determines may render the	1132
insurer's surplus as regards policyholders unreasonable in	1133
relation to the insurer's outstanding liabilities and inadequate	1134
to its financial needs.	1135
(B) In reviewing transactions under division (A) of this	1136
section, the superintendent shall consider whether the terms of	1137
the transaction are fair and reasonable and whether the	1138
transaction may adversely affect the interests of policyholders.	1139
(C) Any transaction or agreement described in division (A)	1140
of this section that is not disapproved by the superintendent in	1141
accordance with that division is effective as of the effective	1142

date set forth in the notice required under this section.

(D) The superintendent, pursuant to rules adopted in 1144
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may designate 1145
certain types of transactions that need not be submitted for 1146
review under division (A) of this section, if those transactions 1147
would not have a significant impact on the financial condition 1148
of an insurer. 1149

(E) A domestic insurer shall not enter into any 1150 transaction described in division (A) of this section with 1151 members of its insurance holding company system if the 1152 transaction is part of a plan or series of similar transactions 1153 and if the purpose of entering into the separate transactions is 1154 to avoid the review required under division (A) of this section 1155 that would otherwise occur. If the superintendent determines 1156 that the insurer, within a twelve-month period, entered into 1157 those separate transactions for that purpose, the superintendent 1158 may take any action authorized by section 3901.37 of the Revised 1159 Code. 1160

(F) A domestic insurer shall give written notice to the
superintendent, within thirty days after making an investment,
if the investment is made in a corporation and the total
investment in the corporation by the insurance holding company
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system exceeds ten per cent of the voting securities of the
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corporation.

(G) Any affiliate that is party to an agreement or1167contract with a domestic insurer that is subject to division (A)1168(4) of this section shall be subject to the jurisdiction of any1169supervision, seizure, conservatorship, or receivership1170proceedings against the insurer and to the authority of any1171supervisor, conservator, rehabilitator, or liquidator for the1172insurer appointed pursuant to Chapter 3903. of the Revised Code1173

for the purpose of interpreting, enforcing, and overseeing the	1174
affiliate's obligations under the agreement or contract to	1175
perform services for the insurer that are either of the	1176
following:	1177
(1) An integral part of the insurer's operations,	1178
including management, administrative, accounting, data	1179
processing, marketing, underwriting, claims handling,	1180
investment, or any other similar functions;	1181
(2) Essential to the insurer's ability to fulfill its	1182
obligations under insurance policies.	1183
(H) Nothing in division (A) of this section shall be	1184
construed to authorize or permit any transaction that would	1185
otherwise be contrary to law.	1186
Sec. 3901.36. (A)(1) Documents, materials, or other	1187
information in the possession or control of the department of	1188
insurance that are obtained by or disclosed to the	1189
superintendent of insurance or any other person in the course of	1190
an examination or investigation made pursuant to section 3901.35	1191
of the Revised Code and all information reported pursuant to	1192
section 3901.33 of the Revised Code are recognized by this state	1193
as being proprietary and to contain trade secrets and shall be	1194
given confidential and privileged treatment and shall not be	1195
subject to section 149.43 of the Revised Code, subpoena, or	1196
discovery, and shall not be admissible in evidence in any	1197
private civil action. The superintendent shall not make the	1198
documents, materials, or other information public unless one of	1199
the following applies:	1200
$\frac{(1)}{(a)}$ The superintendent uses the documents, materials,	1201

or other information in furtherance of any regulatory or legal

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action brought as a part of the superintendent's official 1203 duties. 1204

(2) (b) The superintendent has obtained the prior written1205consent of the insurer pertaining to the disclosure of the1206documents, materials, or other information of the insurer.1207

(3) (c) The superintendent, after giving the insurer and 1208 1209 those affiliates that are the subject of the documents, materials, or other information notice and an opportunity to be 1210 1211 heard in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, determines that the interests of policyholders, shareholders, or 1212 the public will be served by the disclosure, in which case the 1213 superintendent may make disclosures as the superintendent 1214 considers appropriate. 1215

(2) For purposes of the information reported and provided 1216 to the superintendent of insurance pursuant to the group capital 1217 calculation requirements prescribed in division (L) of section 1218 3901.33 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall maintain 1219 the confidentiality of the group capital calculation and group 1220 capital ratio produced within the calculation and any group 1221 capital information received from an insurance holding company 1222 supervised by the United States federal reserve board or any 1223 United States group-wide supervisor. 1224

(3) For purposes of the information reported and provided 1225 to the superintendent of insurance pursuant to the liquidity 1226 stress test requirements prescribed in division (M) of section 1227 3901.33 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall maintain 1228 the confidentiality of the liquidity stress test results and 1229 supporting disclosures and any liquidity stress test information 1230 received from an insurance holding company supervised by the 1231 United States federal reserve board and non-United States group-1232

(B) Neither the superintendent nor any person who receives
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documents, materials, or other information while acting under
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the authority of the superintendent or with whom such documents,
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materials, or other information are shared pursuant to this
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section shall be permitted or required to testify in any private
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civil action concerning any confidential documents, materials,
or information subject to division (A) of this section.

(C) In order to assist in the performance of the1241superintendent's duties under this section, the superintendent1242may do either of the following:1243

(1) Share documents, materials, or other information, 1244 including the confidential and privileged documents, materials, 1245 or other information subject to division (A) of this section, 1246 including proprietary and trade secret documents and materials, 1247 with other local, state, federal, and international regulatory 1248 and law enforcement agencies, with the national association of 1249 insurance commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries, 1250 with third-party consultants designated by the superintendent, 1251 and with members of any supervisory college described in section 1252 3901.351 of the Revised Code, provided that the recipient agrees 1253 to maintain the confidential or privileged status of the 1254 confidential or privileged documents, materials, or other 1255 information and has verified in writing the legal authority to 1256 do so. The superintendent may share confidential and privileged 1257 documents, materials, or other information reported pursuant to 1258 section 3901.33 of the Revised Code only with superintendents of 1259 states having statutes or regulations substantially similar to 1260 division (A) of this section and who have agreed in writing not 1261 to disclose such information. 1262

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(2) Receive documents, materials, or information, 1263 including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, 1264 materials, or information, including proprietary and trade-1265 secret information, from the national association of insurance 1266 commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries and from 1267 regulatory and law enforcement officials of other foreign or 1268 domestic jurisdictions. The superintendent shall maintain as 1269 confidential or privileged any such document, material, or 1270 information received with notice or the understanding that it is 1271 confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction 1272 that is the source of the document, material, or information. 1273 (D) The superintendent shall enter into written agreements 1274

with the national association of insurance commissioners, and 1275 any third-party consultant designated by the superintendent, 1276 governing sharing and use of information provided pursuant to 1277 sections 3901.32 to 3901.37 of the Revised Code consistent with 1278 division (C) of this section. The written agreements shall do 1279 all of the following: 1280

(1) Specify procedures and protocols regarding the 1281 confidentiality and security of information shared with the 1282 national association of insurance commissioners and its 1283 affiliates and subsidiaries or a third-party consultant 1284 designated by the superintendent pursuant to sections 3901.32 to 1285 1286 3901.37 of the Revised Code, including procedures and protocols for sharing by the national association of insurance 1287 commissioners with other state, federal, or international 1288 regulators+. The agreement shall provide that the recipient 1289 agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged 1290 status of the documents, materials, or other information and has 1291 verified in writing the legal authority to maintain such 1292 confidentiality. 1293

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commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries or a third-1324party consultant designated by the superintendent may be1325required to disclose confidential information about the insurer1326shared with the national association of insurance commissioners1327and its affiliates and subsidiaries or a third-party consultant1328pursuant to sections 3901.32 to 3901.37 of the Revised Code;1329

(6) For documents, material, or information reporting1330pursuant to the liquidity stress test requirements prescribed in1331division (M) of section 3901.33 of the Revised Code, in the case1332of an agreement involving a third-party consultant, provide for1333notification of the identity of the consultant to the applicable1334insurers.1335

(E) The sharing of information by the superintendent
pursuant to sections 3901.32 to 3901.37 of the Revised Code
shall not constitute a delegation of regulatory or rule-making
authority. The superintendent is solely responsible for the
administration, execution, and enforcement of the provisions of
sections 3901.32 to 3901.37 of the Revised Code.

(F) No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of
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confidentiality in the documents, materials, or other
information described in this section shall occur as a result of
sharing or receiving documents and information as authorized in
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division (C) of this section.

(G) Documents, materials, or other information in the 1347
possession or control of the national association of insurance 1348
commissioners or a third-party consultant designated by the 1349
<u>superintendent</u> pursuant to this section shall be given 1350
confidential and privileged treatment and shall not be subject 1351
to section 149.43 of the Revised Code, subpoena, or discovery, 1352
and shall not be admissible in evidence in any private civil 1353

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(H) The group capital calculation and resulting group 135	55
capital ratio required under division (L) of section 3901.33 of 135	56
the Revised Code and the liquidity stress test along with its 135	57
results and supporting disclosures required under division (M) 135	58
of section 3901.33 of the Revised Code are regulatory tools for 135	59
assessing group risks and capital adequacy and group liquidity 136	50
risks, respectively, and are not intended as a means to rank 136	51
insurers or insurance holding company systems generally. 136	52
Therefore, except as otherwise may be required under the 136	23
provisions of sections 3901.31 to 3901.37 of the Revised Code, 136	
the making, publishing, disseminating, circulating, or placing 136	
before the public, or causing directly or indirectly to be made, 136	
published, disseminated, circulated, or placed before the public 136	57
in a newspaper, magazine or other publication, or in the form of 136	58
<u>a notice, circular, pamphlet, letter, or poster, or over any</u> 136	59
radio or television station or any electronic means of 137	70
communication available to the public, or in any other way as an 137	11
advertisement, announcement, or statement containing a 137	12
representation or statement with regard to the group capital 137	13
calculation, group capital ratio, the liquidity stress test 137	74
results, or supporting disclosures for the liquidity stress test 137	15
of any insurer or any insurer group, or of any component derived 137	16
in the calculation by any insurer, broker, or other person 137	17
engaged in any manner in the insurance business would be 137	78
misleading and is therefore prohibited; provided, however, that 137	19
if any materially false statement with respect to the group 138	30
capital calculation, resulting group capital ratio, an 138	31
inappropriate comparison of any amount to an insurer's or 138	
insurance group's group capital calculation or resulting group 138	

capital ratio, liquidity stress test result, supporting

disclosures for the liquidity stress test, or an inappropriate	1385
comparison of any amount to an insurer's or insurance group's	1386
liquidity stress test result or supporting disclosures is	1387
published in any written publication and the insurer is able to	1388
demonstrate to the superintendent with substantial proof the	1389
falsity of such statement or the inappropriateness, as the case	1390
may be, then the insurer may publish announcements in a written	1391
publication if the sole purpose of the announcement is to rebut	1392
the materially false statement.	1393
Sec. 3905.051. (A) As used in this section:	1394
(1) (a) "Applicant" means a natural person applying for	1395
either of the following:	1396
(a) <u>(</u>i) A resident license as an insurance agent or surety	1397
bail bond agent;	1398
(b) <u>(</u>ii) An additional line of authority under an existing	1399
resident insurance agent license if a criminal records check has	1400
not been obtained within the last twelve months for insurance	1401
license purposes.	1402
(b) "Applicant" includes a natural person who is the	1403
president, secretary, treasurer, or other officer or person who	1404
directs or controls the insurance operations of a limited lines	1405
travel agent that is a business entity, as described in section	1406
3905.066 of the Revised Code.	1407
(2) "Fingerprint" means an impression of the lines on the	1408
finger taken for the purpose of identification. The impression	1409
may be electronic or converted to an electronic format.	1410
(B) Each applicant shall consent to a criminal record	1411
check in accordance with this section and shall submit a full	1412
set of fingerprints to the superintendent of insurance for that	1413

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purpose.	1414
(C) The superintendent of insurance shall request the	1415
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and	1416
investigation to conduct a criminal records check based on the	1417
applicant's fingerprints. The superintendent of insurance shall	1418
request that criminal record information from the federal bureau	1419
of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records	1420
check.	1421
(D) The superintendent of insurance may contract for the	1422
collection and transmission of fingerprints authorized under	1423
this section. The superintendent may order the fee for	1424
collecting and transmitting fingerprints to be payable directly	1425
to the contractor by the applicant. The superintendent may agree	1426
to a reasonable fingerprinting fee to be charged by the	1427
contractor. Any fee required under this section shall be paid by	1428
the applicant.	1429
(E) The superintendent may receive criminal record	1430
information directly in lieu of the bureau of criminal	1431
identification and investigation that submitted the fingerprints	1432
to the federal bureau of investigation.	1433
(F) The superintendent shall treat and maintain an	1434
applicant's fingerprints and any criminal record information	1435
obtained under this section as confidential and shall apply	1436
security measures consistent with the criminal justice	1/137

obtained under this section as confidential and shall apply1436security measures consistent with the criminal justice1437information services division of the federal bureau of1438investigation standards for the electronic storage of1439fingerprints and necessary identifying information and limit the1440use of records solely to the purposes authorized by this1441section. The fingerprints and any criminal record information1442are not subject to subpoena other than one issued pursuant to a1443

criminal investigation, are confidential by law and privileged, 1444 are not subject to discovery, and are not admissible in any 1445 private civil action. 1446

(G) This section does not apply to an agent applying forrenewal of an existing resident or nonresident license in thisstate.

Sec. 3905.06. (A) (1) The superintendent of insurance shall 1450 issue a resident insurance agent license to an individual 1451 applicant whose home state is Ohio upon submission of a 1452 completed application and payment of any applicable fee required 1453 under this chapter, if the superintendent finds all of the 1454 following: 1455

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

(b) The applicant has not committed any act that is a 1457
ground for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license 1458
under section 3905.14 of the Revised Code. 1459

(c) If required under section 3905.04 of the Revised Code, 1460
the applicant has completed a program of insurance education for 1461
each line of authority for which the applicant has applied. 1462

(d) If required under section 3905.04 of the Revised Code, 1463
the applicant has passed an examination for each line of 1464
authority for which the applicant has applied. 1465

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

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examination approved by the superintendent.

(f) If required under section 3905.051 of the Revised 1474
Code, the applicant has consented to a criminal records check 1475
and the results of the applicant's criminal records check are 1476
determined to be satisfactory by the superintendent in 1477
accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code. 1478

(g) The applicant is a United States citizen or hasprovided proof of having legal authorization to work in theUnited States.

(h) The applicant is honest and trustworthy and isotherwise suitable to be licensed.1483

(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) Except as provided under division (C)(2) of section
3905.062 or division (C)(2) of section 3905.063 of the Revised
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Code, the applicant either is domiciled in Ohio or maintains its
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principal place of business in Ohio.

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

(c) The applicant has not committed any act that is a 1496
ground for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license 1497
under section 3905.14 of the Revised Code. 1498

(d) Any applicant applying for a portable electronics 1499 insurance license line of authority satisfies the requirements 1500

of division (C)(1) of section 3905.062 of the Revised Code or 1501 any applicant applying for a self-service storage insurance 1502 license line of authority satisfies the requirements of division 1503 (C)(1) of section 3905.063 of the Revised Code. 1504 (e) The applicant has submitted any other documents 1505 requested by the superintendent. 1506 (B) An insurance agent license issued pursuant to division 1507 (A) of this section shall state the licensee's name, the license 1508 number, the date of issuance, the date the license expires, the 1509 line or lines of authority for which the licensee is qualified, 1510 and any other information the superintendent deems necessary. 1511 A licensee may be qualified for any of the following lines 1512 of authority: 1513 (1) Life, which is insurance coverage on human lives, 1514 including benefits of endowment and annuities, and may include 1515 benefits in the event of death or dismemberment by accident and 1516 benefits for disability income; 1517 (2) Accident and health, which is insurance coverage for 1518 sickness, bodily injury, or accidental death, and may include 1519 benefits for disability income; 1520 (3) Property, which is insurance coverage for the direct 1521 or consequential loss or damage to property of any kind; 1522 (4) Casualty, which is insurance coverage against legal 1523 liability, including coverage for death, injury, or disability 1524 or damage to real or personal property; 1525

(5) Personal lines, which is property and casualty
insurance coverage sold to individuals and families for
noncommercial purposes;

(6) Variable life and variable annuity products, which is	1529
insurance coverage provided under variable life insurance	1530
contracts and variable annuities;	1531
(7) Credit, which is limited line credit insurance;	1532
(8) Title, which is insurance coverage against loss or	1533
damage suffered by reason of liens against, encumbrances upon,	1534
defects in, or the unmarketability of, real property;	1535
(9) Surety bail bond, which is the authority set forth in	1536
sections 3905.83 to 3905.95 of the Revised Code;	1537
(10) Portable electronics insurance, which is a limited	1538
line described in section 3905.062 of the Revised Code;	1539
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(11) Self-service storage insurance, which is a limited	1540
line described in section 3905.063 of the Revised Code;	1541
(12) Travel insurance, which is a limited line described	1542
in section <u>sections</u> 3905.064 <u>to 3905.0611 of</u> the Revised Code;	1543
(13) Any other line of authority designated by the	1544
superintendent.	1545
(C)(1) An individual seeking to renew a resident insurance	1546
agent license shall apply biennially for a renewal of the	1547
license on or before the last day of the licensee's birth month.	1548
A business entity seeking to renew a resident insurance agent	1549
license shall apply biennially for a renewal of the license on	1550
or before the date determined by the superintendent. The	1551
superintendent shall send a renewal notice to all licensees at	1552
least one month prior to the renewal date.	1553

Applications shall be submitted to the superintendent on1554forms prescribed by the superintendent. Each application shall1555be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee. The superintendent1556

also may require an applicant to submit any document reasonably 1557 necessary to verify the information contained in the renewal 1558 application. 1559

(2) To be eligible for renewal, an individual applicant
shall complete the continuing education requirements pursuant to
section 3905.481 of the Revised Code prior to the renewal date.
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(3) If an applicant submits a completed renewal 1563 application, qualifies for renewal pursuant to divisions (C)(1) 1564 and (2) of this section, and has not committed any act that is a 1565 ground for the refusal to issue, suspension of, or revocation of 1566 a license under section 3905.14 of the Revised Code, the 1567 superintendent shall renew the applicant's resident insurance 1568 agent license. 1569

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

(E) A license issued under this section that is not 1577 renewed on or before its renewal date pursuant to division (C) 1578 of this section or its late renewal date pursuant to division 1579 (D) of this section automatically is suspended for nonrenewal on 1580 the first day of the second month following the renewal date. If 1581 a license is suspended for nonrenewal pursuant to this division, 1582 the individual or business entity is eligible to apply for 1583 reinstatement of the license within the twelve-month period 1584 following the date by which the license should have been renewed 1585 by complying with the reinstatement procedure established by the 1586

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superintendent and paying all applicable fees required under 1587 this chapter. 1588

(F) A license that is suspended for nonrenewal that is not 1589 reinstated pursuant to division (E) of this section 1590 automatically is canceled unless the superintendent is 1591 investigating any allegations of wrongdoing by the agent or has 1592 initiated proceedings under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. In 1593 that case, the license automatically is canceled after the 1594 completion of the investigation or proceedings unless the 1595 superintendent revokes the license. 1596

(G) An individual licensed as a resident insurance agent 1597 who is unable to comply with the license renewal procedures 1598 established under this section and who is unable to engage in 1599 the business of insurance due to military service, a long-term 1600 medical disability, or some other extenuating circumstance may 1601 request an extension of the renewal date of the individual's 1602 license. To be eligible for such an extension, the individual 1603 shall submit a written request with supporting documentation to 1604 the superintendent. At the superintendent's discretion, the 1605 superintendent may not consider a written request made after the 1606 renewal date of the license. 1607

 Sec. 3905.064. (A)
 As used in this sections
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 3905.064 to 3905.0611 of the Revised Code:
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(A) "Aggregator site" means a web site that provides1610access to information regarding insurance products from more1611than one insurer, including product and insurer information, for1612use in comparison shopping.1613

(B) "Blanket travel insurance" means a policy of travel1614insurance issued to any eligible group providing coverage for1615

specific classes of persons defined in the policy with coverage	1616
provided to all members of the eligible group without a separate	1617
charge to individual members of the eligible group.	1618
(C) "Cancellation fee waiver" means a contractual	1619
agreement between a supplier of travel services and its customer	1620
to waive some or all of the nonrefundable cancellation fee	1621
provisions of the supplier's underlying travel contract, with or	1622
without regard to the reason for the cancellation or form of	1623
reimbursement.	1624
(D) "Eligible group" means, solely for the purposes of	1625
travel insurance, two or more persons who are engaged in a	1626
common enterprise, or have an economic, educational, or social	1627
affinity or relationship. "Eligible group" includes any of the	1628
following:	1629
(1) Any entity engaged in the business of providing travel	1630
or travel services, including all of the following:	1631
(a) Tour operators;	1632
<u>(a) Tour operators,</u>	1052
(b) Lodging providers;	1633
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(c) Vacation property owners;	1634
(d) Hotels and resorts;	1635
(e) Travel clubs;	1636
(f) Travel agencies;	1637
(g) Property managers;	1638
(h) Cultural exchange programs;	1639
(i) Common carriers or the operator, owner, or lessor of a	1640
means of transportation of passengers, including airlines,	1641
cruise lines, railroads, steamship companies, and public bus	1642

carriers that, with regard to any particular travel or type of	1643
travel or travelers, subjects all members or customers of the	1644
group to a common exposure to risk attendant to such travel;	1645
(2) Any college, school, or other institution of learning,	1646
obtaining travel insurance covering students, teachers,	1647
employees, or volunteers;	1648
emproyees, or vorunteers,	1040
(3) Any employer obtaining travel insurance coverage for	1649
any group of employees, volunteers, contractors, board of	1650
<u>directors, dependents, or guests;</u>	1651
(4) Any sports team, camp, or sponsor thereof, obtaining	1652
travel insurance coverage for participants, members, campers,	1653
employees, officials, supervisors, or volunteers;	1654
(5) Any religious, charitable, recreational, educational,	1655
or civic organization, or branch thereof, obtaining travel	1656
insurance coverage for any group of members, participants, or	1657
volunteers;	1658
(6) Any financial institution or financial institution	1659
vendor, or parent holding company, trustee, or agent of, or	1660
designated by, one or more financial institutions or financial	1661
institution vendors, including account holders, credit card	1662
holders, debtors, guarantors, or purchasers;	1663
(7) Any incorporated or unincorporated association,	1664
including labor unions, that have a common interest,	1665
constitution, and bylaws, and that are organized and maintained	1666
in good faith for purposes other than obtaining insurance for	1667
members or participants of such association covering its	1668
members;	1669
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(8) Any trust or the trustees of a fund established,	1670
created, or maintained for the benefit of and covering members,	1671

employees, or customers of one or more associations meeting the	1672
requirements of division (D)(7) of this section, subject to the	1673
superintendent's permitting the use of a trust and the state's	1674
premium tax provisions in section 3905.068 of the Revised Code;	1675
(9) Any entertainment production company obtaining travel	1676
insurance coverage for any group of participants, volunteers,	1677
audience members, contestants, or workers;	1678
(10) Any volunteer fire department, ambulance, rescue,	1679
police, or court, or any first aid, civil defense, or other such	1680
<u>volunteer group;</u>	1681
(11) Preschools, day-care institutions for children or	1682
adults, and senior citizen clubs;	1683
(12) Any automobile or truck rental or leasing company	1684
obtaining travel insurance coverage for a group of individuals	1685
who may become renters, lessees, or passengers, defined by their	1686
travel status, on the rented or leased vehicles;	1687
(13) Any other group whose members the superintendent has	1688
determined are engaged in a common enterprise, or that have an	1689
economic, educational, or social affinity or relationship, if	1690
the superintendent also determines that issuance of the travel	1691
insurance policy would not be contrary to the public interest.	1692
(E) "Fulfillment materials" means documentation sent to	1693
the purchaser of a travel protection plan confirming the	1694
purchase and providing the travel protection plan's coverage and	1695
assistance details.	1696
(F) "Group travel insurance" means travel insurance issued	1697
to any eligible group.	1698
(1) <u>(</u>G) "Limited lines travel insurance agent" means an	1699

individual or business entity licensed to sell, solicit, or	1700
negotiate travel insurance under this section section 3905.065 of	1701
the Revised Code. "Limited lines travel insurance agent"	1702
includes a licensed insurance agent and a travel administrator.	1703
(2)(H) "Offer and sell" means providing general	1704
information, including a description of the coverage and price,	1705
as well as processing the application and collecting premiums.	1706
(I) "Primary certificate holder" means an individual	1707
person who elects and purchases travel insurance under a group	1708
policy.	1709
(J) "Primary policyholder" means an individual person who	1710
elects and purchases individual travel insurance.	1711
(K) "Travel administrator" means a person who directly or	1712
indirectly underwrites, collects charges, collateral, or	1713
premiums from, or adjusts or settles claims on residents of this	1714
state, in connection with travel insurance. The following	1715
persons shall not be considered a travel administrator if they	1716
engage in no other activities that would cause them to be	1717
considered a travel administrator:	1718
(1) A person working for a travel administrator to the	1719
extent that the person's activities are subject to the	1720
supervision and control of the travel administrator;	1721
(2) An insurance agent selling insurance or engaged in	1722
administrative and claims-related activities within the scope of	1723
the agent's license;	1724
(3) A travel retailer offering and selling travel	1725
insurance and registered under the license of a limited-lines	1726
travel insurance agent in accordance with sections 3905.065 and	1727
3905.066 of the Revised Code;	1728

(4) An individual adjusting or settling claims in the	1729
normal course of that individual's practice or employment as an	1730
attorney at law and who does not collect charges or premiums in	1731
connection with insurance coverage;	1732
(5) A business entity affiliated with a licensed insurer	1733
while that insurer is acting as a travel administrator for the	1734
direct and assumed insurance business of a separate affiliated	1735
<u>insurer.</u>	1736
(L) "Travel assistance services" means noninsurance	1737
services for which the consumer is not indemnified based on a	1738
fortuitous event, and where providing the service does not	1739
result in transfer or shifting of risk that would constitute the	1740
business of insurance. "Travel assistance services" include all	1741
of the following:	1742
<u>(1) Security advisories;</u>	1743
(2) Destination information;	1744
(3) Vaccination and immunization information services;	1745
(4) Travel reservation services;	1746
(5) Entertainment;	1747
(6) Activity and event planning;	1748
(7) Translation assistance;	1749
<pre>(8) Emergency messaging;</pre>	1750
(9) International legal and medical referrals;	1751
(10) Medical case monitoring;	1752
(11) Coordination of transportation arrangements;	1753
(12) Emergency cash transfer assistance;	1754

(13) Medical prescription replacement assistance;	1755
(14) Passport and travel document replacement assistance;	1756
(15) Lost luggage assistance;	1757
(16) Concierge services;	1758
(17) Any other service that is furnished in connection	1759
with planned travel.	1760
(M)(1) "Travel insurance" means insurance coverage for	1761
personal risks incident to planned travel, including all of the	1762
following:	1763
(a) Interruption or cancellation of a trip or event;	1764
(b) Loss of baggage or personal effects;	1765
(c) Damages to accommodations or rental vehicles;	1766
(d) Sickness, accident, disability, or death occurring	1767
during travel <u>;</u>	1768
(e) Emergency evacuation;	1769
(f) Repatriation of remains;	1770
(g) Any other contractual obligations to indemnify or pay	1771
a specified amount to the traveler upon determinable	1772
contingencies related to travel as approved by the	1773
superintendent of insurance.	1774
<u>(2)</u> "Travel insurance" does not include major any of the	1775
following:	1776
(a) Major medical plans that provide comprehensive medical	1777
protection for a traveler with a trip lasting six months or	1778
longer, including a plan covering a person working overseas as	1779
an expatriate or in a deployed military unit <u>;</u>	1780

(b) Any other product that requires a specific insurance agent license;	1781 1782
(c) Travel assistance services;	1783
(d) Cancellation fee waivers.	1784
(3) (N) "Travel insurer" means an insurer, as defined in section 3901.32 of the Revised Code, that provides travel	1785 1786 1787
<u>insurance.</u> (0) "Travel protection plan" means a plan that provides_	1788
one or more of the following: travel insurance, travel	1789
assistance services, and cancellation fee waivers.	1790
(P) "Travel retailer" means a business entity that makes,	1791
arranges, or offers travel services, and that may offer or sell	1792
travel insurance as a service to its customers on behalf of, and	1793
under the direction of, a limited lines travel insurance agent	1794
in conjunction with the making, arranging, or offering of travel	1795
services.	1796
(B) No person shall offer or sell travel insurance except	1797
as provided in this section.	1798
(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the	1799
superintendent of insurance may issue to an individual or	1800
business entity a limited lines travel insurance agent license-	1801
that authorizes the holder of the license to sell, solicit, or-	1802
negotiate travel insurance through a licensed insurer if both of	1803
the following requirements are met:	1804
(1) The individual or business entity has submitted an-	1805
application to the superintendent for the license on a form and	1806
in a manner prescribed by the superintendent.	1807
(2) The individual or business entity has paid all fees	1808

applicable under this chapter.

(D)(1) At the time the superintendent of insurance issues-	1810
a license under this section, the limited lines travel insurance-	1811
agent shall establish and maintain on a form prescribed by the	1812
superintendent a register of each travel retailer that offers or	1813
sells travel insurance on the agent's behalf.	1814
(2) The limited lines travel insurance agent shall submit	1815
the register to the department of insurance upon reasonable-	1816
request, and shall certify that the registered travel retailer	1817
complies with 18 U.S.C. 1033.	1818
(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a travel-	1819
retailer may offer and sell travel insurance under a limited	1820
lines travel insurance agent that is a business entity if all of	1821
the following conditions are met:	1822
(1) The limited lines travel insurance agent or travel	1823
retailer provides all of the following information to purchasers-	1824
of travel insurance at the time of sale or in the fulfillment	1825
materials provided to purchasers:	1826
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(a) A description of the material terms or the actual	1827
terms of the insurance coverage;	1828
(b) A description of the process for filing a claim;	1829
(c) A description of the review or cancellation process	1830
for the travel insurance policy;	1831
for the clarer incardined policy,	1001
(d) The identity and contact information of the insurer	1832
and limited lines travel insurance agent.	1833
(2)(a) The limited lines travel insurance agent designates	1834
one of the agent's employees as the responsible insurance agent	1835
who is responsible for the limited lines travel insurance	1836

agent's compliance with the travel insurance laws and rules of	1837
this state. The designated responsible insurance agent must be a	1838
licensed insurance agent qualified in any of the following lines-	1839
of authority in accordance with section 3905.06 of the Revised-	1840
- Code:	1841
-(i) Travel;	1842
(ii) Property;	1843
(iii) Personal.	1844
(b) The responsible insurance agent shall comply with the	1845
fingerprinting requirements of section 3905.051 of the Revised-	1846
Code or the applicable fingerprinting requirements of the home-	1847
state of the limited lines travel insurance agent.	1848
(3) The limited lines travel insurance agent business-	1849
entity and the responsible insurance agent are responsible for	1850
the acts of the travel retailer and use reasonable means to-	1851
ensure compliance with this section by the travel retailer.	1852
(4) (a) (i) The limited lines travel insurance agent	1853
requires each employee and authorized representative of the	1854
travel retailer, whose duties include offering or selling travel	1855
insurance, to receive a program of instruction or training.	1856
(ii) The training material shall, at minimum, contain-	1857
instructions on the types of insurance offered, ethical sales	1858
practices, and required disclosures to prospective customers.	1859
(b) The superintendent may review all training programs or	1860
materials at the superintendent's discretion.	1861
(5) The travel retailer offers or sells the travel-	1862
insurance only in conjunction with the making, arranging, or	1863
offering of travel services.	1864

(F) A limited lines travel insurance agent, as well as any	1865
travel retailer and the retailer's employees that are registered	1866
under division (D) of this section, are exempt from any	1867
examination and education requirements as set forth in section-	1868
3905.04 of the Revised Code for purposes of this section only.	1869
(G) (1) Any travel retailer offering or selling travel-	1870
insurance shall make available to prospective purchasers	1871
brochures or other written materials that contain all of the	1872
following:	1873
(a) The identity and contact information of the insurer	1874
and the limited lines travel insurance agent;	1875
(b) An explanation that the purchase of travel insurance	1876
is not required in order to purchase any other product or	1877
service from the travel retailer;	1878
(c) An explanation that an unlicensed travel retailer is	1879
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(c) Hold itself out as a licensed insurer, licensed agent,	1893
or insurance expert;	1894
(d) Offer or sell travel insurance, unless the travel-	1895
insurance is offered or sold in conjunction with and incidental-	1896
to the sale of travel services.	1897
(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a travel	1898
retailer whose insurance-related activities, and those of its	1899
employees and authorized representatives, are limited to	1900
offering or selling travel insurance on behalf of and under the	1901
direction of a limited lines travel insurance agent that meets-	1902
the requirements of this section, is authorized to offer and	1903
sell insurance and receive related compensation for these-	1904
services, if the travel retailer is registered by the limited	1905
lines travel insurance agent as described in division (D) of	1906
this section. Any compensation paid to a travel retailer's	1907
employee or authorized representative for the services described	1908
in this section shall be incidental to the employee's or	1909
authorized representative's overall compensation and not based	1910
primarily on the number of customers who purchase travel	1911
insurance coverage.	1912
(a) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit-	1913
payment of compensation to a travel retailer or its employees or	1914
authorized representatives for activities under the limited	1915
lines travel insurance agent's license that are incidental to	1916
the overall compensation of the travel retailer or the employees	1917
or authorized representatives of the facility.	1918
(b) All costs paid or charged to a consumer for the	1919
purchase of travel insurance or related services shall be	1920
separately itemized on the customer's bill.	1921

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(II) Travel insurance may be provided under individual or	1922
group insurance.	1923
(I) Any limited lines travel insurance agent, or any	1924
travel retailer offering or selling travel insurance under a	1925
limited lines travel insurance agent, that fails to comply with	1926
the provisions of this section is deemed to have engaged in an-	1927
unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of	1928
insurance as defined in section 3901.21 of the Revised Code and	1929
is subject to section 3905.14 of the Revised Code.	1930
(J) A license issued under this section shall be renewed	1931
on a biennial basis as set forth in sections 3905.06 and 3905.07	1932
of the Revised Code.	1933
Sec. 3905.065. (A) No person shall offer or sell travel	1934
insurance except as provided in sections 3905.064 to 3905.0611	1935
of the Revised Code.	1936
(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the	1937
superintendent of insurance may issue to an individual or	1938
business entity a limited lines travel insurance agent license	1939
that authorizes the holder of the license to sell, solicit, or	1940
negotiate travel insurance through a licensed insurer if both of	1941
the following requirements are met:	1942
(1) The individual or business entity has submitted an	1943
application to the superintendent for the license on a form and	1944
in a manner prescribed by the superintendent.	1945
(2) The individual or business entity has paid all fees	1946
applicable under this chapter.	1947
<u>(C)(1) At the time the superintendent of insurance issues</u>	1948
a license under this section, the limited lines travel insurance	1949
agent shall establish and maintain, on a form prescribed by the	1950
agent there obtained and mathematic, on a torm proportionally one	

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superintendent, a register of each travel retailer that offers	1951
or sells travel insurance on the limited lines travel agent's	1952
behalf.	1953
(2) (a) The register shall include the name, address, and	1954
contact information of the travel retailer and an officer or	1955
person who directs or controls the travel retailer's operations,	1956
and the travel retailer's federal tax identification number.	1957
(b) The limited lines travel insurance agent shall update	1958
the register as needed to maintain its accuracy.	1959
(3) (a) The limited lines travel insurance agent shall	1960
submit the register to the department of insurance upon	1961
reasonable request and shall certify that the registered travel_	1962
retailer complies with 18 U.S.C. 1033.	1963
(b) The superintendent may apply the grounds for license	1964
suspension, license revocation, and the imposition of penalties	1965
that are found in section 3905.14 of the Revised Code and that	1966
are applicable to resident insurance agents, to limited lines	1967
travel insurance agents and travel retailers.	1968
(D) A limited lines travel insurance agent, as well as any	1969
travel retailer and the retailer's employees that are registered	1970
under division (C) of this section, are exempt from any	1971
examination and education requirements as set forth in section	1972
3905.04 of the Revised Code for purposes of sections 3905.064 to	1973
3905.0611 of the Revised Code only.	1974
(E) Travel insurance may be provided under an individual,	1975
group, or blanket insurance policy.	1976
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<u>(F) A person authorized to offer a travel protection plan</u>	1977
under sections 3905.064 to 3905.0611 of the Revised Code may	1978
offer a travel protection plan for one price for the combined	1979

features that the travel protection plan offers in this state if	1980
all of the following are met:	1981
(1) At or prior to the time of purchase, the travel	1982
protection plan does both of the following:	1983
(a) Clearly discloses to the consumer that it includes	1984
travel insurance, travel assistance services, and cancellation	1985
fee waivers, as applicable;	1986
(b) Provides information and an opportunity for the	1987
consumer to obtain additional information regarding the features	1988
and pricing of each of the combined features.	1989
(2) The fulfillment materials provided to the consumer	1990
include all of the following, as applicable:	1991
(a) A description and delineation of the travel insurance,	1992
travel assistance services, and cancellation fee waivers in the	1993
travel protection plan;	1994
(b) The travel insurance disclosures;	1995
(c) The contact information for persons providing travel	1996
assistance services and cancellation fee waivers, as applicable.	1997
(G) In the event of a conflict between sections 3905.064	1998
to 3905.0611 of the Revised Code and any other provision of	1999
Title XXXIX of the Revised Code regarding the sale and marketing	2000
of travel insurance and travel protection plans, the provisions	2001
of sections 3905.064 to 3905.0611 of the Revised Code control.	2002
(H)(1) All documents provided to consumers prior to the	2003
purchase of travel insurance, including sales materials,	2004
advertising materials, and marketing materials, shall be	2005
consistent with the travel insurance policy itself, including	2006
forms, endorsements, policies, rate filings, and certificates of	2007

insurance.	2008
(2) For travel insurance policies or certificates that	2009
contain pre-existing condition exclusions, information and an	2010
opportunity to learn more about the pre-existing condition	2011
exclusions shall be provided any time prior to the time of	2012
purchase and in the coverage's fulfillment materials.	2013
(3) The fulfillment materials and the information	2014
described in division (A)(1) of section 3905.066 of the Revised	2015
Code shall be provided to a policyholder or certificate holder	2016
as soon as practicable after the purchase of a travel protection	2017
plan.	2018
(4) The travel insurer shall disclose in the policy	2019
documentation and fulfillment materials whether the travel	2020
insurance is primary or secondary to other applicable coverage.	2021
(I) (1) Unless the insured has either started a covered	2022
trip or filed a claim under the travel insurance coverage, a	2023
policyholder or certificate holder may cancel a travel insurance	2024
policy or certificate for a full refund of the travel protection	2025
plan price in accordance with the following:	2026
(a) If the travel protection plan's fulfillment materials	2027
are delivered by postal mail, the policyholder or certificate	2028
holder may cancel within fifteen days following the date of	2029
<u>delivery.</u>	2030
(b) If the travel protection plan's fulfillment materials	2031
are delivered by means other than postal mail, the policyholder	2032
or certificate holder may cancel within ten days following the	2033
date of delivery.	2034
(2) For the purposes of this division, "delivery" includes	2035

(2) For the purposes of this division, "delivery" includes2035handing fulfillment materials to the policyholder or certificate2036

holder or sending fulfillment materials by postal mail or	2037
electronic means to the policyholder or certificate holder.	2038
(J) No person offering, selling, or negotiating travel	2039
insurance or travel protection plans on an individual or group	2040
basis may do so by using a negative option or opt out when the	2041
consumer purchases a trip. As used in this division, "using a	2041
negative option or opt out" includes requiring a consumer to	2042
take an affirmative action to deselect coverage, such as	2044
<u>unchecking a box on an electronic form.</u>	2045
(K) A license issued under this section shall be renewed	2046
on a biennial basis as set forth in sections 3905.06 and 3905.07	2047
of the Revised Code.	2048
Sec. 3905.066. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of	2049
law, a travel retailer may offer and sell travel insurance under	2050
a limited lines travel insurance agent that is a business entity	2051
if all of the following conditions are met:	2051
<u>ii all of the following conditions are met.</u>	2002
(1) The limited lines travel insurance agent or travel	2053
retailer provides all of the following information to purchasers	2054
of travel insurance at the time of sale or in the fulfillment	2055
materials provided to purchasers:	2056
(a) A description of the material terms or the actual	2057
terms of the insurance coverage;	2058
<u>cerms of the insurance coverage</u>	2000
(b) A description of the process for filing a claim;	2059
(c) A description of the review or cancellation process	2060
for the travel insurance policy;	2061
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(d) The identity and contact information of the insurer	2062
and limited lines travel insurance agent.	2063
(2) (a) The limited lines travel insurance agent designates	2064

one of the agent's employees, who is a licensed individual	2065
agent, as the responsible insurance agent who is responsible for	2066
the limited lines travel insurance agent's compliance with the	2067
travel insurance laws and rules of this state applicable to the	2068
limited lines travel insurance agent and its registrants. The	2069
designated responsible insurance agent must be a licensed	2070
insurance agent qualified in any of the following lines of	2071
authority in accordance with section 3905.06 of the Revised	2072
Code:	2073
(i) Travel;	2074
(ii) Property;	2075
<u>(iii) Personal.</u>	2076
(b) The responsible insurance agent, president, secretary,	2077
treasurer, and any other officer or person who directs or	2078
controls the limited lines travel insurance agent's insurance	2070
operations shall comply with the fingerprinting requirements of	2079
section 3905.051 of the Revised Code or the applicable	2081
fingerprinting requirements of the home state of the limited	2082
lines travel insurance agent.	2083
(3) The limited lines travel insurance agent business	2084
entity and the responsible insurance agent are responsible for	2085
the acts of the travel retailer and use reasonable means to	2086
ensure compliance with sections 3905.064 to 3905.0611 of the	2087
Revised Code by the travel retailer.	2088
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(4) (a) The limited lines travel insurance agent requires	2089
each employee and authorized representative of the travel	2090
retailer, whose duties include offering or selling travel	2091
insurance, to receive a program of instruction or training that	2092
is subject, at the discretion of the superintendent, to review	2093

and approval.	2094
(b) The training material shall, at minimum, contain	2095
instructions on the types of insurance offered, ethical sales	2096
practices, and required disclosures to prospective customers.	2097
(B)(1) Any travel retailer offering or selling travel	2098
insurance shall make available to prospective purchasers	2099
brochures or other written materials that have been approved by	2100
the travel insurer. Such materials shall contain all of the	2101
following:	2102
(a) The identity and contact information of the insurer	2103
and the limited lines travel insurance agent;	2104
(b) An explanation that the purchase of travel insurance	2105
is not required in order to purchase any other product or	2106
service from the travel retailer;	2107
(c) An explanation that an unlicensed travel retailer is	2108
permitted to provide general information about the insurance	2109
offered by the travel retailer, including a description of the	2110
coverage and price, but is not qualified or authorized to answer	2111
technical questions about the terms and conditions of the	2112
insurance offered by the travel retailer or to evaluate the	2113
adequacy of the customer's existing insurance coverage.	2114
(2) A travel retailer's employee or authorized	2115
representative who is not licensed as an insurance agent shall	2116
not do any of the following:	2117
(a) Evaluate or interpret the technical terms, benefits,	2118
and conditions of the offered travel insurance coverage;	2119
(b) Evaluate or provide advice concerning a prospective	2120
purchaser's existing insurance coverage;	2120
paronabor b enteeing indutance coverage,	<u></u>

(c) Hold itself out as a licensed insurer, licensed agent,	2122
or insurance expert.	2123
(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a travel	2124
retailer whose insurance-related activities, and those of its	2125
employees and authorized representatives, are limited to	2126
offering and selling travel insurance on behalf of and under the	2127
direction of a limited lines travel insurance agent that meets	2128
the requirements of section 3905.065 of the Revised Code, is	2129
authorized to offer and sell insurance and receive related	2130
compensation for these services, if the travel retailer is	2131
registered by the limited lines travel insurance agent as	2132
described in section 3905.065 of the Revised Code. Any	2133
compensation paid to a travel retailer's employee or authorized	2134
representative for the services described in this section shall	2135
be incidental to the employee's or authorized representative's	2136
overall compensation and not based primarily on the number of	2137
customers who purchase travel insurance coverage.	2138
(C) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit	2139
payment of compensation to a travel retailer or its employees or	2140
authorized representatives for activities under the limited	2141
lines travel insurance agent's license that are incidental to	2142
the overall compensation of the travel retailer or the employees	2143
or authorized representatives of the facility.	2144
Sec. 3905.067. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this	2145
section, all persons offering travel insurance to residents of	2146
this state are subject to sections 3901.19 to 3901.26 of the	2147
Revised Code.	2148
(B) Any limited lines travel insurance agent, or any	2149
travel retailer offering or selling travel insurance under a	2150
limited lines travel insurance agent, that fails to comply with	2151

the provisions of sections 3905.064 to 3905.0611 of the Revised	2152
Code is deemed to have engaged in an unfair and deceptive act or	2153
practice in the business of insurance as defined in section	2154
3901.21 of the Revised Code and is subject to section 3905.14 of	2155
the Revised Code.	2156
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(C) Both of the following shall be considered an unfair	2157
and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance, as	2158
defined in section 3901.21 of the Revised Code, and are subject	2159
to, in addition to the penalties prescribed in section 3901.22	2160
of the Revised Code, disciplinary action under section 3905.14	2161
of the Revised Code:	2162
(1) Offering or selling a travel insurance policy that	2163
could never result in payment of any claims;	2164
(2) Marketing blanket travel insurance coverage as free.	2165
(D) Marketing travel insurance directly to a consumer	2166
through a travel insurer's web site or by others through an	2167
aggregator site is not an unfair and deceptive act or practice	2168
or other violation of law if both of the following conditions	2169
are met:	2170
(1) An accurate summary or short description of coverage	2171
is provided on the web site;	2172
(2) The consumer has access to the full provisions of the	2173
policy through electronic means.	2174
(E) Where a consumer's destination jurisdiction requires	2175
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insurance coverage, it is not an unfair and deceptive act or	2176
practice in the business of insurance to require a consumer to	2177
choose between the following options as a condition of	2178
purchasing a trip or travel package:	2179

(1) Purchasing the coverage required by the destination	2180
jurisdiction through the travel retailer or limited lines travel	2181
insurance agent supplying the trip or travel package;	2182
(2) Agreeing to obtain and provide proof of coverage that	2183
meets the destination jurisdiction's requirements prior to	2184
departure.	2185
Sec. 3905.068. (A) A travel insurer shall pay premium tax,	2186
as provided in Chapters 5725. and 5729. of the Revised Code, on	2187
travel insurance premiums paid by any of the following:	2188
(1) An individual primary policyholder who is a resident_	2189
of this state;	2100
<u>or mis state</u> ,	2190
(2) A primary certificate holder who is a resident of this	2191
state who elects coverage under a group travel insurance policy;	2192
(3) (a) A blanket travel insurance policyholder, when the	2193
policy covers eligible blanket group members, that is a resident	2194
of, or has its principal place of business in, this state,	2195
including when the policy covers an affiliate or subsidiary,	2196
regardless of the location of the affiliate or subsidiary.	2197
(b) Such payments shall be subject to any apportionment	2198
rules that apply to the insurer across multiple taxing	2199
jurisdictions or that permit the insurer to allocate premium on	2200
an apportioned basis in a reasonable and equitable manner in	2201
those jurisdictions.	2202
(B) A travel insurer shall:	2203
(1) Document the state of residence or principal place of	2204
business of the policyholder or certificate holder, as necessary	2205
to comply with division (A)(1) of this section;	2206
(2) Report as a premium only the amount allocable to	2207

travel insurance and not any amounts received for travel	2208
assistance services or cancellation fee waivers.	2209
(C) Neither of the following are insurance:	2210
(1) A cancellation fee waiver;	2211
(2) Travel assistance services.	2212
(D) Surplus lines brokers selling travel insurance shall	2213
pay taxes on premiums related to travel insurance in accordance	2214
with sections 3905.30 to 3905.38 of the Revised Code and not in	2215
accordance with the requirements of this section.	2216
(E) With regard to an automobile or truck rental or	2217
leasing company obtaining travel insurance coverage for a group	2218
of individuals who may become renters, lessees, or passengers,	2219
defined by their travel status on the rented or leased vehicles,	2220
the common carrier, operator, owner, or lessor of a means of	2221
transportation, or the automobile or truck rental or leasing	2222
company, is the policyholder under a policy to which sections	2223
3905.064 to 3905.0611 of the Revised Code apply.	2224
Sec. 3905.069. (A) Notwithstanding any other provisions of	2225
Title XXXIX of the Revised Code, no person shall act or	2226
represent the person's self as a travel administrator for travel	2227
insurance in this state unless that person holds one of the	2228
following licenses in good standing in this state:	2229
(1) Property and casualty license;	2230
(2) Managing general agent license;	2231
(3) Third-party administrator license.	2232
(B)(1) A travel insurer is responsible for the acts of a	2233
travel administrator administering travel insurance underwritten	2234

by the travel insurer and is responsible for ensuring that the	2235
travel administrator maintains all books and records relevant to	2236
the travel insurer.	2237
(2) The travel administrator shall make such books and	2238
records available to the superintendent of insurance upon	2239
request.	2240
Sec. 3905.0610. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)	2241
(2) of this section, travel insurance shall be classified and	2242
filed, for purposes of rates and forms, under an inland marine	2243
line of insurance.	2244
(2) Travel insurance that provides coverage for sickness,	2245
accident, disability, or death occurring during travel, either	2246
exclusively or in conjunction with related coverages of	2247
emergency evacuation or repatriation of remains, or incidental	2248
limited property and casualty benefits such as baggage or trip	2249
cancellation, may be filed under either an accident and health	2250
line of insurance or an inland marine line of insurance.	2251
(B) Eligibility and underwriting standards for travel	2252
insurance may be developed and provided based on travel	2253
protection plans designed for individual or identified marketing	2254
or distribution channels, provided those standards also meet the	2255
state's underwriting standards for inland marine.	2256
Sec. 3905.0611. The superintendent may adopt rules as	2257
needed to implement sections 3905.064 to 3905.0611 of the	2258
Revised Code.	2259
Sec. 3915.073. (A) This section shall be known as the	2260
standard nonforfeiture law for individual deferred annuities.	2261
(B) This section does not apply to any reinsurance group	2262

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compensation established or maintained by an employer, including 2264 a partnership or sole proprietorship, or by an employee 2265 organization, or by both, other than a plan providing individual 2266 retirement accounts or individual retirement annuities under 2267 section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, 26 U.S.C.A. 2268 408, as amended, premium deposit fund, variable annuity, 2269 investment annuity, immediate annuity, any deferred annuity 2270 contract after annuity payments have commenced, or reversionary 2271 annuity, nor to any contract which is delivered outside this 2272 state through an agent or other representative of the company 2273 issuing the contract. 2274

(C) No contract of annuity, except as stated in division
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(1) That upon cessation of payment of considerations under
a contract, or upon the written request of the contract owner,
the company shall grant a paid-up annuity benefit on a plan
stipulated in the contract of such value as is specified in
divisions (E), (F), (G), (H), and (J) of this section;

(2) If a contract provides for a lump sum settlement at
maturity, or at any other time, that upon surrender of the
contract at or prior to the commencement of any annuity
payments, the company shall pay in lieu of any paid-up annuity
benefit a cash surrender benefit of such amount as is specified
in divisions (E), (F), (H), and (J) of this section. The company
may reserve the right to defer the payment of such cash

surrender benefit for a period not to exceed six months after 2294 demand therefor with surrender of the contract. The deferral is 2295 contingent upon the company's conveyance of a written request 2296 for the deferral to the superintendent and the company's receipt 2297 of written approval from the superintendent for the deferral. 2298 The request shall address the necessity and equitability to all 2299 contract owners of the deferral. 2300

(3) A statement of the mortality table, if any, and
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interest rates used in calculating any minimum paid-up annuity,
cash surrender, or death benefits that are guaranteed under the
contract, together with sufficient information to determine the
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amounts of such benefits;

(4) A statement that any paid-up annuity, cash surrender, 2306 or death benefits that may be available under the contract are 2307 not less than the minimum benefits required by any statute of 2308 the state in which the contract is delivered and an explanation 2309 of the manner in which such benefits are altered by the 2310 existence of any additional amounts credited by the company to 2311 the contract, any indebtedness to the company on the contract, 2312 2313 or any prior withdrawals from or partial surrenders of the 2314 contract.

Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, any 2315 deferred annuity contract may provide that if no considerations 2316 have been received under a contract for a period of two full 2317 years and the portion of the paid-up annuity benefit at maturity 2318 on the plan stipulated in the contract arising from 2319 considerations paid prior to such period would be less than 2320 twenty dollars monthly, the company may at its option terminate 2321 such contract by payment in cash of the then present value of 2322 such portion of the paid-up annuity benefit, calculated on the 2323 basis of the mortality table, if any, and interest rate2324specified in the contract for determining the paid-up annuity2325benefit, and by such payment shall be relieved of any further2326obligation under such contract.2327

(D) The minimum values as specified in divisions (E), (F), 2328
(G), (H), and (J) of this section of any paid-up annuity, cash 2329
surrender, or death benefits available under an annuity contract 2330
shall be based upon minimum nonforfeiture amounts as defined in 2331
this division. 2322

(1) (a) The minimum nonforfeiture amount at any time at or 2333 prior to the commencement of any annuity payments shall be equal 2334 to an accumulation up to such time at rates of interest 2335 determined in accordance with division (D) (2) of this section of 2336 the net considerations, determined in accordance with division 2337 (D) (1) (b) of this section, paid prior to such time, decreased by 2338 the sum of: 2339

(i) Any prior withdrawals from or partial surrenders of
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the contract, accumulated at rates of interest determined in
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accordance with division (D) (2) of this section;
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(ii) An annual contract charge of fifty dollars,
accumulated at rates of interest determined in accordance with
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division (D)(2) of this section;
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(iii) Any premium tax paid by the company for the
contract, accumulated at rates of interest determined in
accordance with division (D) (2) of this section;
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(iv) The amount of any indebtedness to the company on thecontract, including interest due and accrued.2350

(b) The net considerations for a given contract year used2351to define the minimum nonforfeiture amount shall be an amount2352

equal to eighty-seven and one-half per cent of the gross 2353 considerations credited to the contract during that contract 2354 year. 2355

(2) (a) The interest rate used in determining minimum
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nonforfeiture amounts under divisions (D) (1) to (4) of this
section shall be an annual rate of interest determined as the
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lesser of three per cent per annum or the following, which shall
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be specified in the contract if the interest rate will be reset:
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(i) The five-year constant maturity treasury rate reported
by the federal reserve as of a date or an average over a period,
counded to the nearest one-twentieth of one per cent, specified
contract, no longer than fifteen months prior to the
contract issue date or the redetermination date specified in
contract (D) (2) (b) of this section;

(ii) Reduced by one hundred twenty-five basis points; 2367

(iii) Where the resulting interest rate shall not be less 2368 than <u>fifteen hundredths of one per cent</u>. 2369

(b) The interest rate determined under division (D) (2) (a) 2370 of this section shall apply for an initial period and may be 2371 redetermined for additional periods. The redetermination date, 2372 basis and period, if any, shall be stated in the contract. The 2373 basis is the date or average over a specified period that 2374 produces the value of the five-year constant maturity treasury 2375 rate to be used at each redetermination date. 2376

(3) During the period or term that a contract provides
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substantive participation in an equity-indexed benefit, the
contract may provide for an increase in the reduction described
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in division (D) (2) (a) (ii) of this section by a maximum of one
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hundred basis points to reflect the value of the equity-indexed
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benefit. The present value at the contract issue date, and at 2382 each redetermination date thereafter, of the additional 2383 reduction shall not exceed the market value of the benefit. The 2384 superintendent may require a demonstration that the present 2385 value of the additional reduction does not exceed the market 2386 value of the benefit. If the demonstration is not acceptable to 2387 the superintendent, the superintendent may disallow or limit the 2388 additional reduction. 2389

(4) The superintendent may adopt rules to implement 2390 division (D)(3) of this section and to provide for further 2391 adjustments to the calculation of minimum nonforfeiture amounts 2392 for contracts that provide substantive participation in an 2393 equity-indexed benefit and for other contracts for which the 2394 superintendent determines adjustments are justified. 2395

(E) Any paid-up annuity benefit available under a contract 2396 shall be such that its present value on the date annuity 2397 payments are to commence is at least equal to the minimum 2398 nonforfeiture amount on that date. Such present value shall be 2399 computed using the mortality table, if any, and the interest 2400 rate specified in the contract for determining the minimum paid- 2401 up annuity benefits guaranteed in the contract. 2402

(F) For contracts which provide cash surrender benefits, 2403 such cash surrender benefits available prior to maturity shall 2404 not be less than the present value as of the date of surrender 2405 of that portion of the maturity value of the paid-up annuity 2406 benefit that would be provided under the contract at maturity 2407 arising from considerations paid prior to the time of cash 2408 surrender reduced by the amount appropriate to reflect any prior 2409 withdrawals from or partial surrenders of the contract, such 2410 present value being calculated on the basis of an interest rate 2411

not more than one per cent higher than the interest rate 2412 specified in the contract for accumulating the net 2413 considerations to determine such maturity value, decreased by 2414 the amount of any indebtedness to the company on the contract, 2415 including interest due and accrued, and increased by any 2416 existing additional amounts credited by the company to the 2417 contract. In no event shall any cash surrender benefit be less 2418 than the minimum nonforfeiture amount at that time. The death 2419 benefit under such contracts shall be at least equal to the cash 2420 surrender benefit. 2421

(G) For contracts that do not provide cash surrender 2422 benefits, the present value of any paid-up annuity benefit 2423 available as a nonforfeiture option at any time prior to 2424 maturity shall not be less than the present value of that 2425 portion of the maturity value of the paid-up annuity benefit 2426 provided under the contract arising from considerations paid 2427 prior to the time the contract is surrendered in exchange for, 2428 or changed to, a deferred paid-up annuity, such present value 2429 being calculated for the period prior to the maturity date on 2430 the basis of the interest rate specified in the contract for 2431 accumulating the net considerations to determine such maturity 2432 value, and increased by any existing additional amounts credited 2433 by the company to the contract. For contracts that do not 2434 provide any death benefits prior to the commencement of any 2435 annuity payments, such present values shall be calculated on the 2436 basis of such interest rate and the mortality table specified in 2437 the contract for determining the maturity value of the paid-up 2438 annuity benefit. However, in no event shall the present value of 2439 a paid-up annuity benefit be less than the minimum nonforfeiture 2440 amount at that time. 2441

(H) For the purpose of determining the benefits calculated 2442

under divisions (F) and (G) of this section, in the case of 2443 annuity contracts under which an election may be made to have 2444 annuity payments commence at optional maturity dates, the 2445 maturity date shall be deemed to be the latest date for which 2446 election shall be permitted by the contract, but shall not be 2447 deemed to be later than the anniversary of the contract next 2448 following the annuitant's seventieth birthday or the tenth 2449 anniversary of the contract, whichever is later. 2450

(I) Any contract that does not provide cash surrender
benefits or does not provide death benefits at least equal to
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the minimum nonforfeiture amount prior to the commencement of
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any annuity payments shall include a statement in a prominent
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place in the contract that such benefits are not provided.

(J) Any paid-up annuity, cash surrender, or death benefits 2456 available at any time, other than on the contract anniversary 2457 under any contract with fixed scheduled considerations, shall be 2458 calculated with allowance for the lapse of time and the payment 2459 of any scheduled considerations beyond the beginning of the 2460 contract year in which cessation of payment of considerations 2461 under the contract occurs. 2462

(K) For any contract that provides, within the same 2463 contract by rider or supplemental contract provision, both 2464 annuity benefits and life insurance benefits that are in excess 2465 of the greater of cash surrender benefits or a return of the 2466 gross considerations with interest, the minimum nonforfeiture 2467 benefit shall be equal to the sum of the minimum nonforfeiture 2468 benefits for the annuity portion and the minimum nonforfeiture 2469 benefits, if any, for the life insurance portion computed as if 2470 2471 each portion were a separate contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of divisions (E), (F), (G), (H), and (J) of this 2472

section, additional benefits payable: 2473 (1) In the event of total and permanent disability; 2474 (2) As reversionary annuity or deferred reversionary 2475 annuity benefits; or 2476 (3) As other policy benefits additional to life insurance, 2477 endowment and annuity benefits, and considerations for all such 2478 additional benefits shall be disregarded in ascertaining the 2479 minimum nonforfeiture amounts, paid-up annuity, cash surrender, 2480 and death benefits that may be required by this section. 2481 The inclusion of such additional benefits shall not be 2482 required in any paid-up benefits, unless such additional 2483 benefits separately would require minimum nonforfeiture amounts, 2484 paid-up annuity, cash surrender, and death benefits. 2485 (L) The superintendent may adopt rules in accordance with 2486 Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. 2487 Sec. 3953.01. As used in this chapter: 2488 2489

(A) "Title insurance" means insuring, guaranteeing, or
indemnifying owners of real property or others interested in
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real property against loss or damage suffered by reason of liens
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or encumbrances upon, defect in, or the unmarketability of the
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title to the real property, guaranteeing, warranting, or
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otherwise insuring by a title insurance company the correctness
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of searches relating to the title to real property, or doing any
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business in substance equivalent to any of the foregoing.

(B) "The business of title insurance" means the following: 2497

(1) The making as insurer, guarantor, or surety, or 2498
proposing to make as insurer, guarantor, or surety, any contract 2499
or policy of title insurance; 2500

(2) The transacting, or proposing to transact, any phase	2501
of title insurance, including solicitation, negotiation	2502
preliminary to execution, execution of a contract of title	2503
insurance, insuring, and transacting matters subsequent to the	2504
execution of the contract and arising out of it, including	2505
reinsurance;	2506
(3) The doing or proposing to do any business in substance	2507
equivalent to any of the foregoing.	2508
(C) "Title insurance company" means any of the following:	2509
(1) Any domestic title guaranty company and domestic title	2510
guarantee and trust company to the extent that they are engaged	2511
in the business of title insurance;	2512
(2) Any domestic company organized under this chapter for	2513
the purpose of insuring titles to real property;	2514
(3) Any title insurance company organized under the laws	2515
of another state or foreign government;	2516
(4) Any domestic or foreign company that has the powers	2517
and is authorized to insure titles to real estate within this	2518
state on December 12, 1967, and that meets the requirements of	2519
this chapter.	2520
(D) "Applicants for insurance" includes all those, whether	2521
or not a prospective insured, who from time to time apply to a	2522
title insurance company or to its agent for title insurance and	2523
who at the time of that application are not agents for a title	2524
insurance company.	2525
(E) "Risk premium" for title insurance means that portion	2526
of the fee charged by a title insurance company, agent of a	2527

title insurance company, or approved attorney of a title

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insurance company to an insured or an applicant for insurance 2529 for the assumption by the title insurance company of the risk 2530 created by the issuance of the title insurance policy. 2531

(F) "Fee" for title insurance means the risk premium, 2532 abstracting or searching charge, examination charge, and every 2533 other charge, exclusive of settlement, closing, or escrow 2534 charges, whether denominated premium or otherwise, made by a 2535 title insurance company, agent of a title insurance company, or 2536 an approved attorney of a title insurance company to an insured 2537 or an applicant for insurance for any policy or contract for the 2538 issuance of title insurance. "Fee" does not include any charges 2539 paid to and retained by an attorney at law or abstractor acting 2540 as an independent contractor whether or not the attorney or 2541 abstractor is acting as an agent of a title insurance company or 2542 an approved attorney and does not include any charges made for 2543 special services not constituting title insurance, even though 2544 performed in connection with a title insurance policy or 2545 contract. 2546

(G) "Approved attorney" means an attorney at law who is
not an employee of a title insurance company or a title
insurance agent and upon whose examination of title and report
on the examination a title insurance company may issue a policy
of title insurance.

(H) "Title insurance agent" means a person, partnership,
or corporation authorized in writing by a title insurance
company to solicit insurance and collect premiums and to issue
or countersign policies on its behalf. "Title insurance agent"
does not include officers and salaried employees of any title
insurance company authorized to do a title insurance business
within this state.

(I) "Single insurance risk" means the insured amount of
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 any policy or contract of title insurance issued by a title
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 insurance company.

(J) "Foreign title insurance company" means a title
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insurance company organized under the laws of any state or
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territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.
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(K) "Alien title insurance company" means a title
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insurance company that is incorporated or organized under the
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laws of any foreign nation or any province or territory of a
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foreign nation and that is not a foreign title insurance
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company.

(L) "Non-directed escrow funds" means any funds delivered 2570 to a title insurance agent or title insurance company with 2571 instructions to hold or disburse the funds pursuant to a 2572 transaction in which a title insurance policy will be issued, 2573 but without written instructions to either deposit the funds in 2574 an account for the benefit of a specific person or to pay the 2575 interest earned on the funds to a specific person. 2576

(M) "Business day" means any day, other than a Saturday or
Sunday, or a legal holiday, on which a bank, savings and loan
association, credit union, or savings bank is open to the public
for carrying on substantially all of its functions.

(N) "Housing accommodations" and "restrictive covenant"
 have the same meanings as in section 4112.01 of the revised code
 <u>Revised Code</u>.
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(O) "Joint venture" means an arrangement undertaken2584jointly by two or more parties in regard to ownership of a2585business entity title insurance agent.2586

Sec. 3953.331. (A) For a title insurance company agency

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that is a joint venture, the annual review required under 2588 section 3953.33 of the Revised Code shall assess whether or not 2589 demonstrate that all members of the joint venture received 2590 revenue during the year in question from the title company-2591 agency commensurate to their ownership interest in the title 2592 companyagency. The superintendent of insurance shall promulgate 2593 rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code setting forth the 2594 standards of the review required under this section and the form 2595 in which this information is to be provided. 2596

(B) Title insurance companies agencies that are joint 2597 ventures shall maintain sufficient records of their affairs, 2598 including their escrow operations, escrow trust accounts, and 2599 operating accounts so that the superintendent may adequately 2600 ensure that the title insurance company agency that is a joint 2601 venture and all members of the joint venture are in compliance 2602 with the requirements of this section. Records kept pursuant to 2603 this section shall be kept for a period of not less than ten 2604 years following the transactions to which the records relate. 2605 The superintendent may prescribe the specific records and 2606 documents to be kept. 2607

Sec. 3953.36. For a title company agency that is a joint 2608 venture that is set to dissolve or terminate on a specified 2609 date, all members of that joint venture shall be allowed or 2610 2611 invited to join any successor joint ventures formed upon dissolution or termination of the original joint venture, and 2612 the percentage of ownership in any successor joint venture shall 2613 not be based on the percentage of title insurance business 2614 referred to the original joint venture. 2615

Section 2. That existing sections 3901.21, 3901.32,26163901.33, 3901.34, 3901.341, 3901.36, 3905.051, 3905.06,2617

3905.064, 3915.073, 3953.01, 3953.331, and 3953.36 of the	2618
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	2619
Section 3. The amendments to section 3905.064 and the	2620

Section 3. The amendments to section 3905.064 and the2620enactment of sections 3905.065 to 3905.0611 of the Revised Code2621take effect ninety days after the effective date of this2622section.2623