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By Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Berkey, Benton, Hobbs, Schoesler, Parlette and Hatfield)

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- AN ACT Relating to addressing published code reviser's notes in the 1 2 financial institutions and insurance titles of the Revised Code of 3 Washington; and amending RCW 30.04.300, 30.12.190, 30.38.010, 32.20.330, 48.05.410, 48.05.430, 48.05.435, 48.05.465, 4 48.05.470, 48.05.475, 5 48.05.480, 48.09.270, 48.10.070, 48.10.300, 48.13.110, 6 48.20.012, 48.20.162, 48.20.282, 48.22.080, 48.23.080, 48.23.360, 7 48.29.040, 48.43.085, 48.43.370, 48.53.040, and 48.74.030.
- 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 30.04.300 and 1955 c 33 s 30.04.300 are each amended to read as follows:
- A branch of any foreign bank or banker actually and publicly 11 engaged in banking in this state on March 10, 1917, in full compliance 12 with the laws hereof, which were in force immediately prior to March 13 10, 1917, and which branch has a capital not less in amount than that 14 15 required for the organization of a state bank as provided in this title at the time and place when and where such branch was established, may 16 continue its said business, subject to all of the regulations and 17 supervision provided for banks. The amount upon which it pays taxes 18 shall be prima facie evidence of the amount and existence of such 19

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- capital. No such bank or banker shall set forth on ((its or his)) 1 2 stationery or in any manner advertise in this state a greater capital, surplus and undivided profits than are actually maintained at such 3 branch. Every foreign corporation, bank and banker, and every officer, 4 5 agent and employee thereof who violates any provision of this section ((or which violates the terms of the resolution filed as required by 6 7 RCW 30.04.290)) shall for each violation forfeit and pay to the state of Washington the sum of one thousand dollars. A civil action for the 8 9 recovery of any such sum may be brought by the attorney general in the 10 name of the state.
- 11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 30.12.190 and 1989 c 220 s 2 are each amended to read 12 as follows:
- 13 Every person who shall violate, or knowingly aid or abet the violation of any provision of RCW 30.04.010, 30.04.030, 30.04.050, 14 30.04.060, 30.04.070, 30.04.075, 30.04.111, 30.04.120, 15 30.04.130, 16 30.04.180, 30.04.210, 30.04.220, 30.04.280, ((30.04.290,)) 30.04.300,17 30.08.010, 30.08.020, 30.08.030, 30.08.040, 30.08.050, 30.08.060, 30.08.080, 30.08.090, 30.08.095, $((\frac{30.08.110}{0.08.120}, \frac{30.08.120}{0.08.120}))$ 30.08.140, 18 19 30.08.150, 30.08.160, 30.08.180, 30.08.190, 30.12.010, 30.12.020, 20 30.12.030, 30.12.060, 30.12.070, 30.12.130, 30.12.180, 30.12.190, 21 30.16.010, 30.20.060, ((30.40.010,)) 30.44.010, 30.44.020, 30.44.030,30.44.040, 30.44.050, 30.44.060, 30.44.070, 30.44.080, 30.44.090, 22 23 30.44.100, 30.44.130, 30.44.140, 30.44.150, 30.44.160, 30.44.170, 24 30.44.240, 30.44.250, ((43.19.020, 43.19.030, 43.19.050, and43.19.090)) 43.320.060, 43.320.070, 43.320.080, and 43.320.100, and 25 26 every person who fails to perform any act which it is therein made his 27 duty to perform, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. No person who has been convicted for the violation of the banking laws of this or any 28 other state or of the United States shall be permitted to engage in or 29 30 become an officer or official of any bank or trust company organized 31 and existing under the laws of this state.
- 32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 30.38.010 and 2005 c 348 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
- 34 (1) An out-of-state bank may engage in banking in this state 35 without violating RCW 30.04.280 only if the conditions and filing

- requirements of this chapter are met and the bank was lawfully engaged in banking in this state on June 6, 1996, or the bank's in-state banking activities:
- 4 (a) Resulted from an interstate combination pursuant to RCW 30.49.125 or 32.32.500;
- 6 (b) Resulted from a relocation of a head office of a state bank 7 pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Sec. 30 and RCW 30.04.215(3);
- 8 (c) Resulted from a relocation of a main office of a national bank 9 pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Sec. 30;
- 10 (d) Resulted from the establishment of a branch of a savings bank 11 in compliance with RCW $32.04.030((\frac{2}{2}))$ (6); or
- 12 (e) Resulted from interstate branching under RCW 30.38.015.
- Nothing in this section affects the authorities of alien banks as defined by RCW 30.42.020 to engage in banking within this state.
- 15 (2) The director, consistent with 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1831u(b)(2)(D), 16 may approve an interstate combination if the standard on which the 17 approval is based does not discriminate against out-of-state banks, 18 out-of-state bank holding companies, or subsidiaries of those banks or 19 holding companies.
- 20 **Sec. 4.** RCW 32.20.330 and 1999 c 14 s 26 are each amended to read 21 as follows:

A mutual savings bank may invest in loans to sole proprietorships, 22 23 partnerships, limited liability companies, corporations, or other 24 entities, or in preferred stock or discounted or other interest bearing obligations issued, guaranteed, or assumed by limited liability 25 26 companies or corporations commonly accepted as industrial corporations or engaged in communications, transportation, agriculture, furnishing 27 utility professional services, manufacturing, construction, mining, 28 fishing, processing or merchandising of goods, food, or information, 29 30 banking, or commercial or consumer financing, doing business or 31 incorporated under the laws of the United States, or any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, or the Dominion of Canada, or any province 32 thereof, subject to the following conditions: 33

(1) Not more than two percent of the bank's funds shall be invested, pursuant to this section, in the aggregate of loans to and preferred stock and obligations of any person, as defined in RCW

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- 32.32.228(1)(((c))) (d), and such person's affiliates, as defined in
- 2 RCW 32.32.025(1), incorporating the definition of control in RCW
- 3 32.32.025(8).
- 4 (2) Such loans or securities shall be prudent investments.
- 5 (3) Pursuant to this section, the total amount a savings bank may
- 6 invest shall not exceed fifty percent of its funds, and not more than
- 7 fifteen percent of the bank's funds may be invested in such loans to or
- 8 securities of any industry.
- 9 **Sec. 5.** RCW 48.05.410 and 1993 c 492 s 414 are each amended to 10 read as follows:
- 11 Effective July 1, 1994, each health care provider, facility, or
- 12 health maintenance organization that self-insures for liability risks
- 13 related to medical malpractice and employs physicians or other
- 14 independent health care practitioners in Washington state shall
- 15 condition each physician's and practitioner's liability coverage by
- 16 that entity upon that physician's or practitioner's participation in
- 17 risk management training offered by the provider, facility, or health
- 18 maintenance organization to its employees. The risk management
- 19 training shall provide information related to avoiding adverse health
- 20 outcomes resulting from substandard practice and minimizing damages
- 21 associated with those adverse health outcomes that do occur. ((For
- 22 purposes of this section, "independent health care practitioner" means
- 23 those health care practitioner licensing classifications designated by
- 24 the department of health in rule pursuant to RCW 18.130.330.))
- 25 **Sec. 6.** RCW 48.05.430 and 1995 c 83 s 1 are each amended to read
- 26 as follows:
- As used in RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490)) 48.05.485, these
- 28 terms have the following meanings:
- 29 (1) "RBC" means risk-based capital.
- 30 (2) "NAIC" means the national association of insurance
- 31 commissioners.
- 32 (3) "Domestic insurer" means any insurance company domiciled in
- 33 this state.
- 34 (4) "Foreign or alien insurer" means any insurance company that is
- 35 licensed to do business in this state under this chapter but is not
- 36 domiciled in this state.

1 (5) "Life and disability insurer" means any insurance company 2 authorized to write only life insurance, disability insurance, or both, 3 as defined in chapter 48.11 RCW.

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- (6) "Property and casualty insurer" means any insurance company authorized to write only property insurance, marine and transportation insurance, general casualty insurance, vehicle insurance, or any combination thereof, including disability insurance, as defined in chapter 48.11 RCW.
- 9 (7) "Corrective order" means an order issued by the commissioner 10 specifying corrective actions that the commissioner has determined are 11 required.
 - (8) "Negative trend" means, with respect to a life insurer, a disability insurer, or a life and disability insurer, the negative trend over a period of time, as determined in accordance with the trend test calculation included in the RBC instructions.
 - (9) "Adjusted RBC report" means an RBC report that has been adjusted by the commissioner in accordance with RCW 48.05.435(5).
- 18 (10) "RBC instructions" means the RBC report including risk-based 19 capital instructions adopted by the NAIC.
 - (11) "RBC level" means an insurer's company action level RBC, regulatory action level RBC, authorized control level RBC, or mandatory control level RBC where:
- 23 (a) "Company action level RBC" means, with respect to any insurer, 24 the product of 2.0 and its authorized control level RBC;
 - (b) "Regulatory action level RBC" means the product (({of}))) of 1.5 and its authorized control level RBC;
 - (c) "Authorized control level RBC" means the number determined under the risk-based capital formula in accordance with the RBC instructions; and
- 30 (d) "Mandatory control level RBC" means the product of .70 and the 31 authorized control level RBC.
 - (12) "RBC plan" means a comprehensive financial plan containing the elements specified in RCW 48.05.440(2). If the commissioner rejects the RBC plan, and it is revised by the insurer, with or without the commissioner's recommendation, the plan shall be called the "revised RBC plan."
- 37 (13) "RBC report" means the report required in RCW 48.05.435.
 - (14) "Total adjusted capital" means the sum of:

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- 1 (a) An insurer's statutory capital and surplus as determined in 2 accordance with statutory accounting applicable to the annual financial 3 statements required to be filed under RCW 48.05.250; and
 - (b) Other items, if any, as the RBC instructions may provide.
- 5 **Sec. 7.** RCW 48.05.435 and 1995 c 83 s 2 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
 - (1) Every domestic insurer shall, on or prior to the filing date, which is hereby established as March 1, prepare and submit to the commissioner a report of its RBC levels as of the end of the calendar year just ended, in a form and containing that information required by the RBC instructions. In addition, every domestic insurer shall file its RBC report:
 - (a) With the NAIC in accordance with the RBC instructions; and
 - (b) With the insurance commissioner in any state in which the insurer is authorized to do business, if the insurance commissioner has notified the insurer of its request in writing, in which case the insurer shall file its RBC report not later than the later of:
- 18 (i) Fifteen days from the receipt of notice to file its RBC report 19 with that state; or
- 20 (ii) The filing date.

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- (2) A life and disability insurer's RBC shall be determined in accordance with the formula set forth in the RBC instructions. The formula shall take into account and may adjust for the covariance between:
 - (a) The risk with respect to the insurer's assets;
- 26 (b) The risk of adverse insurance experience with respect to the insurer's liabilities and obligations;
- 28 (c) The interest rate risk with respect to the insurer's business; 29 and
- 30 (d) All other business risks and other relevant risks as are set 31 forth in the RBC instructions; determined in each case by applying the 32 factors in the manner set forth in the RBC instructions.
- 33 (3) A property and casualty insurer's RBC shall be determined in 34 accordance with the formula set forth in the RBC instructions. The 35 formula shall take into account and may adjust for the covariance 36 between:
- 37 (a) Asset risk;

1 (b) Credit risk;

- (c) Underwriting risk; and
- (d) All other business risks and other relevant risks as are set forth in the RBC instructions; determined in each case by applying the factors in the manner set forth in the RBC instructions.
- (4) An excess of capital over the amount produced by the RBC requirements and the formulas, schedules, and instructions under RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490)) 48.05.485 is desirable in the business of insurance. Accordingly, insurers should seek to maintain capital above the RBC levels required. Additional capital is used and useful in the insurance business and helps to secure an insurer against various risks inherent in, or affecting, the business of insurance and not accounted for or only partially measured by the RBC requirements.
- (5) If a domestic insurer files an RBC report that in the judgment of the commissioner is inaccurate, then the commissioner shall adjust the RBC report to correct the inaccuracy and shall notify the insurer of the adjustment. The notice shall contain a statement of the reason for the adjustment.
- **Sec. 8.** RCW 48.05.465 and 1995 c 83 s 8 are each amended to read 20 as follows:
 - (1) All RBC reports, to the extent the information is not required to be set forth in a publicly available annual statement schedule, and RBC plans, including the results or report of any examination or analysis of an insurer and any corrective order issued by the commissioner, with respect to any domestic insurer or foreign insurer that are filed with the commissioner constitute information that might be damaging to the insurer if made available to its competitors, and therefore shall be kept confidential by the commissioner. This information shall not be made public or be subject to subpoena, other than by the commissioner and then only for the purpose of enforcement actions taken by the commissioner.
 - (2) The comparison of an insurer's total adjusted capital to any of its RBC levels is a regulatory tool that may indicate the need for possible corrective action with respect to the insurer, and is not a means to rank insurers generally. Therefore, except as otherwise required under the provisions of RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490)) 48.05.485, the making, publishing, disseminating, circulating, or

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placing before the public, or causing, directly or indirectly to be 1 2 made, published, disseminated, circulated, or placed before the public, in a newspaper, magazine, or other publication, or in the form of a 3 notice, circular, pamphlet, letter, or poster, or over any radio or 4 5 television station, or in any other way, an advertisement, announcement, or statement containing an assertion, representation, or 6 7 statement with regard to the RBC levels of any insurer, or of any component derived in the calculation, by any insurer, agent, broker, or 8 9 other person engaged in any manner in the insurance business would be 10 misleading and is therefore prohibited. However, if any materially false statement with respect to the comparison regarding an insurer's 11 total adjusted capital to its RBC levels, or any of them, or an 12 inappropriate comparison of any other amount to the insurer's RBC 13 14 levels is published in any written publication and the insurer is able to demonstrate to the commissioner with substantial proof the falsity 15 16 of such statement, or the inappropriateness, as the case may be, then 17 the insurer may publish an announcement in a written publication if the sole purpose of the announcement is to rebut the materially false 18 19 statement.

- (3) The RBC instructions, RBC reports, adjusted RBC reports, RBC plans, and revised RBC plans are solely for use by the commissioner in monitoring the solvency of insurers and the need for possible corrective action with respect to insurers and shall not be used by the commissioner for ratemaking nor considered or introduced as evidence in any rate proceeding nor used by the commissioner to calculate or derive any elements of an appropriate premium level or rate of return for any line of insurance that an insurer or any affiliate is authorized to write.
- 29 **Sec. 9.** RCW 48.05.470 and 1995 c 83 s 9 are each amended to read 30 as follows:
 - (1) The provisions of RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490)) 48.05.485 are supplemental to any other provisions of the laws of this state, and shall not preclude or limit any other powers or duties of the commissioner under those laws, including, but not limited to, chapter 48.31 RCW.
- 36 (2) The commissioner may exempt any domestic property and casualty

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- insurer from RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490)) 48.05.485, if the
 insurer:
 - (a) Writes direct business only in this state;

- 4 (b) Writes direct annual premiums of two million dollars or less; 5 and
- 6 (c) Assumes no reinsurance in excess of five percent of direct 7 premiums written.
- **Sec. 10.** RCW 48.05.475 and 1995 c 83 s 10 are each amended to read 9 as follows:
 - (1) Any foreign or alien insurer shall, upon the written request of the commissioner, submit to the commissioner an RBC report as of the end of the calendar year just ended by the later of:
 - (a) The date an RBC report would be required to be filed by a domestic insurer under RCW 48.05.435; or
 - (b) Fifteen days after the request is received by the foreign or alien insurer. Any foreign or alien insurer shall, at the written request of the commissioner, promptly submit to the commissioner a copy of any RBC plan that is filed with the insurance commissioner of any other state.
 - (2) In the event of a company action level event, regulatory action level event, or authorized control level event with respect to any foreign or alien insurer as determined under the RBC statute applicable in the state of domicile of the insurer or, if no RBC statute is in force in that state, under the provisions of RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490)) 48.05.485, if the insurance commissioner of the state of domicile of the foreign or alien insurer fails to require the foreign or alien insurer to file an RBC plan in the manner specified under that state's RBC statute, the commissioner may require the foreign or alien insurer to file an RBC plan. In this event, the failure of the foreign or alien insurer to file an RBC plan is grounds to order the insurer to cease and desist from writing new insurance business in this state.
 - (3) In the event of a mandatory control level event with respect to any foreign or alien insurer, if no domiciliary receiver has been appointed with respect to the foreign or alien insurer under the rehabilitation and liquidation statute applicable in the state of domicile of the foreign or alien insurer, the commissioner may apply for an order under RCW 48.31.080 or 48.31.090 to conserve the assets

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- 1 within this state of foreign or alien insurers, and the occurrence of
- 2 the mandatory control level event is considered adequate grounds for
- 3 the application.
- 4 **Sec. 11.** RCW 48.05.480 and 1995 c 83 s 11 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- There is no liability on the part of, and no cause of action may arise against, the commissioner or insurance department or its
- 8 employees or agents for any action taken by them in the performance of
- 9 their powers and duties under RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490))
- 10 48.05.485.
- 11 Sec. 12. RCW 48.09.270 and 1963 c 195 s 4 are each amended to read
- 12 as follows:
- 13 (1) A domestic mutual insurer on the cash premium plan, after it
- 14 has established a surplus not less in amount than the minimum capital
- 15 funds required of a domestic stock insurer to transact like kinds of
- insurance, and for so long as it maintains such surplus, may extinguish
- 17 the contingent liability of its members to assessment and omit
- 18 provisions imposing contingent liability in all policies currently
- 19 issued.
- 20 (2) Any deposit made with the commissioner as a prerequisite to the
- 21 insurer's certificate of authority may be included as part of the
- 22 surplus required in this section.
- 23 (3) When the surplus has been so established and the commissioner
- 24 has so ascertained, he shall issue to the insurer, at its request, his
- 25 certificate authorizing the extinguishment of the contingent liability
- of its members and the issuance of policies free therefrom.
- 27 (4) While it maintains surplus funds in amount not less than the
- 28 minimum capital required of a domestic stock insurer authorized to
- 29 transact like kinds of insurance, ((and subject to the requirements of
- 30 RCW 48.05.360 as to special surplus,)) a foreign or alien mutual
- 31 insurer on the cash premium plan may, if consistent with its charter
- 32 and the laws of its domicile, issue nonassessable policies covering
- 33 subjects located, resident, or to be performed in this state.
- 34 **Sec. 13.** RCW 48.10.070 and 1985 c 264 s 4 are each amended to read
- 35 as follows:

(1) A domestic reciprocal insurer hereafter formed, if it has otherwise complied with the provisions of this code, may be authorized to transact insurance if it initially possesses surplus in an amount equal to or exceeding the capital and surplus requirements required under RCW 48.05.340(1) ((plus special surplus, if any, required under RCW 48.05.360 and thereafter possesses,)) and maintains surplus funds equal to the paid-in capital stock required under RCW 48.05.340 of a stock insurer transacting like kinds of insurance((, and the special surplus, if any, required under RCW 48.05.360)).

- (2) A domestic reciprocal insurer which under prior laws held authority to transact insurance in this state may continue to be so authorized so long as it otherwise qualifies therefor and maintains surplus funds in amount not less than as required under laws of this state in force at the time such authority to transact insurance in this state was granted.
- (3) A domestic reciprocal insurer heretofore formed shall maintain on deposit with the commissioner surplus funds of not less than the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and to transact kinds of insurance transacted by it in addition to that authorized by its original certificate of authority, shall have and maintain surplus (including the amount of such deposit) in amount not less than the paid-in capital stock required under RCW 48.05.340(1) ((plus special surplus, if any, required under RCW 48.05.360,)) of a domestic stock insurer formed after 1967 and transacting the same kinds of insurance. Such additional surplus funds need not be deposited with the commissioner.
- Sec. 14. RCW 48.10.300 and 1983 c 3 s 148 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) ((Subject to the special surplus requirements of RCW 48.05.360,)) If a reciprocal insurer has a surplus of assets over all liabilities at least equal to the minimum capital stock required of a domestic stock insurer authorized to transact like kinds of insurance, upon application of the attorney and as approved by the subscribers' advisory committee the commissioner shall issue his certificate authorizing the insurer to extinguish the contingent liability of subscribers under its policies then in force in this state, and to omit provisions imposing contingent liability in all policies delivered or

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issued for delivery in this state for so long as all such surplus remains unimpaired.

- (2) Upon impairment of such surplus, the commissioner shall forthwith revoke the certificate. No policy shall thereafter be issued or renewed without providing for the contingent assessment liability of subscribers.
- (3) The commissioner shall not authorize a domestic reciprocal insurer so to extinguish the contingent liability of any of its subscribers or in any of its policies to be issued, unless it qualifies to and does extinguish such liability of all its subscribers and in all such policies for all kinds of insurance transacted by it. Except, that if required by the laws of another state in which the insurer is transacting insurance as an authorized insurer, the insurer may issue policies providing for the contingent liability of such of its subscribers as may acquire such policies in such state, and need not extinguish the contingent liability applicable to policies theretofore in force in such state.
- 18 **Sec. 15.** RCW 48.13.110 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 154 s 1 are each 19 amended to read as follows:

20 An insurer may invest any of its funds in:

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- 21 (1)(a) Bonds or evidences of debt which are secured by first 22 mortgages or deeds of trust on improved unencumbered real property 23 located in the United States;
- 24 (b) Chattel mortgages in connection therewith pursuant to RCW 25 48.13.150;
 - (c) The equity of the seller of any such property in the contract for a deed, covering the entire balance due on a bona fide sale of such property, in amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars or the amount permissible under RCW 48.13.030, whichever is greater, in any one such contract for deed.
 - (2) Purchase money mortgages or like securities received by it upon the sale or exchange of real property acquired pursuant to RCW 48.13.160 as amended by section 7, chapter 241, Laws of 1969 ex. sess.
- 34 (3) Bonds or notes secured by mortgage or trust deed guaranteed or 35 insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the terms of an act 36 of congress of the United States of June 27, 1934, entitled the 37 "National Housing Act," as amended.

(4) Bonds or notes secured by mortgage or trust deed guaranteed or insured as to principal in whole or in part by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to the provisions of Title III of an act of congress of the United States of June 22, 1944, entitled the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944," as amended.

- (5) Evidences of debt secured by first mortgages or deeds of trust upon leasehold estates, except agricultural leaseholds executed pursuant to RCW ((79.01.096)) 79.11.010, running for a term of not less than fifteen years beyond the maturity of the loan as made or as extended, in improved real property, otherwise unencumbered, and if the mortgagee is entitled to be subrogated to all the rights under the leasehold.
- (6) Evidences of debt secured by first mortgages or deeds of trust upon agricultural leasehold estates executed pursuant to RCW ((79.01.096)) 79.11.010, otherwise unencumbered, and if the mortgagee is entitled to be subrogated to all the rights under the leasehold.
- **Sec. 16.** RCW 48.20.012 and 1951 c 229 s 2 are each amended to read 18 as follows:

No disability policy shall be delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state unless it otherwise complies with this code, and complies with the following:

- (1) It shall purport to insure only one person, except as to family expense insurance written pursuant to RCW 48.20.340.
- (2) The style, arrangement and over-all appearance of the policy shall give no undue prominence to any portion of the text, and every printed portion of the text of the policy and of any endorsements or attached papers shall be plainly printed in light-faced type of a style in general use, the size of which shall be uniform and not less than ten-point with a lower-case unspaced alphabet length not less than one hundred and twenty-point (the "text" shall include all printed matter except the name and address of the insurer, name or title of the policy, the brief description if any, and caption and subcaptions).
- (3) The exceptions and reductions of indemnity shall be set forth in the policy and, other than those contained in RCW 48.20.042 to ((48.20.272)) 48.20.262, inclusive, shall be printed, at the insurer's option, either included with the benefit provision to which they apply, or under an appropriate caption such as "Exceptions," or "Exceptions

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and reductions," except that if an exception or reduction specifically applies only to a particular benefit of the policy, a statement of such exception or reduction shall be included with the benefit provision to which it applies.

- (4) Each such form, including riders and endorsements, shall be identified by a form number in the lower left hand corner of the first page thereof.
- (5) It shall contain no provision purporting to make any portion of the insurer's charter, rules, constitution, or bylaws a part of the policy unless such portion is set forth in full in the policy, except in the case of the incorporation of, or reference to, a statement of rates or classification of risks, or short-rate table filed with the commissioner.
- **Sec. 17.** RCW 48.20.162 and 1951 c 229 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:
 - Except as provided in RCW 48.18.130, no such policy delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state shall contain provisions respecting the matters set forth in RCW 48.20.172 to ((48.20.272)) 48.20.262, inclusive, unless such provisions are in the words in which the same appear in the applicable section; except, that the insurer may, at its option, use in lieu of any such provision a corresponding provision of different wording approved by the commissioner which is not less favorable in any respect to the insured or the beneficiary. Any such provision contained in the policy shall be preceded individually by the appropriate caption or, at the insurer's option, by such appropriate individual or group caption or subcaption as the commissioner may approve.
- **Sec. 18.** RCW 48.20.282 and 1951 c 229 s 29 are each amended to 29 read as follows:
- The provisions which are the subject of RCW 48.20.042 to ((48.20.272)) 48.20.262, inclusive, or any corresponding provisions which are used in lieu thereof in accordance with such sections, shall be printed in the consecutive order of the provisions in such sections or, at the insurer's option, any such provision may appear as a unit in any part of the policy, with other provisions to which it may be

logically related, provided the resulting policy shall not be in whole or in part unintelligible, uncertain, ambiguous, abstruse, or likely to

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Sec. 19. RCW 48.22.080 and 1994 c 102 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

Effective July 1, 1994, a casualty insurer's issuance of a new medical malpractice policy or renewal of an existing medical malpractice policy to a physician or other independent health care shall be conditioned upon that practitioner practitioner's participation in, and completion of, an insurer-designed health care liability risk management training program once every three years. Completion of said training program during 1994 shall satisfy the first three-year training requirement. The risk management training shall provide information related to avoiding adverse health outcomes resulting from substandard practice and minimizing damages associated with the adverse health outcomes that do occur. ((For purposes of this section, "independent health care practitioners" means those health care practitioner licensing classifications designated by the department of health in rule pursuant to RCW 18.130.330.))

- 20 **Sec. 20.** RCW 48.23.080 and 1981 c 247 s 3 are each amended to read 21 as follows:
 - (1) There shall be a provision that after three full years' premiums have been paid thereon, the insurer at any time, while the policy is in force, will advance, on proper assignment or pledge of the policy and on the sole security thereof, at a rate of interest provided in this chapter as now or hereafter amended, a sum to be determined as follows:
 - (a) If such policy is issued prior to ((the operative date of RCW 48.23.350)) June 12, 1947, the sum, including any interest paid in advance but not beyond the end of the current policy year, shall be equal to or at the option of the owner of the policy less than, the reserve at the end of the current policy year on the policy and on any dividend additions thereto, less a sum not more than two and one-half percent of the amount insured by the policy and of any dividend additions thereto. The policy may contain a provision by which the

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insurer reserves the right to defer the making of the loan, except when made to pay premiums, for a period not exceeding six months after the date of application therefor.

- (b) If such policy is issued on or after ((such operative date)) June 12, 1947, the sum, including any interest to the end of the current policy year shall not exceed the cash surrender value at the end of the current policy year((, as required by RCW 48.23.350)).
- (c)(i) The policy shall contain (A) a provision that policy loans shall bear interest at a specified rate not exceeding six percent per annum, or (B) a provision that policy loans shall bear interest at a variable of not less than four nor more than eight percent per annum.
- (ii) The variable rate shall not be changed more frequently than once per year and no change may exceed one percent per annum except reductions. The insurer shall give at least thirty days' notice to the policy owner or the owner's designee of any changes in the interest rate.
- (iii) The provisions of (c)(i) and (c)(ii) of this subsection shall apply only in policies in existence prior to August 1, 1981.
 - (2) Such policy shall further provide that the insurer may deduct from such loan value any existing indebtedness on the policy (unless such indebtedness has already been deducted in determining the cash surrender value) and any unpaid balance of the premium for the current policy year; and that if the loan is made or repaid on a date other than the anniversary of the policy, the insurer shall be entitled to interest for the portion of the current policy year at the rate of interest specified in the policy.
 - (3) Such policy may further provide that if the interest on the loan is not paid when due, it shall be added to the existing indebtedness and shall bear interest at the same rate; and that if and when the total indebtedness on the policy, including interest due or accruing, equals or exceeds the amount of the loan value thereof which would otherwise exist at such time, the policy shall terminate in full settlement of such indebtedness and become void; except, that it shall be stipulated in the policy that no such termination shall be effective prior to the expiration of at least thirty days after notice of the pendency of the termination was mailed by the insurer to the insured and the assignee, if any, at their respective addresses last of record with the insurer.

(4) The insurer shall provide in any policy issued on or after ((the operative date of RCW 48.23.350)) June 12, 1947, that the making of any loan, other than a loan to pay premiums, may be deferred for not exceeding six months after the application for the loan has been received by it.

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- 6 **Sec. 21.** RCW 48.23.360 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 162 s 6 are each 7 amended to read as follows:
 - (1) Nonforfeiture benefits: Any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit available under any annuity or pure endowment contract pursuant to RCW 48.23.200, in the event of default in a consideration due on any contract anniversary shall be such that its present value as of such anniversary shall be not less than the excess, if any, of the present value, on such anniversary, of the future quaranteed benefits (excluding any total disability benefits attached to such contracts) which would have been provided for by the contract including any existing paid-up additions, if there had been no default, over the sum of (a) the then present value of the net consideration defined in subsection (2) of this section corresponding to considerations which would have fallen due on and after such anniversary, and (b) the amount of any indebtedness to the company on the contract, including interest due or accrued. In determining the benefits referred to in this section and in calculating the net consideration referred to in such subsection (2), in the case of annuity contracts under which an election may be made to have annuity payments commence at optional dates, the annuity payments shall be deemed to commence at the latest date permitted by the contract for the commencement of such payments and the considerations shall be deemed to be payable until such date, which, however, shall not be later than the contract anniversary nearest the annuitant's seventieth birthday.
 - (2) Net considerations: The net considerations for any annuity or pure endowment contract referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be calculated on an annual basis, shall be such that the present value thereof at date of issue of the annuity shall equal the then present value of the future benefits thereunder (excluding any total disability benefits attached to such contracts) and shall be not less than the following percentages of the respective considerations specified in the contracts for the respective contract years:

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- (3) Basis of calculation: All net considerations and present values for such contracts referred to in this section shall be calculated on the basis of the 1937 Standard Annuity Mortality Table or, at the option of the insurer, the Annuity Mortality Table for 1949, Ultimate, or any modification of either of these tables approved by the commissioner, and the rate of interest, not exceeding three and onehalf percent per annum, specified in the contract for calculating cash surrender values, if any, and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits; except that with respect to annuity and pure endowment contracts issued on or after ((the operative date of RCW 48.12.150(3)(b)(ii))) June 12, 1947, for such contracts, such rate of interest may be as high as four percent per annum: PROVIDED, That if such rate of interest exceeds three and one-half percent per annum, all net considerations and present values for such contracts referred to in this section shall be calculated on the 1971 Individual Annuity Mortality Table, or any modification of this table approved by the commissioner.
 - (4) Calculations on default: Any cash surrender value and any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, available under any such contract in the event of default in the payment of any consideration due at any time other than on the contract anniversary, shall be calculated with allowance for the lapse of time and the payment of fractional considerations beyond the last preceding contract anniversary. All values herein referred to may be calculated upon the assumption that any death benefit is payable at the end of the contract year of death.
 - (5) Deferment of payment: If an insurer provides for the payment of a cash surrender value, it shall reserve the right to defer the payment of such value for a period of six months after demand therefor with surrender of the contract.
 - (6) Lump sum in lieu: Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, any deferred annuity contract may provide that if the annuity allowed under any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit would be less than one hundred twenty dollars annually, the insurer may at its option grant a cash surrender value in lieu of such paid-up nonforfeiture benefit of such amount as may be required by subsection (3) of this section.

- 1 (7) Operative date: If no election is made by an insurer for an operative date prior to July 1, 1948, such date shall be ((the operative date for this section)) June 12, 1947.
- 4 **Sec. 22.** RCW 48.29.040 and 1990 c 76 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

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- (1) Subject to ((the)) deposit requirements ((of RCW 48.29.030)), a title insurer having its principal offices in one county may be authorized to transact business in only such additional counties as to which it owns or leases and maintains, or has a duly authorized agent that owns or leases and maintains, a complete set of tract indexes.
- 11 (2) A title insurer not authorized to transact business in a certain county may purchase a title policy on property located therein 12 from another title insurer which is so authorized in that county. The 13 first title insurer may thereafter issue its own policy of title 14 15 insurance to the owner of such property. The first title insurer may 16 combine the insurance on the title of such property in a single policy 17 which also insures the title of one or more other pieces of property. The first title insurer must pay the full premium based on filed rates 18 19 for the policy, and must charge the precise same amount to its own 20 customer for the insurance as to the title of such property. A title 21 insurer using the authority granted by this subsection in a transaction 22 must so notify its customer.
- 23 **Sec. 23.** RCW 48.43.085 and 1996 c 312 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- 25 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no health carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the state of Washington may prohibit 26 directly or indirectly its enrollees from freely contracting at any 27 time to obtain any health care services outside the health care plan on 28 29 any terms or conditions the enrollees choose. Nothing in this section 30 shall be construed to bind a carrier for any services delivered outside the health plan. ((The provisions of this section shall be disclosed 31 32 pursuant to RCW 48.43.095(2).)) The insurance commissioner is 33 prohibited from adopting rules regarding this section.
- 34 **Sec. 24.** RCW 48.43.370 and 1998 c 241 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:

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- 1 RCW 48.43.300 through 48.43.370 shall not apply to a carrier which
- 2 is subject to the provisions of RCW 48.05.430 through ((48.05.490))
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- 4 **Sec. 25.** RCW 48.53.040 and 1982 c 110 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- An insurer may cancel a fire insurance policy when the requirements of RCW 48.53.030 are met only in accordance with the following procedure:
- 9 (1) The insurer shall, not less than five days prior to 10 cancellation, issue written notice of cancellation to the insured or 11 the insured's representative in charge of the policy. The notice shall 12 contain at least the following:
 - (a) The date that the policy will be canceled;
- 14 (b) A description of the specific facts justifying the 15 cancellation;
 - (c) A copy of this chapter; and
 - (d) The name, title, address, and telephone number of the insurer's employee who may be contacted regarding cancellation of the policy.
 - (2) The notice required by this section shall be actually delivered or mailed to the insured by certified mail, return receipt requested, and in addition by first class mail. A copy of the notice shall, at the time of delivery or mailing to the insured, or the insured's representative in charge of the policy, be mailed to the insurance commissioner.
 - (3) The insurer shall also comply with the requirements of RCW $48.18.290\ (1)((\frac{b}{b}))\ \underline{(e)}$, (2) and (3), and shall provide not less than twenty days notice of cancellation to each mortgagee, pledgee, or other person shown by the policy to have an interest in any loss which may occur thereunder except as provided in subsection (1) of this section.
 - (4) The portion of any premium paid to the insurer on account of the policy, unearned because of the cancellation and in an amount as computed on a pro rata basis, must be actually paid or mailed to the insured or other person entitled thereto as shown by the policy or any endorsement thereon, as soon as possible, and no later than thirty days after the date that the notice of cancellation was issued.

1 **Sec. 26.** RCW 48.74.030 and 1993 c 462 s 86 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

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- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, or in RCW 48.74.090, the minimum standard for the valuation of all such policies and contracts issued prior to July 10, 1982, shall be that provided by the laws in effect immediately prior to such date. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, or in RCW 48.74.090, the minimum standard for the valuation of all such policies and contracts issued on or after July 10, 1982, shall be the commissioner's reserve valuation methods defined in RCW 48.74.040, 48.74.070, and 48.74.090, three and one-half percent interest, or in the case of life insurance policies and contracts, other than annuity and pure endowment contracts, issued on or after July 16, 1973, four percent interest for such policies issued prior to September 1, 1979, five and one-half percent interest for single premium life insurance policies and four and one-half percent interest for all other such policies issued on and after September 1, 1979, and the following tables:
 - (a) For all ordinary policies of life insurance issued on the standard basis, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies--the commissioner's 1941 standard ordinary mortality table for such policies issued prior to ((the operative date of RCW 48.23.350(5a))) June 12, 1947, and the commissioner's 1958 standard ordinary mortality table for such policies issued on or after ((such operative date)) June 12, 1947, and prior to the operative date of RCW 48.76.050(4), except that for any category of such policies issued on female risks, all modified net premiums and present values referred to in this chapter may be calculated according to an age not more than six years younger than the actual age of the insured; and for such policies issued on or after the operative date of RCW 48.76.050(4): (i) The commissioner's 1980 standard ordinary mortality table; or (ii) at the election of the company for any one or more specified plans of life insurance, the commissioner's 1980 standard ordinary mortality table with ten-year select mortality factors; or (iii) any ordinary mortality table, adopted after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, that is approved by regulation promulgated by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such policies.

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(b) For all industrial life insurance policies issued on the standard basis, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies—the 1941 standard industrial mortality table for such policies issued prior to ((the operative date of RCW 48.23.350(5b)))

June 12, 1947, and for such policies issued on or after ((such operative date)) June 12, 1947, the commissioner's 1961 standard industrial mortality table or any industrial mortality table, adopted after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, that is approved by rule of the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such policies.

- (c) For individual annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies—the 1937 standard annuity mortality table or, at the option of the company, the annuity mortality table for 1949, ultimate, or any modification of either of these tables approved by the commissioner.
- (d) For group annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies—the group annuity mortality table for 1951, any modification of such table approved by the commissioner, or, at the option of the company, any of the tables or modifications of tables specified for individual annuity and pure endowment contracts.
- (e) For total and permanent disability benefits in or supplementary to ordinary policies or contracts—for policies or contracts issued on or after January 1, 1966, the tables of period 2 disablement rates and the 1930 to 1950 termination rates of the 1952 disability study of the Society of Actuaries, with due regard to the type of benefit or any tables of disablement rates and termination rates, adopted after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, that are approved by regulation promulgated by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such policies; for policies or contracts issued on or after January 1, 1961, and prior to January 1, 1966, either such tables or, at the option of the company, the class (3) disability table (1926); and for policies issued prior to January 1, 1961, the class (3) disability table (1926). Any such table shall, for active lives, be combined with a mortality table permitted for calculating the reserves for life insurance policies.
- (f) For accidental death benefits in or supplementary to policies-for policies issued on or after January 1, 1966, the 1959 accidental

- death benefits table or any accidental death benefits table, adopted after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, that is approved by regulation promulgated by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such policies; for policies issued on or after January 1, 1961, and prior to January 1, 1966, either such table or, at the option of the company, the intercompany double indemnity mortality table; and for policies issued prior to January 1, 1961, the intercompany double indemnity mortality table. Either table shall be combined with a mortality table permitted for calculating the reserves for life insurance policies.
 - (g) For group life insurance, life insurance issued on the substandard basis and other special benefits—such tables as may be approved by the commissioner.

- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the minimum standard for the valuation of all individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued on or after July 10, 1982, and for all annuities and pure endowments purchased on or after such effective date under group annuity and pure endowment contracts, shall be the commissioner's reserve valuation methods defined in RCW 48.74.040 and the following tables and interest rates:
- (a) For individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued before September 1, 1979, excluding any disability and accidental death benefit in such contracts—the 1971 individual annuity mortality table, or any modification of this table approved by the commissioner, and six percent interest for single premium immediate annuity contracts, and four percent interest for all other individual annuity and pure endowment contracts.
- (b) For individual single premium immediate annuity contracts issued on or after September 1, 1979, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such contracts—the 1971 individual annuity mortality table or any individual annuity mortality table, adopted after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, that is approved by regulation promulgated by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such contracts, or any modification of these tables approved by the commissioner, and seven and one-half percent interest.
- (c) For individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued on or after September 1, 1979, other than single premium immediate annuity

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contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in 1 2 such contracts -- the 1971 individual annuity mortality table or any individual annuity mortality table, adopted after 1980 by the National 3 Association of Insurance Commissioners, that is approved by regulation 4 5 promulgated by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such contracts, or any modification of these 6 7 tables approved by the commissioner, and five and one-half percent interest for single premium deferred annuity and pure endowment 8 9 contracts and four and one-half percent interest for all other such individual annuity and pure endowment contracts. 10

- (d) For all annuities and pure endowments purchased prior to September 1, 1979, under group annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits purchased under such contracts—the 1971 group annuity mortality table, or any modification of this table approved by the commissioner, and six percent interest.
- (e) For all annuities and pure endowments purchased on or after September 1, 1979, under group annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits purchased under such contracts—the 1971 group annuity mortality table or any group annuity mortality table, adopted after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, that is approved by regulation promulgated by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such annuities and pure endowments, or any modification of these tables approved by the commissioner, and seven and one-half percent interest.

After July 16, 1973, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election to comply with the provisions of this section after a specified date before January 1, 1979, which shall be the operative date of this section for such company. If a company makes no such election, the operative date of this section for such company shall be January 1, 1979.

- 33 (3)(a) The interest rates used in determining the minimum standard for the valuation of:
- 35 (i) All life insurance policies issued in a particular calendar 36 year, on or after the operative date of RCW 48.76.050(4);
- (ii) All individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued in a particular calendar year on or after January 1, 1982;

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- (iii) All annuities and pure endowments purchased in a particular calendar year on or after January 1, 1982, under group annuity and pure endowment contracts; and
 - (iv) The net increase, if any, in a particular calendar year after January 1, 1982, in amounts held under guaranteed interest contracts shall be the calendar year statutory valuation interest rates as defined in this section.
- (b) The calendar year statutory valuation interest rates, I, shall be determined as follows and the results rounded to the nearer one-quarter of one percent:
- (i) For life insurance:

- (ii) For single premium immediate annuities and for annuity benefits involving life contingencies arising from other annuities with cash settlement options and from guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options:
- I = .03 + W (R .03)
- where R_1 is the lesser of R and .09,
- R_2 is the greater of R and .09,
- 20 R is the reference interest rate defined in this section, and
- 21 W is the weighting factor defined in this section;
 - (iii) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on an issue year basis, except as stated in (ii) of this subparagraph, the formula for life insurance stated in (i) of this subparagraph shall apply to annuities and guaranteed interest contracts with guarantee durations in excess of ten years and the formula for single premium immediate annuities stated in (ii) of this subparagraph shall apply to annuities and guaranteed interest contracts with guarantee duration of ten years or less;
 - (iv) For other annuities with no cash settlement options and for guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options, the formula for single premium immediate annuities stated in (ii) of this subparagraph shall apply;
 - (v) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a change in fund basis, the formula for single premium immediate annuities stated in (ii) of this subparagraph shall apply.

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- (c) However, if the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for any life insurance policies issued in any calendar year determined without reference to this sentence differs from the corresponding actual rate for similar policies issued in the immediately preceding calendar year by less than one-half of one percent, the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for such life insurance policies shall be equal to the corresponding actual rate for the immediately preceding calendar year. For purposes of applying the immediately preceding sentence, the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for life insurance policies issued in a calendar year shall be determined for 1983 using the reference interest rate defined for 1982 and shall be determined for each subsequent calendar year regardless of when RCW 48.76.050(4) becomes operative.
- (d) The weighting factors referred to in the formulas stated in subparagraph (b) of this subsection are given in the following tables:
 - (i) Weighting Factors for Life Insurance:

17	Guarantee Duration	Weighting
18	(Years)	Factors
19	10 or less	.50
20	More than 10, but not more than 20	.45
21	More than 20	.35

For life insurance, the guarantee duration is the maximum number of years the life insurance can remain in force on a basis guaranteed in the policy or under options to convert to plans of life insurance with premium rates or nonforfeiture values or both which are guaranteed in the original policy;

- (ii) Weighting factor for single premium immediate annuities and for annuity benefits involving life contingencies arising from other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options: .80;
- (iii) Weighting factors for other annuities and for guaranteed interest contracts, except as stated in (ii) of this subparagraph, shall be as specified in (d)(iii)(A), (B), and (C) of this subsection, according to the rules and definitions in (d)(iii)(D), (E), and (F) of this subsection:

(A) For annuities and guaranteed interest contracts valued on an 1 issue year basis:

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6	(Years)	A	В	C
7	5 or less:	.80	.60	.50
8	More than 5, but not more than 10:	.75	.60	.50
9	More than 10, but not more than 20:	.65	.50	.45
10	More than 20:	.45	.35	.35

(B) For annuities and guaranteed interest contracts valued on a change in fund basis, the factors shown in (d)(iii)(A) of this subsection increased by:

14	Plan Type		
15	${f A}$	В	C
16	.15	.25	.05

(C) For annuities and guaranteed interest contracts valued on an issue year basis other than those with no cash settlement options which do not guarantee interest on considerations received more than one year after issue or purchase and for annuities and guaranteed interest contracts valued on a change in fund basis which do not guarantee interest rates on considerations received more than twelve months beyond the valuation date, the factors shown in (d)(iii)(A) of this subsection or derived in (d)(iii)(B) of this subsection increased by:

25	Plan Type		
26	A	В	C
27	.05	.05	.05

(D) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, the guarantee duration is the number of years for which the contract guarantees interest rates in excess of the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for

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life insurance policies with guarantee duration in excess of twenty years. For other annuities with no cash settlement options and for guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options, the guarantee duration is the number of years from the date of issue or date of purchase to the date annuity benefits are scheduled to commence.

(E) Plan type as used in the tables in (d)(iii)(A), (B), and (C) of this subsection is defined as follows:

Plan Type A: At any time a policyholder may withdraw funds only: (1) With an adjustment to reflect changes in interest rates or asset values since receipt of the funds by the insurance company; or (2) without such adjustment but in installments over five years or more; or (3) as an immediate life annuity; or (4) no withdrawal permitted.

Plan Type B: Before expiration of the interest rate guarantee, a policyholder may withdraw funds only: (1) With adjustment to reflect changes in interest rates or asset values since receipt of the funds by the insurance company; or (2) without such adjustment but in installments over five years or more; or (3) no withdrawal permitted. At the end of the interest rate guarantee, funds may be withdrawn without such adjustment in a single sum or installments over less than five years.

Plan Type C: A policyholder may withdraw funds before expiration of the interest rate guarantee in a single sum or installments over less than five years either: (1) Without adjustment to reflect changes in interest rates or asset values since receipt of the funds by the insurance company; or (2) subject only to a fixed surrender charge stipulated in the contract as a percentage of the fund.

(F) A company may elect to value guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options and annuities with cash settlement options on either an issue year basis or on a change in fund basis. Guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options and other annuities with no cash settlement options must be valued on an issue year basis. As used in this section, an issue year basis of valuation refers to a valuation basis under which the interest rate used to determine the minimum valuation standard for the entire duration of the annuity or guaranteed interest contract is the calendar year valuation interest rate for the year of issue or year of purchase of the annuity or guaranteed interest contract. The change in fund basis of valuation

refers to a valuation basis under which the interest rate used to determine the minimum valuation standard applicable to each change in the fund held under the annuity or guaranteed interest contract is the calendar year valuation interest rate for the year of the change in the fund.

- (e) The reference interest rate referred to in subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection is defined as follows:
 - (i) For all life insurance, the lesser of the average over a period of thirty-six months and the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year next preceding the year of issue, of Moody's corporate bond yield average--monthly average corporates, as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
 - (ii) For single premium immediate annuities and for annuity benefits involving life contingencies arising from other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of issue or year of purchase of Moody's corporate bond yield average—monthly average corporates, as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
 - (iii) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a year of issue basis, except as stated in (ii) of this subparagraph, with guarantee duration in excess of ten years, the lesser of the average over a period of thirty-six months and the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of issue or purchase, of Moody's corporate bond yield average--monthly average corporates, as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
 - (iv) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a year of issue basis, except as stated in (ii) of this subparagraph, with guarantee duration of ten years or less, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of issue or purchase, of Moody's corporate bond yield average--monthly average corporates, as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
 - (v) For other annuities with no cash settlement options and for guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the

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calendar year of issue or purchase, of Moody's corporate bond yield average--monthly average corporates, as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

- (vi) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a change in fund basis, except as stated in (ii) of this subparagraph, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of the change in the fund, of Moody's corporate bond yield average--monthly average corporates, as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
- (f) If Moody's corporate bond yield average--monthly average corporates is no longer published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or if the National Association of Insurance Commissioners determines that Moody's corporate bond yield average--monthly average corporates as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. is no longer appropriate for the determination of the reference interest rate, then an alternative method for determination of the reference interest rate, which is adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and approved by rule adopted by the commissioner, may be substituted.

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