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AN ACT

To repeal sections 375.1025, 375.1052, 375.1053, 375.1056, and 382.278, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to financial solvency of insurance companies, with penalty provisions and a delayed effective date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 375.1025, 375.1052, 375.1053, 375.1056, and 382.278,

- 2 RSMo, are repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
- 3 known as sections 375.1025, 375.1052, 375.1053, 375.1056, 375.1058, 382.600,
- 4 382.605, 382.610, 382.615, 382.620, 382.625, 382.630, 382.635, and 382.640, to
- 5 read as follows:

375.1025. As used in sections 375.1025 to 375.1062, the following terms

- 2 shall mean:
- 3 (1) "Accountant" or "independent certified public accountant", an
- 4 independent certified public accountant or accounting firm in good standing with
- 5 the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in all states in which
- 6 they are licensed to practice. For Canadian and British companies, it means a
- 7 Canadian-chartered or British-chartered accountant;
- 8 (2) "Affiliate" or "affiliated", a person that directly, or indirectly through
- 9 one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common
- 10 control with, the person specified;
- 11 (3) "AICPA", the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;
- 12 (4) "Audit committee", a committee (or equivalent body) established by the
- 13 board of directors of an entity for the purpose of overseeing the accounting and

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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- financial reporting processes of an insurer or group of insurers, the internal
- audit function of any insurer or group of insurers, if applicable, and
- 16 **external** audits of financial statements of the insurer or group of insurers. The
- 17 audit committee of any entity that controls a group of insurers may be deemed
- to be the audit committee for one or more of such controlled insurers solely for 18
- 19 the purposes of sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 at the election of the controlling
- person. Such election shall be exercised under subsection [5] 7 of section 20
- 21 375.1053. If an audit committee is not designated by the insurer, the insurer's
- 22 entire board of directors shall constitute the audit committee;
- 23 (5) "Audited financial report", includes those items specified in section 375.1032; 24
- (6) "Department", the department of insurance, financial institutions and 25 26 professional registration;
- 27 (7) "Director", the director of the department of insurance, financial 28 institutions and professional registration;
- 29 (8) "Group of insurers", those licensed insurers included in the reporting 30 requirements of sections 382.010 to 382.300, or a set of insurers as identified by management, for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of internal control 31 32 over financial reporting;
- 33 (9) "Indemnification", an agreement of indemnity or a release from 34 liability where the intent or effect is to shift or limit in any manner the potential liability of the person or firm for failure to adhere to applicable auditing or 35 36 professional standards, whether or not resulting in part from knowing of other 37 misrepresentations made by the insurer or its representatives;
 - (10) "Independent board member", the same meaning as described in subsection [3] 5 of section 375.1053;
- 40 (11) "Insurer", an insurer certified to do business in this state pursuant to section 375.161 or 375.831, and to companies authorized to transact business 41 42 in this state pursuant to chapters 354, 376, 377, 378, 379 and 381;
- (12) "Internal audit function", a person or persons that provide independent, objective, and reasonable assurance regarding an insurer's governance, risk management, and internal controls, designed to add value and improve an organization's operations and accomplish 46 its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management control and governance processes;

- 50 (13) "Internal control over financial reporting", a process effected by an entity's board of directors, management and other personnel designed to provide 52 reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the financial statements, i.e., those items specified in [subsections 2 to 7] subdivisions (2) to (6) of 53 subsection 2 and subsection 3 of section 375.1032 and includes those policies 54 55 and procedures that:
- 56 (a) Pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, 57 accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of assets;
- 58 (b) Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as 59 necessary to permit preparation of financial statements, i.e., those items specified in [subsections 2 to 7] subdivisions (2) to (6) of subsection 2 and 60 subsection 3 of section 375.1032, and that receipts and expenditures are being 62 made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors; and
- 63 (c) Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of assets that could have a 64 65 material effect on the financial statements, i.e., those items specified in 66 [subsections 2 to 7] subdivisions (2) to (6) of subsection 2 and subsection 67 **3** of section 375.1032;
- 68 [(13)] (14) "NAIC", the National Association of Insurance Commissioners;
- [(14)] (15) "SEC", the United States Securities and Exchange 69 Commission; 70
- 71 [(15)] (16) "Section 404", Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 72 as amended, and the SEC's rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 73 [(16)] (17) "Section 404 report", management's report on internal control 74 over financial reporting, as defined by the SEC and the related attestation report of the independent certified public accountant as described in subsection 1 of 7576 section 375.1030;
- 77 [(17)] (18) "SOX compliant entity", an entity that either is required to be 78 or voluntarily is compliant with all of the following provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended: 79
- 80 (a) The preapproval requirements of Section 201 (Section 10A(i) of the 81 federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934);
- 82 (b) The audit committee independence requirements of Section 301 83 (Section 10A(m)(3) of the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934); and
- (c) The internal control over financial reporting requirements of Section 84 85 404.

375.1052. 1. Upon written application of any insurer, the director may grant a temporary exemption from compliance with sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 if the director finds, upon review of the application, that compliance with sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 would constitute a financial or organizational hardship upon the insurer. An exemption may be granted at any time and from time to time for a specified period or periods. Within ten days from a denial of an insurer's written request for an exemption from sections 375.1025 to 375.1062, such insurer may request in writing a hearing on its application for an exemption. Such hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 536 pertaining to administrative hearing procedures and shall be a public

- 2. Domestic insurers:
- 13 (1) Retaining a certified public accountant on August 28, 2009, who 14 qualifies as independent shall comply with sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 for the 15 year ending December 31, 2009, and each year thereafter unless the director 16 permits otherwise;

meeting as provided by subdivision (3) of section 610.010.

- 17 (2) Not retaining a certified public accountant on [the effective date of this 18 regulation] **August 28, 2009,** who qualifies as independent shall meet the 19 following schedule for compliance with sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 unless the 20 director permits otherwise:
- 21 (a) As of December 31, 2009, file with the director an audited financial 22 report;
- 23 (b) For the year ending December 31, 2010, and each year thereafter, such 24 insurers shall file with the director all reports and communications required by 25 sections 375.1025 to 375.1062.
- 3. Foreign insurers shall comply with sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 for the year ending December 31, 1992, and each year thereafter, unless the director permits otherwise.
- 4. The requirements of subsection 3 of section 375.1037 shall be in effect for audits of the year beginning January 1, 2010, and thereafter.
- 5. The requirements of section 375.1053 are to be in effect January 1, 2010. An insurer or group of insurers that is not required to have independent audit committee members or only a majority but not a supermajority of independent audit committee members, because the total written and assumed premium is below the threshold and subsequently becomes subject to one of the independence requirements due to changes in premium shall have one year

- 37 following the year the threshold is exceeded, but not earlier than January 1,
- 38 2010, to comply with the independence requirements. Likewise, an insurer that
- 39 becomes subject to one of the independence requirements as a result of a business
- 40 combination shall have one calendar year following the date of acquisition or
- 41 combination to comply with the independence requirements.
- 42 6. The requirements of sections 375.1038, 375.1054, and 375.1056 are
- 43 effective beginning with the reporting period ending December 31, 2010, and each
- 44 year thereafter. An insurer or group of insurers that is not required to file a
- 45 report because the total written premium is below the threshold and subsequently
- 46 becomes subject to the reporting requirements shall have two years following the
- 47 year the threshold is exceeded to file a report. Likewise, an insurer acquired in
- 48 a business combination shall have two calendar years following the date of
- 49 acquisition or combination to comply with the reporting requirements.
- 7. The requirements of section 375.1058 are effective beginning
- 51 January 1, 2019. If an insurer or group of insurers that is exempt from
- 52 section 375.1058 requirements subsequently no longer qualifies for that
- 53 exemption, such insurer or group of insurers shall have one year after
- 54 the year the threshold is exceeded to comply with the requirements of
- 55 **section 375.1058.**
 - 375.1053. 1. This section shall not apply to foreign or alien insurers
- 2 licensed in this state or an insurer that is a SOX compliant entity or a direct or
- 3 indirect wholly owned subsidiary of a SOX compliant entity.
- 4 2. The audit committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment,
- 5 compensation, and oversight of the work of any accountant, including resolution
- 6 of disagreements between management and the accountant regarding financial
- 7 reporting, for the purpose of preparing or issuing the audited financial report or
- 8 related work under sections 375.1025 to 375.1062. Each accountant shall report
- 9 directly to the audit committee.
- 10 3. The audit committee of an insurer or group of insurers shall
- 11 be responsible for overseeing the insurer's internal audit function and
- 12 granting the person or persons performing the internal audit function
- 13 suitable authority and resources to fulfill their responsibilities if
- 14 required by section 375.1058.
- 15 **4.** Each member of the audit committee shall be a member of the board
- 16 of directors of the insurer or a member of the board of directors of an entity
- 17 elected under subsection [6] 7 of this section and subdivision [(6)] (4) of section

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- 19 [4.] 5. In order to be considered independent for purposes of this section, a member of the audit committee shall not, other than in his or her capacity as 20 21a member of the audit committee, the board of directors, or any other board 22 committee, accept any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the 23 entity or be an affiliated person of the entity or any subsidiary thereof. However, if law requires board participation by otherwise nonindependent members, such 24 25 law shall prevail and such members may participate in the audit committee and 26 be designated as independent for audit committee purposes, unless they are an 27 officer or employee of the insurer or one of its affiliates.
 - [5.] 6. If a member of the audit committee ceases to be independent for reasons outside the member's reasonable control, that person, with notice by the responsible entity to the state, may remain an audit committee member of the responsible entity until the earlier of the next annual meeting of the responsible entity or one year from the occurrence of the event that caused the member to be no longer independent.
 - [6.] 7. To exercise the election of the controlling person to designate the audit committee for purposes of sections 375.1025 to 375.1062, the ultimate controlling person shall provide written notice to the chief state insurance regulatory officials of the affected insurers. Notification shall be made timely prior to the issuance of the statutory audit report and include a description of the basis for the election. The election can be changed through notice to the director by the insurer, which shall include a description of the basis for the change. The election shall remain in effect for perpetuity, until rescinded.
 - [7.] 8. (1) The audit committee shall require the accountant that performs for an insurer any audit required by sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 to timely report to the audit committee in accordance with the requirements of the auditing profession, including:
 - (a) All significant accounting policies and material permitted practices;
 - (b) All material alternative treatments of financial information within statutory accounting principles that have been discussed with management officials of the insurer, ramifications of the use of the alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the accountant; and
- 51 (c) Other material written communications between the accountant and 52 the management of the insurer, such as any management letter or schedule of 53 unadjusted differences.

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- (2) If an insurer is a member of an insurance holding company system, the reports required by subdivision (1) of this subsection may be provided to the audit committee on an aggregate basis for insurers in the holding company system; provided that any substantial differences among insurers in the system are identified to the audit committee.
- [8.] **9.** The proportion of independent audit committee members shall meet or exceed the following criteria:
- (1) If the insurer wrote direct and assumed premiums of zero to three 62 hundred million dollars during the prior calendar year, no minimum 63 requirements are required regarding the number or proportion of audit committee 64 members who shall be independent;
 - (2) If the insurer wrote direct and assumed premiums of three hundred million to five hundred million dollars during the prior calendar year, at least a majority of the members of the audit committee shall be independent; and
 - (3) If the insurer wrote direct and assumed premiums of five hundred million dollars or more during the prior calendar year, a supermajority of at least seventy-five percent of the members of the audit committee shall be independent.
- 71 [9.] 10. An insurer with direct written and assumed premium, excluding 72 premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal 73 Flood Program, less than five hundred million dollars may make application to 74the director for a waiver from the requirements of this section based upon hardship. The insurer shall file, with its annual statement filing, the approval 75 76 for relief from this section with the states that it is licensed in or doing business in and the NAIC. If the nondomestic state accepts electronic filing with the NAIC, the insurer shall file the approval in an electronic format acceptable to the 79 NAIC.
- 375.1056. 1. Every insurer required to file an audited financial report under sections 375.1025 to 375.1062 that has annual direct written and assumed premiums, excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, of five hundred million dollars or more shall prepare a report of the insurer's or group of insurers' internal control over financial reporting, as such terms are defined in section 375.1025. The report shall be filed with the director along with the communication of internal control-related matters noted in an audit described under section 375.1047. Management's report of internal control over financial reporting shall be as of December thirty-first immediately preceding.

- 2. Notwithstanding the premium threshold in subsection 1 of this section, the director may require an insurer to file management's report of internal control over financial reporting if the insurer is in any RBC level event, or meets any one or more of the standards of an insurer deemed to be in hazardous financial condition as defined in [rules adopted by the director] section 375.539.
- 3. An insurer or a group of insurers that is:
 - (1) Directly subject to Section 404;
- 18 (2) Part of a holding company system whose parent is directly subject to 19 Section 404;
 - (3) Not directly subject to Section 404 but is a SOX compliant entity; or
- 21 (4) A member of a holding company system whose parent is not directly 22 subject to Section 404 but is a SOX compliant entity;
- 23 may file its or its parent's Section 404 report and an addendum in satisfaction of 24the requirement of this section, provided that those internal controls of the 25 insurer or group of insurers having a material impact on the preparation of the 26insurer's or group of insurers' audited statutory financial statements, namely 27those items included in subdivisions (2) to (6) of subsection 2 and subsection 3 of section 375.1032, were included in the scope of the Section 404 report. The 2829 addendum shall be a positive statement by management that there are no material processes with respect to the preparation of the insurer's or group of 30 31 insurers' audited statutory financial statements excluded from the Section 404 report. If there are internal controls of the insurer or group of insurers that have 32a material impact on the preparation of the insurer's or group of insurers' audited 33 34 statutory financial statements and those internal controls were not included in 35 the scope of the Section 404 report, the insurer or group of insurers may either 36 file a report under this section, or the Section 404 report and a report under this 37 section for those internal controls that have a material impact on the preparation of the insurer's or group of insurers' audited statutory financial statements not 38 covered by the Section 404 report. 39
- 40 4. Management's report of internal control over financial reporting shall include:
- 42 (1) A statement that management is responsible for establishing and 43 maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting;
- 44 (2) A statement that management has established internal control over 45 financial reporting and an assertion, to the best of management's knowledge and 46 belief, after diligent inquiry, as to whether its internal control over financial

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- 47 reporting is effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of 48 financial statements in accordance with statutory accounting principles;
- 49 (3) A statement that briefly describes the approach or processes by which 50 management evaluated the effectiveness of its internal control over financial 51 reporting;
- 52 (4) A statement that briefly describes the scope of work that is included 53 and whether any internal controls were excluded;
- 54 (5) Disclosure of any unremediated material weaknesses in the internal control over financial reporting identified by management as of December thirty-first immediately preceding. Management is not permitted to conclude that the internal control over financial reporting is effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial statements in accordance with statutory accounting principles if there is one or more unremediated material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting;
- 61 (6) A statement regarding the inherent limitations of internal control 62 systems; and
- 63 (7) Signatures of the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer, 64 or the equivalent position or title.
 - 5. Management shall document and make available upon financial condition examination the basis upon which its assertions required in subsection 4 of this section are made. Management may base its assertions, in part, upon its review, monitoring and testing of internal controls undertaken in the normal course of its activities. Management shall have discretion as to the nature of the internal control framework used, and the nature and extent of documentation, in order to make its assertion in a cost-effective manner and, as such, may include assembly of or reference to existing documentation. Management's report on internal control over financial reporting, required by subsection 1 of this section, and any documentation provided in support thereof during the course of a financial condition examination, shall be kept confidential by the department.
- 6. No officer responsible for financial reporting may be a member of the audit committee.
- 375.1058. 1. An insurer is exempt from the requirements of this 2 section if:
- 3 (1) The insurer has annual direct written and unaffiliated 4 assumed premium, including international direct and assumed 5 premium but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop

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- Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, totaling less than five hundred million dollars; and
- 8 (2) The insurer is a member of a group of insurers that has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium, including international direct and assumed premium but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal 11 12 Flood Program, totaling less than one billion dollars.
- 13 2. An insurer or group of insurers shall establish an internal audit function providing independent, objective, and reasonable 14 assurance to the audit committee and insurer management regarding 15 the insurer's governance, risk management, and internal controls. This 17assurance shall be provided by performing general and specific audits, 18 reviews, and tests and by employing other techniques deemed 19 necessary to protect assets, evaluate control effectiveness and 20 efficiency, and evaluate compliance with policies and regulations.
- 3. In order to ensure that internal auditors remain objective, the audit function shall bе organizationally 23 independent. Specifically, the internal audit function shall not defer ultimate judgment on audit matters to others and shall appoint an individual to head the internal audit function who will have direct and unrestricted access to the board of directors. Organizational independence does not preclude dual-reporting relationships.
 - 4. The head of the internal audit function shall report to the audit committee regularly, but no less than annually, on the periodic audit plan, factors that may adversely impact the internal audit function's independence or effectiveness, material findings from completed audits, and the appropriateness of corrective actions implemented by management as a result of audit findings.
 - 5. If an insurer is a member of an insurance holding company system or included in a group of insurers, the insurer may satisfy the internal audit function requirements set forth in this section at the ultimate controlling parent level, an intermediate holding company level, or the individual legal entity level.
 - 382.600. 1. The purpose of sections 382.600 to 382.640 is to:
- (1) Provide the director a summary of an insurer or insurance 2 group's corporate governance structure, policies, and practices to

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- 4 permit the director to gain and maintain an understanding of the 5 insurer or insurance group's corporate governance framework;
- 6 (2) Outline the requirements for completing a corporate 7 governance annual disclosure with the director; and
- 8 (3) Provide for the confidential treatment of the corporate governance annual disclosure and related information that will contain confidential and sensitive information related to an insurer or insurance group's internal operations and proprietary and trade secret information which if made public could potentially cause the insurer or insurance group competitive harm or disadvantage.
- 2. Nothing in sections 382.600 to 382.640 shall be construed to prescribe or impose corporate governance standards and internal procedures beyond that which are required under applicable state corporate law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in sections 382.600 to 382.640 shall be construed to limit the director's authority or the rights or obligations of third parties under chapter 374 relating to the examination of insurers.
- 3. The requirements of sections 382.600 to 382.640 shall apply to all insurers domiciled in this state.

382.605. As used in sections 382.600 to 382.640, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Corporate governance annual disclosure" or "CGAD", a confidential report filed by the insurer or insurance group made in accordance with the requirements of sections 382.600 to 382.640;
- 6 (2) "Director", the director of the department of insurance,
 7 financial institutions and professional registration, his or her deputies,
 8 or the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional
 9 registration, as applicable;
- 10 (3) "Insurance group", those insurers and affiliates included 11 within an insurance holding company system as defined in section 12 382.010;
- (4) "Insurer", an insurance company as defined in section 375.012; 14 except that it shall not include agencies, authorities, or 15 instrumentalities of the United States, its possessions and territories, 16 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, or a state 17 or political subdivision of a state;

- 18 (5) "NAIC", the National Association of Insurance Commissioners;
- 19 (6) "ORSA summary report", the report filed in accordance with 20 sections 382.500 to 382.550.
- 382.610. 1. An insurer, or the insurance group of which the 2 insurer is a member, shall, before June first of each calendar year, submit to the director a CGAD that contains the information described 4 in subsection 2 of section 382.615. Notwithstanding any request from the director made under subsection 3 of this section, if the insurer is a member of an insurance group, the insurer shall submit the report required by this section to the director or commissioner of the lead state for the insurance group, in accordance with the laws of the lead state, as determined by the procedures outlined in the most recent Financial Analysis Handbook adopted by the NAIC. An insurer that is 11 a member of an insurance group, however, shall not be required to submit the report required by this section to the director until the 13 earlier of the adoption of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Model Act and National Association of Insurance Commissioners Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Model Regulations by the lead state of 16 such insurance group, or June 1, 2020. 17
- 2. The CGAD shall include a signature of the insurer or insurance group's chief executive officer or corporate secretary, attesting to the best of that individual's belief and knowledge that the insurer has implemented the corporate governance practices and that a copy of the disclosure has been provided to the insurer's board of directors or the appropriate committee thereof.
- 3. An insurer not required to submit a CGAD under this section shall do so upon the director's request.
- 4. For purposes of completing the CGAD, the insurer or insurance group may provide information regarding corporate governance at the ultimate controlling person level, an intermediate holding company level, or the individual legal entity level depending upon how the insurer or insurance group has structured its system of corporate governance. The insurer or insurance group is encouraged to make the CGAD disclosures at the level at which the insurer or insurance group's risk appetite is determined; or at which the earnings,

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capital, liquidity, operations, and reputation of the insurer are overseen collectively and at which the supervision of those factors is coordinated and exercised; or the level at which legal liability for failure of general corporate governance duties would be placed. If the insurer or insurance group determines the level of reporting based on these criteria, it shall indicate which of the three criteria was used to determine the level of reporting and explain any subsequent changes in level of reporting.

- 5. The review of the CGAD and any additional requests for information shall be made through the lead state as determined by the procedures within the most recent Financial Analysis Handbook referenced in subsection 1 of this section.
- 6. Insurers providing information substantially similar to the information required by sections 382.600 to 382.640 in other documents provided to the director, including proxy statements filed in conjunction with annual registration requirements or other state or federal filings provided to the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, shall not be required to duplicate that information in the CGAD but shall only be required to cross-reference the document in which the information is included.
- 382.615. 1. The insurer or insurance group shall have discretion over the responses to the CGAD inquiries, provided that the CGAD shall contain the material information necessary to permit the director to gain an understanding of the insurer or insurance group's corporate governance structure, policies, and practices. The director may request additional information that he or she deems material and necessary to provide the director with a clear understanding of the corporate governance policies and the reporting or information system or controls implementing those policies.
- 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1 of this section, the CGAD shall be prepared consistent with regulations promulgated by the director. Documentation and supporting information shall be maintained and made available upon examination or upon request of the director.
- 382.620. 1. Documents, materials, or other information, including the CGAD, in the possession or control of the department of insurance,

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3 financial institutions and professional registration that are obtained 4 by, created by, or disclosed to the director or any other person under sections 382.600 to 382.640 are recognized by this state as being proprietary and containing trade secrets. All such documents, material, or other information shall be confidential by law and privileged, shall not be subject to disclosure under chapter 610, shall not be subject to subpoena, and shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action. However, the director is authorized to use the documents, materials, or other information in the 12 furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought as a part of the director's official duties. The director shall not otherwise make the 14 documents, materials, or other information public without the prior 15 written consent of the insurer. Nothing in this section shall be 16 construed to require written consent of the insurer before the director may share or receive confidential documents, materials, or other CGAD-17related information under subsection 3 of this section to assist in the 18 19 performance of the director's regular duties.

- 2. Neither the director nor any person who receives documents, materials, or other CGAD-related information through examination or otherwise while acting under the authority of the director or with whom such documents, materials, or other information are shared under sections 382.600 to 382.640 shall be permitted or required to testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential documents, materials, or information subject to subsection 1 of this section.
- 28 3. In order to assist in the performance of the director's regulatory duties, the director:
- (1) May, upon request, share documents, materials, or other CGAD-related information, including the confidential and privileged documents, materials, or information subject to subsection 1 of this section, including proprietary and trade secret documents and materials, with other state, federal, and international financial regulatory agencies, including members of any supervisory college as described in section 382.225, with the NAIC, and with third-party consultants under section 382.625; provided that, the recipient agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the

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39 CGAD-related documents, materials, or other information and has 40 verified in writing the legal authority to maintain confidentiality; and

- (2) May receive documents, materials, or other CGAD-related 41 42information, including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials, or information, including proprietary and trade 43 secret information or documents, from regulatory officials of other state, federal, and international financial regulatory agencies, 4546 including members of any supervisory college as described in section 382.225, and from the NAIC, and shall maintain as confidential or 47 privileged any documents, materials, or information received with 48 notice or the understanding that it is confidential or privileged under 49 50 the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the documents, 51 material, or information.
 - 4. The sharing of information and documents by the director under sections 382.600 to 382.640 shall not constitute a delegation of regulatory authority or rulemaking, and the director is solely responsible for the administration, execution, and enforcement of the provisions of sections 382.600 to 382.640.
- 5. No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of confidentiality in the documents, proprietary and trade secret materials, or other CGAD-related information shall occur as a result of disclosure of such CGAD-related information or documents to the director under this section or as a result of sharing as authorized under sections 382.600 to 382.640.
- 382.625. 1. The director may retain, at the insurer's expense, third-party consultants, including attorneys, actuaries, accountants, and other experts not otherwise a part of the director's staff, as may be reasonably necessary to assist the director in reviewing the CGAD and related information or the insurer's compliance with sections 382.600 to 382.640.
- 2. Any persons retained under subsection 1 of this section shall be under the direction and control of the director and shall act in a purely advisory capacity.
- 3. The NAIC and third-party consultants shall be subject to the same confidentiality standards and requirements as the director.
- 12 4. As part of the retention process, a third-party consultant shall

verify to the director, with notice to the insurer, that it is free of a conflict of interest and that it has internal procedures in place to monitor compliance with a conflict and to comply with the confidentiality standards and requirements of sections 382.600 to 382.640.

- 5. A written agreement with the NAIC or a third-party consultant governing sharing and use of information provided under sections 382.600 to 382.640 shall contain the following provisions and expressly require the written consent of the insurer prior to making public information provided under sections 382.600 to 382.640:
 - (1) Specific procedures and protocols for maintaining the confidentiality and security of CGAD-related information shared with the NAIC or a third-party consultant under sections 382.600 to 382.640;
 - (2) Procedures and protocols for sharing by the NAIC only with other state regulators from states in which the insurance group has domiciled insurers. The agreement shall provide that the recipient agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the CGAD-related documents, materials, or other information and has verified in writing the legal authority to maintain confidentiality;
 - (3) A provision specifying that ownership of the CGAD-related information shared with the NAIC or a third-party consultant remains with the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, and the NAIC's or third-party consultant's use of the information is subject to the direction of the director;
 - (4) A provision that prohibits the NAIC or a third-party consultant from storing the information shared under sections 382.600 to 382.640 in a permanent database after the underlying analysis is completed;
 - (5) A provision requiring the NAIC or a third-party consultant to provide prompt notice to the director and to the insurer or insurance group regarding any subpoena, request for disclosure, or request for production of the insurer's CGAD-related information; and
- 45 (6) A provision requiring the NAIC or a third-party consultant to 46 consent to intervention by an insurer in any judicial or administrative 47 action in which the NAIC or a third-party consultant may be required 48 to disclose confidential information about the insurer shared with the

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49 NAIC or a third-party consultant under sections 382.600 to 382.640.

382.630. 1. Any insurer failing without just cause to timely file a CGAD as required under sections 382.600 to 382.640 commits a level two violation under section 374.049 for each day's delay; provided that, the total maximum fine under this section is five thousand dollars. The director may reduce the penalty if the insurer demonstrates to the director that the imposition of the penalty would constitute a financial hardship to the insurer.

2. The director may enforce the provisions of sections 382.600 to 382.640 under sections 374.046 to 374.049.

382.635. The director may, upon notice and opportunity for all interested persons to be heard, issue such rules, regulations, and orders as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 382.600 to 382.640. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are 10 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking 11 12 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall 13 be invalid and void.

382.640. If any provision of sections 382.600 to 382.640 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the state of Missouri, such determination shall not affect the provisions or applications of sections 382.600 to 382.640, which may be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of sections 382.600 to 382.640, with the exception of section 382.620, are severable.

[382.278. The provisions of subdivisions (13) and (14) of subsection 1 of section 382.050, subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of section 382.110, and sections 382.175 and 382.220 shall not apply to an insurance holding company or its affiliates if the insurance company affiliates of such insurance holding company had total

6	premiums, direct and ceded, of less than one hundred fifty million
7	dollars in the preceding year and such insurance holding company
8	certifies in writing to the director that more than twenty-five
9	percent of the employees of its affiliates, not including insurance
10	affiliates or the holding company itself, are engaged
11	in agricultural operations.]
	Section B. This act shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

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