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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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215	ILCS	5/531.03		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-3
215	ILCS	5/531.05		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-5
215	ILCS	5/531.06		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-6
215	ILCS	5/531.07		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-7
215	ILCS	5/531.08		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-8
215	ILCS	5/531.09		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-9
215	ILCS	5/531.11		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-11
215	ILCS	5/531.12		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-12
215	ILCS	5/531.13		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-13
215	ILCS	5/531.14		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-14
215	ILCS	5/531.19		from	Ch.	73,	par.	1065.80-19
215	ILCS	5/531.20	new					
215	ILCS	125/Art.	VI rep.					

Amends the of the Illinois Insurance Code. Merges the Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association Article of the Health Maintenance Organization Act into the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Law. Makes conforming changes. Provides that the rights, powers, privileges, assets, property, duties, debts, obligations, and liabilities of each association prior to merger shall remain with the members of the respective association. Provides the rights, powers, privileges, assets, property, debts, obligations, and liabilities of each association after the merger. Repeals the Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association Article of the Health Maintenance Organization Act. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
changing Sections 531.02, 531.03, 531.05, 531.06, 531.07,
531.08, 531.09, 531.11, 531.12, 531.13, 531.14, and 531.19 and
by adding Section 531.20 as follows:

8 (215 ILCS 5/531.02) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-2)

9 Sec. 531.02. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to protect, subject to certain limitations, the persons specified 10 in paragraph (1) of Section 531.03 against failure in the 11 performance of contractual obligations, under life, or health 12 insurance policies, and annuity policies, plans, or contracts 13 14 and health or medical care service contracts specified in paragraph (2) of Section 531.03, due to the impairment or 15 16 insolvency of the <u>member</u> insurer issuing such policies, <u>plans</u>, or contracts. To provide this protection, (1) an association of 17 member insurers is created to enable the guaranty of payment of 18 19 benefits and of continuation of coverages, (2) members of the 20 Association are subject to assessment to provide funds to carry 21 out the purpose of this Article, and (3) the Association is 22 authorized to assist the Director, in the prescribed manner, in the detection and prevention of member insurer impairments or 23

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2 (Source: P.A. 86-753.)

3 (215 ILCS 5/531.03) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-3)

Sec. 531.03. Coverage and limitations.

5 (1) This Article shall provide coverage for the policies 6 and contracts specified in <u>subsection</u> paragraph (2) of this 7 Section:

8 (a) to persons who, regardless of where they reside 9 (except for non-resident certificate holders under group 10 policies or contracts), are the beneficiaries, assignees 11 or payees, including health care providers rendering 12 <u>services covered under a health insurance policy or</u> 13 <u>certificate</u>, of the persons covered under <u>paragraph (b) of</u> 14 <u>this subsection subparagraph (1) (b)</u>, and

(b) to persons who are owners of or certificate holders
 <u>or enrollees</u> under the policies or contracts (other than
 unallocated annuity contracts and structured settlement
 annuities) and in each case who:

(i) are residents; or

20 (ii) are not residents, but only under all of the21 following conditions:

(A) the <u>member</u> insurer that issued the policies or contracts is domiciled in this State;

24(B) the states in which the persons reside have25associations similar to the Association created by

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this Article;

2 (C) the persons are not eligible for coverage by an association in any other state due to the 3 fact that the insurer or health maintenance 4 5 organization was not licensed in that state at the 6 time specified in that state's quaranty 7 association law.

8 (c) For unallocated annuity contracts specified in 9 subsection (2), paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection 10 (1) shall not apply and this Article shall (except as 11 provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this subsection) 12 provide coverage to:

(i) persons who are the owners of the unallocated annuity contracts if the contracts are issued to or in connection with a specific benefit plan whose plan sponsor has its principal place of business in this State; and

(ii) persons who are owners of unallocated annuity
contracts issued to or in connection with government
lotteries if the owners are residents.

(d) For structured settlement annuities specified in subsection (2), paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (1) shall not apply and this Article shall (except as provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this subsection) provide coverage to a person who is a payee under a structured settlement annuity (or beneficiary of a payee if

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the payee is deceased), if the payee: 1 2 (i) is a resident, regardless of where the contract owner resides; or 3 (ii) is not a resident, but only under both of the 4 5 following conditions: 6 (A) with regard to residency: 7 (I) the contract owner of the structured 8 settlement annuity is a resident; or 9 (II) the contract owner of the structured 10 settlement annuity is not a resident but the 11 insurer that issued the structured settlement 12 annuity is domiciled in this State and the 13 state in which the contract owner resides has an association similar to the Association 14 15 created by this Article; and 16 (B) neither the payee or beneficiary nor the 17 contract owner is eligible for coverage by the association of the state in which the payee or 18 19 contract owner resides. 20 (e) This Article shall not provide coverage to: 21 (i) a person who is a payee or beneficiary of a 22 contract owner resident of this State if the payee or 23 beneficiary is afforded any coverage by the association of another state; or 24 25 (ii) a person covered under paragraph (c) of this 26 subsection (1), if any coverage is provided by the

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association of another state to that person.

2 (f) This Article is intended to provide coverage to a 3 person who is a resident of this State and, in special circumstances, to a nonresident. In order to avoid 4 5 duplicate coverage, if a person who would otherwise receive coverage under this Article is provided coverage under the 6 laws of any other state, then the person shall not be 7 8 provided coverage under this Article. In determining the 9 application of the provisions of this paragraph in situations where a person could be covered by the 10 11 association of more than one state, whether as an owner, 12 payee, enrollee, beneficiary, or assignee, this Article 13 shall be construed in conjunction with other state laws to 14 result in coverage by only one association.

15 (2) (a) This Article shall provide coverage to the persons 16 specified in subsection paragraph (1) of this Section for 17 policies or contracts of direct, (i) nongroup life insurance, health insurance (that, for the purposes of this Article, 18 19 includes health maintenance organization subscriber contracts 20 and certificates), annuities annuity and supplemental 21 policies, or contracts to any of these, (ii) for certificates 22 under direct group policies or contracts, (iii) for unallocated 23 annuity contracts and (iv) for contracts to furnish health care services and subscription certificates for medical or health 24 25 care services issued by persons licensed to transact insurance 26 business in this State under this the Illinois Insurance Code.

1 Annuity contracts and certificates under group annuity 2 contracts include but are not limited to guaranteed investment 3 contracts, deposit administration contracts, unallocated 4 funding agreements, allocated funding agreements, structured 5 settlement agreements, lottery contracts and any immediate or 6 deferred annuity contracts.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this
8 subsection, this This Article shall not provide coverage for:

9 (i) that portion of a policy or contract not guaranteed 10 by the <u>member</u> insurer, or under which the risk is borne by 11 the policy or contract owner;

(ii) any such policy or contract or part thereof assumed by the impaired or insolvent insurer under a contract of reinsurance, other than reinsurance for which assumption certificates have been issued;

16 (iii) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent 17 that the rate of interest on which it is based or the 18 interest rate, crediting rate, or similar factor is 19 determined by use of an index or other external reference 20 stated in the policy or contract employed in calculating 21 returns or changes in value:

(A) averaged over the period of 4 years prior to
the date on which the member insurer becomes an
impaired or insolvent insurer under this Article,
whichever is earlier, exceeds the rate of interest
determined by subtracting 2 percentage points from

Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average averaged for that same 4-year period or for such lesser period if the policy or contract was issued less than 4 years before the member insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under this Article, whichever is earlier; and

6 (B) on and after the date on which the member 7 insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under 8 this Article, whichever is earlier, exceeds the rate of 9 interest determined by subtracting 3 percentage points 10 from Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average as most 11 recently available;

(iv) any unallocated annuity contract issued to or in connection with a benefit plan protected under the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, regardless of whether the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation has yet become liable to make any payments with respect to the benefit plan;

(v) any portion of any unallocated annuity contract which is not issued to or in connection with a specific employee, union or association of natural persons benefit plan or a government lottery;

(vi) an obligation that does not arise under the express written terms of the policy or contract issued by the <u>member</u> insurer to the <u>enrollee</u>, <u>certificate holder</u>, contract owner<u></u>, or policy owner, including without limitation:

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1 (A) a claim based on marketing materials; 2 (B) a claim based on side letters, riders, or other 3 documents that were issued by the member insurer without meeting applicable policy or contract form 4 5 filing or approval requirements; 6 (C) a misrepresentation of or regarding policy or 7 contract benefits; 8 (D) an extra-contractual claim; or 9 (E) a claim for penalties or consequential or 10 incidental damages; 11 (vii) any stop-loss insurance, as defined in clause (b) 12 of Class 1 or clause (a) of Class 2 of Section 4, and further defined in subsection (d) of Section 352; 13 14 (viii) any policy or contract providing any hospital, 15 medical, prescription drug, or other health care benefits 16 pursuant to Part C or Part D of Subchapter XVIII, Chapter 7 17 of Title 42 of the United States Code (commonly known as Medicare Part C & D), Subchapter XIX, Chapter 7 of Title 42 18 19 of the United States Code (commonly known as Medicaid), or 20 any regulations issued pursuant thereto;

(ix) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent that the assessments required by Section 531.09 of this Code with respect to the policy or contract are preempted or otherwise not permitted by federal or State law;

(x) any portion of a policy or contract issued to a
 plan or program of an employer, association, or other

person to provide life, health, or annuity benefits to its 1 2 employees, members, or others to the extent that the plan 3 or program is self-funded or uninsured, including, but not limited to, benefits payable by an employer, association, 4 5 or other person under: 6 (A) a multiple employer welfare arrangement as 7 defined in 29 U.S.C. Section <u>1002</u> 1144; (B) a minimum premium group insurance plan; 8 9 (C) a stop-loss group insurance plan; or 10 (D) an administrative services only contract; 11 (xi) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent 12 that it provides for: 13 (A) dividends or experience rating credits; 14 (B) voting rights; or 15 (C) payment of any fees or allowances to any 16 person, including the policy or contract owner, in 17 connection with the service to or administration of the 18 policy or contract; 19 (xii) any policy or contract issued in this State by a 20 member insurer at a time when it was not licensed or did 21 not have a certificate of authority to issue the policy or

22 contract in this State;

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23 (xiii) any contractual agreement that establishes the 24 member insurer's obligations to provide a book value 25 accounting guaranty for defined contribution benefit plan 26 participants by reference to a portfolio of assets that is

1 2 owned by the benefit plan or its trustee, which in each case is not an affiliate of the member insurer;

3 (xiv) any portion of a policy or contract to the extent that it provides for interest or other changes in value to 4 5 be determined by the use of an index or other external reference stated in the policy or contract, but which have 6 7 not been credited to the policy or contract, or as to which 8 the policy or contract owner's rights are subject to 9 forfeiture, as of the date the member insurer becomes an 10 impaired or insolvent insurer under this Code, whichever is 11 earlier. If a policy's or contract's interest or changes in 12 value are credited less frequently than annually, then for purposes of determining the values that have been credited 13 14 and are not subject to forfeiture under this Section, the 15 interest or change in value determined by using the 16 procedures defined in the policy or contract will be 17 credited as if the contractual date of crediting interest the date of 18 changing values was impairment or or 19 insolvency, whichever is earlier, and will not be subject 20 to forfeiture; or

21 (xv) that portion or part of a variable life insurance
22 or variable annuity contract not guaranteed by <u>a member</u> an
23 insurer.

(c) The exclusion from coverage referenced in subdivision
 (iii) of paragraph (b) of this subsection shall not apply to
 any portion of a policy or contract, including a rider, that

provides long-term care or other health insurance benefits. 1 2 (3) The benefits for which the Association may become liable shall in no event exceed the lesser of: 3 (a) the contractual obligations for which the member 4 5 insurer is liable or would have been liable if it were not 6 an impaired or insolvent insurer, or 7 (b) (i) with respect to any one life, regardless of the 8 number of policies or contracts: 9 (A) \$300,000 in life insurance death benefits, but 10 not more than \$100,000 in net cash surrender and net 11 cash withdrawal values for life insurance; 12 (B) for in health insurance benefits: 13 (I) \$100,000 for coverages not defined as 14 disability income insurance or health benefit basic hospital, medical, and surgical 15 plans 16 insurance or major medical insurance or long-term 17 care insurance, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values; 18 19 (II) \$300,000 for disability income insurance 20 and \$300,000 for long-term care insurance as defined in Section 351A-1 of this Code; and 21 22 (III) \$500,000 for health benefit plans basic hospital medical and surgical insurance or major 23 medical insurance; 24 25 (C) \$250,000 in the present value of annuity 26 benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash

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withdrawal values;

2 (ii) with respect to each individual participating in a 3 governmental retirement benefit plan established under Section Sections 401, 403(b), or 457 of the U.S. Internal 4 5 Revenue Code covered by an unallocated annuity contract or the beneficiaries of each such individual if deceased, in 6 7 the aggregate, \$250,000 in present value annuity benefits, 8 including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal 9 values:

10 (iii) with respect to each payee of a structured 11 settlement annuity or beneficiary or beneficiaries of the 12 payee if deceased, \$250,000 in present value annuity 13 benefits, in the aggregate, including net cash surrender 14 and net cash withdrawal values, if any; or

15 (iv) with respect to either (1) one contract owner 16 provided coverage under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this Section or (2) one plan sponsor 17 whose plans own directly or in trust one 18 or more 19 unallocated annuity contracts not included in subparagraph 20 (ii) of paragraph (b) of this subsection, \$5,000,000 in benefits, irrespective of the number of contracts with 21 22 respect to the contract owner or plan sponsor. However, in 23 the case where one or more unallocated annuity contracts 24 are covered contracts under this Article and are owned by a 25 trust or other entity for the benefit of 2 or more plan 26 sponsors, coverage shall be afforded by the Association if

1 the largest interest in the trust or entity owning the 2 contract or contracts is held by a plan sponsor whose 3 principal place of business is in this State. In no event 4 shall the Association be obligated to cover more than 5 \$5,000,000 in benefits with respect to all these 6 unallocated contracts.

7 In no event shall the Association be obligated to cover 8 more than (1) an aggregate of \$300,000 in benefits with respect 9 to any one life under subparagraphs (i), (ii), and (iii) of 10 this paragraph (b) except with respect to benefits for health 11 benefit plans basic hospital, medical, and surgical insurance 12 and major medical insurance under item (B) of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), in which case the aggregate liability of 13 the Association shall not exceed \$500,000 with respect to any 14 15 one individual or (2) with respect to one owner of multiple 16 nongroup policies of life insurance, whether the policy or 17 contract owner is an individual, firm, corporation, or other person and whether the persons insured are officers, managers, 18 19 employees, or other persons, \$5,000,000 in benefits, 20 regardless of the number of policies and contracts held by the 21 owner.

22 The limitations set forth in this subsection are 23 limitations on the benefits for which the Association is 24 obligated before taking into account either its subrogation and 25 assignment rights or the extent to which those benefits could 26 be provided out of the assets of the impaired or insolvent

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insurer attributable to covered policies. The costs of the Association's obligations under this Article may be met by the use of assets attributable to covered policies or reimbursed to the Association pursuant to its subrogation and assignment rights.

6 <u>For purposes of this Article, benefits provided by a</u> 7 <u>long-term care rider to a life insurance policy or annuity</u> 8 <u>contract shall be considered the same type of benefits as the</u> 9 <u>base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which it</u> 10 <u>relates.</u>

11 (4) In performing its obligations to provide coverage under 12 Section 531.08 of this Code, the Association shall not be required to guarantee, assume, reinsure, reissue, or perform or 13 14 cause to be guaranteed, assumed, reinsured, reissued, or 15 performed the contractual obligations of the insolvent or 16 impaired insurer under a covered policy or contract that do not 17 materially affect the economic values or economic benefits of the covered policy or contract. 18

19 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10; revised 10-5-17.)

20 (215 ILCS 5/531.05) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-5)

21 Sec. 531.05. Definitions. As used in this Act:

22 "Account" means either of the 2 - 3 accounts created under 23 Section 531.06.

24 "Association" means the Illinois Life and Health Insurance25 Guaranty Association created under Section 531.06.

1 "Authorized assessment" or the term "authorized" when used 2 in the context of assessments means a resolution by the Board 3 of Directors has been passed whereby an assessment shall be 4 called immediately or in the future from member insurers for a 5 specified amount. An assessment is authorized when the 6 resolution is passed.

7 "Benefit plan" means a specific employee, union, or8 association of natural persons benefit plan.

9 "Called assessment" or the term "called" when used in the 10 context of assessments means that a notice has been issued by 11 the Association to member insurers requiring that an authorized 12 assessment be paid within the time frame set forth within the 13 notice. An authorized assessment becomes a called assessment 14 when notice is mailed by the Association to member insurers.

15 "Director" means the Director of Insurance of this State.
16 "Contractual obligation" means any obligation under a
17 policy or contract or certificate under a group policy or
18 contract, or portion thereof for which coverage is provided
19 under Section 531.03.

20 "Covered person" means any person who is entitled to the 21 protection of the Association as described in Section 531.02.

22 "Covered <u>contract" or "covered</u> policy" means any policy or 23 contract within the scope of this Article under Section 531.03.

24 "Extra-contractual claims" shall include, but are not
25 <u>limited to</u>, claims relating to bad faith in the payment of
26 claims, punitive or exemplary damages, or attorneys' fees and

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the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, is not an insolvent insurer, and is placed under an order of rehabilitation or conservation by a court of competent jurisdiction or (B) a member insurer deemed by the Director after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly to be potentially unable to fulfill its contractual obligations and not an insolvent insurer. Insolvent insurer" means a member insurer that, after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, is placed under a final order of liquidation by a court of competent jurisdiction with a finding of insolvency.

"Member insurer" means an insurer or health maintenance 5 organization licensed or holding a certificate of authority to 6 7 transact in this State any kind of insurance or health 8 maintenance organization business for which coverage is provided under Section 531.03 of this Code and includes an 9 10 insurer or health maintenance organization whose license or 11 certificate of authority in this State may have been suspended, 12 revoked, not renewed, or voluntarily withdrawn or whose 13 certificate of authority may have been suspended pursuant to Section 119 of this Code, but does not include: 14

15 (1) a hospital or medical service organization,16 whether profit or nonprofit;

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(2) (blank); a health maintenance organization;

(3) any burial society organized under Article XIX of
this Code, any fraternal benefit society organized under
Article XVII of this Code, any mutual benefit association
organized under Article XVIII of this Code, and any foreign
fraternal benefit society licensed under Article VI of this
Code or a fraternal benefit society;

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(4) a mandatory State pooling plan;

(5) a mutual assessment company or other person that
 operates on an assessment basis;

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(6) an insurance exchange;

2 (7) an organization that is permitted to issue 3 charitable gift annuities pursuant to Section 121-2.10 of 4 this Code;

5 (8) any health services plan corporation established
6 pursuant to the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act;

7 (9) any dental service plan corporation established
8 pursuant to the Dental Service Plan Act; or

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(10) an entity similar to any of the above.

10 "Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average" means the Monthly 11 Average Corporates as published by Moody's Investors Service, 12 Inc., or any successor thereto.

13 "Owner" of a policy or contract and "policyholder", "policy 14 owner", and "contract owner" mean the person who is identified 15 as the legal owner under the terms of the policy or contract or 16 who is otherwise vested with legal title to the policy or 17 contract through a valid assignment completed in accordance with the terms of the policy or contract and properly recorded 18 as the owner on the books of the member insurer. The terms 19 20 owner, contract owner, policyholder, and policy owner do not 21 include persons with a mere beneficial interest in a policy or 22 contract.

23 "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited 24 liability company, partnership, association, governmental body 25 or entity, or voluntary organization.

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"Plan sponsor" means:

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(1) the employer in the case of a benefit plan
 established or maintained by a single employer;

3 (2) the employee organization in the case of a benefit
4 plan established or maintained by an employee
5 organization; or

6 (3) in a case of a benefit plan established or 7 maintained by 2 or more employers or jointly by one or more 8 employers and one or more employee organizations, the 9 association, committee, joint board of trustees, or other 10 similar group of representatives of the parties who 11 establish or maintain the benefit plan.

12 "Premiums" mean amounts or considerations, by whatever 13 name called, received on covered policies or contracts less 14 returned premiums, considerations, and deposits and less 15 dividends and experience credits.

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"Premiums" does not include:

17 (A) amounts or considerations received for policies or contracts or for the portions of policies or contracts for 18 19 which coverage is not provided under Section 531.03 of this 20 Code except that assessable premium shall not be reduced on 21 account of the provisions of subparagraph (iii) of 22 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) $\frac{1}{(a)}$ of Section 531.03 of 23 this Code relating to interest limitations and the 24 provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of Section 25 531.03 relating to limitations with respect to one 26 individual, one participant, and one policy owner or

1 contract owner;

(B) premiums in excess of \$5,000,000 on an unallocated
annuity contract not issued under a governmental
retirement benefit plan (or its trustee) established under
Section 401, 403(b) or 457 of the United States Internal
Revenue Code; or

7 (C) with respect to multiple nongroup policies of life 8 insurance owned by one owner, whether the policy owner or 9 contract owner is an individual, firm, corporation, or 10 other person, and whether the persons insured are officers, 11 managers, employees, or other persons, premiums in excess 12 of \$5,000,000 with respect to these policies or contracts, regardless of the number of policies or contracts held by 13 14 the owner.

"Principal place of business" of a plan sponsor or a person other than a natural person means the single state in which the natural persons who establish policy for the direction, control, and coordination of the operations of the entity as a whole primarily exercise that function, determined by the Association in its reasonable judgment by considering the following factors:

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(A) the state in which the primary executive and administrative headquarters of the entity is located;

(B) the state in which the principal office of the
 chief executive officer of the entity is located;

(C) the state in which the board of directors (or

similar governing person or persons) of the entity conducts
 the majority of its meetings;

3 (D) the state in which the executive or management 4 committee of the board of directors (or similar governing 5 person or persons) of the entity conducts the majority of 6 its meetings;

7 (E) the state from which the management of the overall
8 operations of the entity is directed; and

9 (F) in the case of a benefit plan sponsored by 10 affiliated companies comprising а consolidated 11 corporation, the state in which the holding company or 12 controlling affiliate has its principal place of business as determined using the above factors. However, in the case 13 14 of a plan sponsor, if more than 50% of the participants in 15 the benefit plan are employed in a single state, that state 16 shall be deemed to be the principal place of business of 17 the plan sponsor.

The principal place of business of a plan sponsor of a 18 19 benefit plan described in paragraph (3) of the definition of 20 "plan sponsor" this Section shall be deemed to be the principal place of business of the association, committee, joint board of 21 22 trustees, or other similar group of representatives of the 23 parties who establish or maintain the benefit plan that, in lieu of a specific or clear designation of a principal place of 24 25 business, shall be deemed to be the principal place of business 26 of the employer or employee organization that has the largest

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1 investment in the benefit plan in question.

2 "Receivership court" means the court in the insolvent or 3 impaired insurer's state having jurisdiction over the 4 conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of the <u>member</u> 5 insurer.

6 "Resident" means a person to whom a contractual obligation 7 is owed and who resides in this State on the date of entry of a 8 court order that determines a member insurer to be an impaired 9 insurer or a court order that determines a member insurer to be 10 an insolvent insurer. A person may be a resident of only one 11 state, which in the case of a person other than a natural 12 person shall be its principal place of business. Citizens of 13 the United States that are either (i) residents of foreign countries or (ii) residents of United States possessions, 14 15 territories, or protectorates that do not have an association 16 similar to the Association created by this Article, shall be 17 deemed residents of the state of domicile of the member insurer that issued the policies or contracts. 18

19 "Structured settlement annuity" means an annuity purchased 20 in order to fund periodic payments for a plaintiff or other 21 claimant in payment for or with respect to personal injury 22 suffered by the plaintiff or other claimant.

23 "State" means a state, the District of Columbia, Puerto 24 Rico, and a United States possession, territory, or 25 protectorate.

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"Supplemental contract" means a written agreement entered

into for the distribution of proceeds under a life, health, or
 annuity policy or a life, health, or annuity contract.

3 "Unallocated annuity contract" means any annuity contract 4 or group annuity certificate which is not issued to and owned 5 by an individual, except to the extent of any annuity benefits 6 guaranteed to an individual by an insurer under such contract 7 or certificate.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)

9 (215 ILCS 5/531.06) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-6)

10 Sec. 531.06. Creation of the Association. There is created 11 a non-profit legal entity to be known as the Illinois Life and 12 Health Insurance Guaranty Association. All member insurers are and must remain members of the Association as a condition of 13 14 their authority to transact insurance or a health maintenance 15 organization business in this State. The Association must 16 perform its functions under the plan of operation established and approved under Section 531.10 and must exercise its powers 17 through a board of directors established under Section 531.07. 18 19 For purposes of administration and assessment, the Association must maintain 2 accounts: 20

(1) The life insurance and annuity account, which
 includes the following subaccounts:

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(a) Life Insurance Account;

(b) Annuity account, which shall include annuitycontracts owned by a governmental retirement plan (or

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its trustee) established under Section 401, 403(b), or
 457 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, but
 shall otherwise exclude unallocated annuities; and

4 (c) Unallocated annuity account, which shall 5 exclude contracts owned by a governmental retirement 6 benefit plan (or its trustee) established under 7 Section 401, 403(b), or 457 of the United States 8 Internal Revenue Code.

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(2) The health insurance account.

10 The Association shall be supervised by the Director and is 11 subject to the applicable provisions of the Illinois Insurance 12 Code. Meetings or records of the Association may be opened to 13 the public upon majority vote of the board of directors of the 14 Association.

15 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)

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(215 ILCS 5/531.07) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-7)

17 Sec. 531.07. Board of Directors.) The board of directors of the Association consists of not less than 7 nor more than 11 18 19 members serving terms as established in the plan of operation. 20 The insurer members insurers of the board are to be selected by 21 member insurers subject to the approval of the Director. In 22 addition, 2 persons who must be public representatives may be 23 appointed by the Director to the board of directors. A public representative may not be an officer, director, or employee of 24 25 an insurance company or a health maintenance organization or

any person engaged in the business of insurance. Vacancies on the board must be filled for the remaining period of the term in the manner described in the plan of operation.

In approving selections or in appointing members to the board, the Director must consider, whether all member insurers are fairly represented.

Members of the board may be reimbursed from the assets of the Association for expenses incurred by them as members of the board of directors but members of the board may not otherwise be compensated by the Association for their services.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)

12 (215 ILCS 5/531.08) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-8)

13 Sec. 531.08. Powers and duties of the Association.

14 (a) In addition to the powers and duties enumerated in15 other Sections of this Article:

16 (1) If a member insurer is an impaired insurer, then 17 the Association may, in its discretion and subject to any 18 conditions imposed by the Association that do not impair 19 the contractual obligations of the impaired insurer and 20 that are approved by the Director:

(A) guarantee, assume, <u>reissue</u>, or reinsure or
cause to be guaranteed, assumed, <u>reissued</u>, or
reinsured, any or all of the policies or contracts of
the impaired insurer; or

25 (B) provide such money, pledges, loans, notes,

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guarantees, or other means as are proper to effectuate paragraph (A) and assure payment of the contractual obligations of the impaired insurer pending action under paragraph (A).

(2) If a member insurer is an insolvent insurer, then the Association shall, in its discretion, either:

7 (A) guaranty, assume, reissue, or reinsure or cause to be quaranteed, assumed, reissued, 8 or reinsured the policies or contracts of the insolvent 9 10 insurer or assure payment of the contractual 11 obligations of the insolvent insurer and provide 12 money, pledges, loans, notes, guarantees, or other 13 means reasonably necessary to discharge the Association's duties; or 14

(B) provide benefits and coverages in accordancewith the following provisions:

(i) with respect to <u>policies and contracts</u>
life and health insurance policies and annuities,
ensure payment of benefits for premiums identical
to the premiums and benefits (except for terms of
conversion and renewability) that would have been
payable under the policies or contracts of the
insolvent insurer for claims incurred:

(a) with respect to group policies and
contracts, not later than the earlier of the
next renewal date under those policies or

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contracts or 45 days, but in no event less than 30 days, after the date on which the Association becomes obligated with respect to the policies and contracts;

(b) with respect to nongroup policies, contracts, and annuities not later than the earlier of the next renewal date (if any) under the policies or contracts or one year, but in no event less than 30 days, from the date on which the Association becomes obligated with respect to the policies or contracts;

(ii) make diligent efforts to provide all known insureds, enrollees, or annuitants (for nongroup policies and contracts), or group policy owners <u>or contract owners</u> with respect to group policies and contracts, 30 days notice of the termination (pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (B)) of the benefits provided;

19 (iii) with respect to nongroup policies and 20 contracts life and health insurance policies and annuities covered by the Association, make 21 22 available to each known insured, enrollee, or 23 annuitant, or owner if other than the insured, 24 enrollee, or annuitant, and with respect to an 25 individual formerly an insured, enrollee, or 26 formerly an annuitant under a group policy or

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1 contract who is not eligible for replacement group 2 coverage, make available substitute coverage on an individual basis in accordance with the provisions 3 of paragraph (3), if the insureds, enrollees, or 4 5 annuitants had a right under law or the terminated 6 policy, contract, or annuity to convert coverage 7 individual coverage or to continue to an 8 individual policy, contract, or annuity in force 9 until a specified age or for a specified time, 10 during which the insurer or health maintenance 11 organization had no right unilaterally to make 12 changes in any provision of the policy, contract, or annuity or had a right only to make changes in 13 14 premium by class.

(b) In providing the substitute coverage required under subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (B) of item (2) of subsection (a) of this Section, the Association may offer either to reissue the terminated coverage or to issue an alternative policy <u>or contract at actuarially justified rates</u>, <u>subject to</u> <u>the prior approval of the Director</u>.

Alternative or reissued policies <u>or contracts</u> shall be offered without requiring evidence of insurability, and shall not provide for any waiting period or exclusion that would not have applied under the terminated policy <u>or contract</u>.

25 The Association may reinsure any alternative or reissued 26 policy <u>or contract</u>. Alternative policies <u>or contracts</u> adopted by the Association shall be subject to the approval of the Director. The Association may adopt alternative policies <u>or contracts</u> of various types for future <u>issuance</u> insurance without regard to any particular impairment or insolvency.

6 Alternative policies or contracts shall contain at least 7 the minimum statutory provisions required in this State and provide benefits that shall not be unreasonable in relation to 8 9 the premium charged. The Association shall set the premium in 10 accordance with a table of rates which it shall adopt. The 11 premium shall reflect the amount of insurance to be provided 12 and the age and class of risk of each insured, but shall not 13 reflect any changes in the health of the insured after the 14 original policy or contract was last underwritten.

Any alternative policy <u>or contract</u> issued by the Association shall provide coverage of a type similar to that of the policy <u>or contract</u> issued by the impaired or insolvent insurer, as determined by the Association.

the Association elects to reissue terminated 19 (C)Τf 20 coverage at a premium rate different from that charged under the terminated policy or contract, the premium shall be 21 22 actuarially justified and set by the Association in accordance 23 with the amount of insurance or coverage provided and the age and class of risk, subject to approval of the Director or by a 24 25 court of competent jurisdiction.

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(d) The Association's obligations with respect to coverage

1 under any policy <u>or contract</u> of the impaired or insolvent 2 insurer or under any reissued or alternative policy <u>or contract</u> 3 shall cease on the date such coverage or policy <u>or contract</u> is 4 replaced by another similar policy <u>or contract</u> by the 5 policyholder, the insured, <u>the enrollee</u>, or the Association.

6 (e) When proceeding under this Section with respect to any 7 policy or contract carrying guaranteed minimum interest rates, 8 the Association shall assure the payment or crediting of a rate 9 of interest consistent with subparagraph (2)(b)(iii)(B) of 10 Section 531.03.

11 (f) Nonpayment of premiums thirty-one days after the date 12 required under the terms of any guaranteed, assumed, 13 alternative or reissued policy or contract or substitute 14 coverage shall terminate the Association's obligations under 15 such policy, contract, or coverage under this Act with respect 16 to such policy, contract, or coverage, except with respect to 17 any claims incurred or any net cash surrender value which may be due in accordance with the provisions of this Act. 18

(g) Premiums due for coverage after entry of an order of liquidation of an insolvent insurer shall belong to and be payable at the direction of the Association, and the Association shall be liable for unearned premiums due to policy or contract owners arising after the entry of such order.

(h) In carrying out its duties under paragraph (2) of
subsection (a) of this Section, the Association may:

(1) subject to approval by a court in this State,

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1 impose permanent policy or contract liens in connection with a guarantee, assumption, or reinsurance agreement if 2 3 Association finds that the amounts which can be the assessed under this Article are less than the amounts 4 5 needed to assure full and prompt performance of the Association's duties under this Article or that 6 the 7 economic or financial conditions as they affect member 8 insurers are sufficiently adverse to render the imposition 9 of such permanent policy or contract liens to be in the 10 public interest; or

11 (2) subject to approval by a court in this State, 12 impose temporary moratoriums or liens on payments of cash values and policy loans or any other right to withdraw 13 14 funds held in conjunction with policies or contracts in addition to any contractual provisions for deferral of cash 15 16 or policy loan value. In addition, in the event of a 17 temporary moratorium or moratorium charge imposed by the receivership court on payment of cash values or policy 18 19 loans or on any other right to withdraw funds held in 20 conjunction with policies or contracts, out of the assets 21 of the impaired or insolvent insurer, the Association may 22 defer the payment of cash values, policy loans, or other 23 rights by the Association for the period of the moratorium 24 or moratorium charge imposed by the receivership court, 25 except for claims covered by the Association to be paid in 26 accordance with a hardship procedure established by the

liquidator or rehabilitator and approved by the
 receivership court.

(i) There shall be no liability on the part of and no cause of action shall arise against the Association or against any transferee from the Association in connection with the transfer by reinsurance or otherwise of all or any part of an impaired or insolvent insurer's business by reason of any action taken or any failure to take any action by the impaired or insolvent insurer at any time.

10 (j) If the Association fails to act within a reasonable 11 period of time as provided in subsection (2) of this Section 12 with respect to an insolvent insurer, the Director shall have 13 the powers and duties of the Association under this Act with 14 regard to such insolvent insurers.

(k) The Association or its designated representatives may render assistance and advice to the Director, upon his request, concerning rehabilitation, payment of claims, continuations of coverage, or the performance of other contractual obligations of any impaired or insolvent insurer.

20 (1) The Association shall have standing to appear or intervene before a court or agency in this State with 21 22 jurisdiction over an impaired or insolvent insurer concerning 23 which the Association is or may become obligated under this Article or with jurisdiction over any person or property 24 25 which the Association may have rights against through 26 subrogation or otherwise. Standing shall extend to all matters

germane to the powers and duties of the Association, including, 1 2 but not limited to, proposals for reinsuring, reissuing, 3 modifying, or guaranteeing the policies or contracts of the impaired or insolvent insurer and the determination of the 4 5 policies or contracts and contractual obligations. The 6 Association shall also have the right to appear or intervene 7 before a court or agency in another state with jurisdiction 8 over an impaired or insolvent insurer for which the Association 9 is or may become obligated or with jurisdiction over any person 10 or property against whom the Association may have rights 11 through subrogation or otherwise.

12 (m) (1) A person receiving benefits under this Article shall 13 be deemed to have assigned the rights under and any causes of 14 action against any person for losses arising under, resulting 15 from, or otherwise relating to the covered policy or contract 16 to the Association to the extent of the benefits received 17 because of this Article, whether the benefits are payments of or on account of contractual obligations, continuation of 18 19 coverage, or provision of substitute or alternative policies, 20 contracts, or coverages. The Association may require an assignment to it of such rights and cause of action by any 21 22 enrollee, payee, policy, or contract owner, beneficiary, 23 insured, or annuitant as a condition precedent to the receipt of any right or benefits conferred by this Article upon the 24 25 person.

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(2) The subrogation rights of the Association under this

1 subsection have the same priority against the assets of the 2 impaired or insolvent insurer as that possessed by the person 3 entitled to receive benefits under this Article.

(3) In addition to paragraphs (1) and (2), the Association 4 5 shall have all common law rights of subrogation and any other equitable or legal remedy that would have been available to the 6 impaired or insolvent insurer or owner, beneficiary, enrollee, 7 8 or payee of a policy or contract with respect to the policy or 9 contracts, including without limitation, in the case of a 10 structured settlement annuity, any rights of the owner, 11 beneficiary, enrollee, or payee of the annuity to the extent of 12 benefits received pursuant to this Article, against a person 13 originally or by succession responsible for the losses arising from the personal injury relating to the annuity or payment 14 15 therefor, excepting any such person responsible solely by 16 reason of serving as an assignee in respect of a qualified 17 assignment under Internal Revenue Code Section 130.

(4) If the preceding provisions of this subsection (1) are invalid or ineffective with respect to any person or claim for any reason, then the amount payable by the Association with respect to the related covered obligations shall be reduced by the amount realized by any other person with respect to the person or claim that is attributable to the policies <u>or</u> <u>contracts</u>, or portion thereof, covered by the Association.

(5) If the Association has provided benefits with respectto a covered obligation and a person recovers amounts as to

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which the Association has rights as described in the preceding paragraphs of this subsection (10), then the person shall pay to the Association the portion of the recovery attributable to the policies <u>or contracts</u>, or portion thereof, covered by the Association.

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(n) The Association may:

7 (1) Enter into such contracts as are necessary or
8 proper to carry out the provisions and purposes of this
9 Article.

10 (2) Sue or be sued, including taking any legal actions
 11 necessary or proper for recovery of any unpaid assessments
 12 under Section 531.09. The Association shall not be liable
 13 for punitive or exemplary damages.

14 (3) Borrow money to effect the purposes of this
15 Article. Any notes or other evidence of indebtedness of the
16 Association not in default are legal investments for
17 domestic <u>member</u> insurers and may be carried as admitted
18 assets.

(4) Employ or retain such persons as are necessary to
handle the financial transactions of the Association, and
to perform such other functions as become necessary or
proper under this Article.

(5) Negotiate and contract with any liquidator,
rehabilitator, conservator, or ancillary receiver to carry
out the powers and duties of the Association.

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(6) Take such legal action as may be necessary to

1 avoid payment of improper claims.

2 (7) Exercise, for the purposes of this Article and to 3 the extent approved by the Director, the powers of a domestic life insurer, or health insurer, or health 4 5 maintenance organization, but in no case may the 6 Association issue insurance policies or annuity contracts 7 other than those issued to perform the contractual 8 obligations of the impaired or insolvent insurer.

9 (8) Exercise all the rights of the Director under 10 Section 193(4) of this Code with respect to covered 11 policies after the association becomes obligated by 12 statute.

(9) Request information from a person seeking coverage from the Association in order to aid the Association in determining its obligations under this Article with respect to the person, and the person shall promptly comply with the request.

18 (9.5) Unless prohibited by law, in accordance with the 19 terms and conditions of the policy or contract, file for 20 actuarially justified rate or premium increases for any 21 policy or contract for which it provides coverage under 22 this Article.

(10) Take other necessary or appropriate action to
 discharge its duties and obligations under this Article or
 to exercise its powers under this Article.

26 (o) With respect to covered policies for which the

Association becomes obligated after an entry of an order of 1 2 liquidation or rehabilitation, the Association may elect to 3 succeed to the rights of the insolvent insurer arising after the date of the order of liquidation or rehabilitation under 4 5 any contract of reinsurance to which the insolvent insurer was a party, to the extent that such contract provides coverage for 6 7 losses occurring after the date of the order of liquidation or 8 rehabilitation. As a condition to making this election, the 9 Association must pay all unpaid premiums due under the contract 10 for coverage relating to periods before and after the date of 11 the order of liquidation or rehabilitation.

12 (p) A deposit in this State, held pursuant to law or 13 required by the Director for the benefit of creditors, 14 including policy owners or contract owners, not turned over to 15 the domiciliary liquidator upon the entry of a final order of 16 liquidation or order approving a rehabilitation plan of a 17 member an insurer domiciled in this State or in a reciprocal state, pursuant to Article XIII 1/2 of this Code, shall be 18 19 promptly paid to the Association. The Association shall be 20 entitled to retain a portion of any amount so paid to it equal 21 to the percentage determined by dividing the aggregate amount 22 of policy owners' or contract owners' claims related to that 23 insolvency for which the Association has provided statutory 24 benefits by the aggregate amount of all policy owners' or contract owners' claims in this State related to that 25 26 insolvency and shall remit to the domiciliary receiver the

amount so paid to the Association less the amount retained pursuant to this subsection (13). Any amount so paid to the Association and retained by it shall be treated as a distribution of estate assets pursuant to applicable State receivership law dealing with early access disbursements.

6 (q) The Board of Directors of the Association shall have 7 discretion and may exercise reasonable business judgment to 8 determine the means by which the Association is to provide the 9 benefits of this Article in an economical and efficient manner.

10 (r) Where the Association has arranged or offered to 11 provide the benefits of this Article to a covered person under 12 a plan or arrangement that fulfills the Association's 13 obligations under this Article, the person shall not be 14 entitled to benefits from the Association in addition to or 15 other than those provided under the plan or arrangement.

16 (s) Venue in a suit against the Association arising under 17 the Article shall be in Cook County. The Association shall not 18 be required to give any appeal bond in an appeal that relates 19 to a cause of action arising under this Article.

(t) The Association may join an organization of one or more other State associations of similar purposes to further the purposes and administer the powers and duties of the Association.

(u) In carrying out its duties in connection with
 guaranteeing, assuming, <u>reissuing</u>, or reinsuring policies or
 contracts under subsections (1) or (2), the Association may₇

subject to approval of the receivership court, issue substitute
coverage for a policy or contract that provides an interest
rate, crediting rate, or similar factor determined by use of an
index or other external reference stated in the policy or
contract employed in calculating returns or changes in value by
issuing an alternative policy or contract in accordance with
the following provisions:

8 (1) in lieu of the index or other external reference 9 provided for in the original policy or contract, the 10 alternative policy or contract provides for (i) a fixed 11 interest rate, or (ii) payment of dividends with minimum 12 guarantees, or (iii) a different method for calculating 13 interest or changes in value;

14 (2) there is no requirement for evidence of 15 insurability, waiting period, or other exclusion that 16 would not have applied under the replaced policy or 17 contract; and

18 (3) the alternative policy or contract is
19 substantially similar to the replaced policy or contract in
20 all other material terms.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)

22 (215 ILCS 5/531.09) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-9)

23 Sec. 531.09. Assessments.

(1) For the purpose of providing the funds necessary tocarry out the powers and duties of the Association, the board

of directors shall assess the member insurers, separately for each account, at such times and for such amounts as the board finds necessary. Assessments shall be due not less than 30 days after written notice to the member insurers and shall accrue interest from the due date at such adjusted rate as is established under Section 6621 of Chapter 26 of the United States Code and such interest shall be compounded daily.

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(2) There shall be 2 classes of assessments, as follows:

9 (a) Class A assessments shall be made for the purpose 10 of meeting administrative costs and other general expenses 11 and examinations conducted under the authority of the 12 Director under subsection (5) of Section 531.12.

(b) Class B assessments shall be made to the extent necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Association under Section 531.08 with regard to an impaired or insolvent domestic insurer or insolvent foreign or alien insurers.

(3) (a) The amount of any Class A assessment shall be 18 determined at the discretion of the board of directors and such 19 assessments shall be authorized and called on a non-pro rata 20 21 basis. The amount of any Class B assessment, except for 22 assessments related to long-term care insurance, shall be 23 allocated for assessment purposes among the accounts and 24 subaccounts pursuant to an allocation formula which may be 25 based on the premiums or reserves of the impaired or insolvent 26 insurer or any other standard deemed by the board in its sole

1 discretion as being fair and reasonable under the 2 circumstances.

(b) Class B assessments against member insurers for each 3 account and subaccount shall be in the proportion that the 4 5 premiums received on business in this State by each assessed member insurer on policies or contracts covered by each account 6 or subaccount for the three most recent calendar years for 7 8 which information is available preceding the year in which the 9 member insurer became impaired or insolvent, as the case may 10 be, bears to such premiums received on business in this State 11 for such calendar years by all assessed member insurers.

12 (b-5) The amount of the Class B assessment for long-term 13 care insurance written by the impaired or insolvent insurer 14 shall be allocated according to a methodology included in the 15 plan of operation and approved by the Director. The methodology 16 shall provide for 50% of the assessment to be allocated to 17 accident and health member insurers and 50% to be allocated to 18 life and annuity member insurers.

(c) Assessments for funds to meet the requirements of the Association with respect to an impaired or insolvent insurer shall not be made until necessary to implement the purposes of this Article. Classification of assessments under subsection (2) and computations of assessments under this subsection shall be made with a reasonable degree of accuracy, recognizing that exact determinations may not always be possible.

26 (4) The Association may abate or defer, in whole or in

part, the assessment of a member insurer if, in the opinion of 1 2 the board, payment of the assessment would endanger the ability 3 of the member insurer to fulfill its contractual obligations. In the event an assessment against a member insurer is abated 4 5 or deferred in whole or in part the amount by which the 6 assessment is abated or deferred may be assessed against the 7 other member insurers in a manner consistent with the basis for assessments set forth in this Section. Once the conditions that 8 9 caused a deferral have been removed or rectified, the member 10 insurer shall pay all assessments that were deferred pursuant 11 to a repayment plan approved by the Association.

12 (5) (a) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the total of all assessments authorized by the 13 14 Association with respect to a member insurer for each 15 subaccount of the life insurance and annuity account and for 16 the health account shall not in one calendar year exceed 2% of 17 that member insurer's average annual premiums received in this State on the policies and contracts covered by the subaccount 18 19 or account during the 3 calendar years preceding the year in which the member insurer became an impaired or insolvent 20 insurer. 21

If 2 or more assessments are authorized in one calendar year with respect to <u>member</u> insurers that become impaired or insolvent in different calendar years, the average annual premiums for purposes of the aggregate assessment percentage limitation referenced in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph

1 shall be equal and limited to the higher of the 3-year average 2 annual premiums for the applicable subaccount or account as 3 calculated pursuant to this Section.

If the maximum assessment, together with the other assets of the Association in an account, does not provide in one year in either account an amount sufficient to carry out the responsibilities of the Association, the necessary additional funds shall be assessed as soon thereafter as permitted by this Article.

10 (b) The board may provide in the plan of operation a method 11 of allocating funds among claims, whether relating to one or 12 more impaired or insolvent insurers, when the maximum 13 assessment will be insufficient to cover anticipated claims.

14 (c) If the maximum assessment for a subaccount of the life 15 insurance and annuity account in one year does not provide an 16 amount sufficient to carry out the responsibilities of the 17 Association, then pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection (3), the board shall assess the other subaccounts of the life 18 19 insurance and annuity account for the necessary additional 20 amount, subject to the maximum stated in paragraph (a) of this subsection. 21

(6) The board may, by an equitable method as established in the plan of operation, refund to member insurers, in proportion to the contribution of each <u>member</u> insurer to that account, the amount by which the assets of the account exceed the amount the board finds is necessary to carry out during the coming year

the obligations of the Association with regard to that account, including assets accruing from net realized gains and income from investments. A reasonable amount may be retained in any account to provide funds for the continuing expenses of the Association and for future losses.

6 (7) An assessment is deemed to occur on the date upon which 7 the board votes such assessment. The board may defer calling 8 the payment of the assessment or may call for payment in one or 9 more installments.

10 (8) It is proper for any member insurer, in determining its 11 premium rates and <u>policy owner</u> policyowner dividends as to any 12 kind of insurance <u>or health maintenance organization business</u> 13 within the scope of this Article, to consider the amount 14 reasonably necessary to meet its assessment obligations under 15 this Article.

16 (9) The Association must issue to each member insurer 17 paying a Class B assessment under this Article a certificate of contribution, in a form acceptable to the Director, for the 18 19 amount of the assessment so paid. All outstanding certificates 20 are of equal dignity and priority without reference to amounts or dates of issue. A certificate of contribution may be shown 21 22 by the member insurer in its financial statement as an asset in 23 such form and for such amount, if any, and period of time as 24 the Director may approve, provided the member insurer shall in 25 any event at its option have the right to show a certificate of 26 contribution as an admitted asset at percentages of the

1 original face amount for calendar years as follows:

2 100% for the calendar year after the year of issuance;
3 80% for the second calendar year after the year of
4 issuance;

5 60% for the third calendar year after the year of issuance;
6 40% for the fourth calendar year after the year of
7 issuance;

8 20% for the fifth calendar year after the year of issuance. 9 (10) The Association may request information of member 10 insurers in order to aid in the exercise of its power under 11 this Section and member insurers shall promptly comply with a 12 request.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-86, eff. 9-25-07 (changed from 1-1-08 by P.A.
14 95-632); 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)

15 (215 ILCS 5/531.11) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-11)

Sec. 531.11. Duties and powers of the Director. In addition to the duties and powers enumerated elsewhere in this Article: (1) The Director must do all of the following:

(a) Upon request of the board of directors, provide the
 Association with a statement of the premiums in the
 appropriate accounts for each member insurer.

22 (b) Notify the board of directors of the existence of 23 an impaired or insolvent insurer not later than 3 days 24 after a determination of impairment or insolvency is made 25 or when the Director receives notice of impairment or

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1 insolvency.

2 (c) Give notice to an impaired insurer as required by 3 Sections 34 or 60. Notice to the impaired insurer shall 4 constitute notice to its shareholders, if any.

5 (d) In any liquidation or rehabilitation proceeding 6 involving a domestic <u>member</u> insurer, be appointed as the 7 liquidator or rehabilitator. If a foreign or alien member 8 insurer is subject to a liquidation proceeding in its 9 domiciliary jurisdiction or state of entry, the Director 10 shall be appointed conservator.

(2) The Director may suspend or revoke, after notice and 11 12 hearing, the certificate of authority to transact business insurance in this State of any member insurer which fails to 13 14 pay an assessment when due or fails to comply with the plan of 15 operation. As an alternative the Director may levy a forfeiture 16 on any member insurer which fails to pay an assessment when 17 due. Such forfeiture may not exceed 5% of the unpaid assessment per month, but no forfeiture may be less than \$100 per month. 18

(3) Any action of the board of directors or the Association may be appealed to the Director by any member insurer or any other person adversely affected by such action if such appeal is taken within 30 days of the action being appealed. Any final action or order of the Director is subject to judicial review in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) The liquidator, rehabilitator, or conservator of any
 impaired insurer may notify all interested persons of the

SB3244 - 47 - LRB100 18858 SMS 34100 b effect of this Article. 1 2 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.) 3 (215 ILCS 5/531.12) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-12) Sec. 531.12. Prevention of Insolvencies. To aid in the 4 5 detection and prevention of member insurer insolvencies or 6 impairments: 7 (1) It shall be the duty of the Director: (a) To notify the Commissioners of all other states, 8 9 territories of the United States, and the District of 10 Columbia when he takes any of the following actions against 11 a member insurer: 12 (i) revocation of license; 13 (ii) suspension of license; 14 (iii) makes any formal order except for an order 15 issued pursuant to Article XII 1/2 of this Code that 16 such member insurer company restrict its premium writing, obtain additional contributions to surplus, 17 18 withdraw from the State, reinsure all or any part of 19 its business, or increase capital, surplus or any other account for the security of policy owners, contract 20 21 owners, certificate holders, policyholders or 22 creditors. Such notice shall be transmitted to all commissioners 23 24 within 30 days following the action taken or the date on 25 which the action occurs.

1 (b) To report to the board of directors when he has 2 taken any of the actions set forth in subparagraph (a) of 3 this paragraph or has received a report from any other 4 commissioner indicating that any such action has been taken 5 in another state. Such report to the board of directors 6 shall contain all significant details of the action taken 7 or the report received from another commissioner.

8 (c) To report to the board of directors when the 9 Director has reasonable cause to believe from an 10 examination, whether completed or in process, of any member 11 insurer that the <u>member</u> insurer may be an impaired or 12 insolvent insurer.

(d) To furnish to the board of directors the National 13 14 Association of Insurance Commissioners Insurance 15 Regulatory Information System ratios and listings of 16 companies not included in the ratios developed by the 17 National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The board may use the information contained therein in carrying out 18 19 its duties and responsibilities under this Section. The 20 report and the information contained therein shall be kept confidential by the board of directors until such time as 21 22 made public by the Director or other lawful authority.

(2) The Director may seek the advice and recommendations of
 the board of directors concerning any matter affecting his or
 <u>her</u> duties and responsibilities regarding the financial
 condition of member <u>insurers</u> companies and <u>insurers or health</u>

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1 <u>maintenance organizations</u> companies seeking admission to 2 transact insurance business in this State.

(3) The board of directors may, upon majority vote, make 3 reports and recommendations to the Director upon any matter 4 5 germane to the liquidation, rehabilitation or conservation of and insurers or health maintenance 6 anv member insurer organizations seeking admission to transact business in this 7 8 State. Such reports and recommendations shall not be considered 9 public documents.

10 (4) The board of directors may, upon majority vote, make 11 recommendations to the Director for the detection and 12 prevention of <u>member</u> insurer insolvencies.

13 (5) The board of directors shall, at the conclusion of any 14 member insurer insolvency in which the Association was 15 obligated to pay covered claims prepare a report to the 16 Director containing such information as it may have in its 17 possession bearing on the history and causes of such insolvency. The board shall cooperate with the boards of 18 19 directors of guaranty associations in other states in preparing a report on the history and causes for insolvency of a 20 21 particular member insurer, and may adopt by reference any 22 report prepared by such other associations.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)

24 (215 ILCS 5/531.13) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-13)
 25 Sec. 531.13. Tax offset. In the event the aggregate Class

A, B and C assessments for all member insurers do not exceed 1 2 \$3,000,000 in any one calendar year, no member insurer shall 3 receive a tax offset. However, for any one calendar year before 1998 in which the total of such assessments exceeds \$3,000,000, 4 5 the amount in excess of \$3,000,000 shall be subject to a tax offset to the extent of 20% of the amount of such assessment 6 7 for each of the 5 calendar years following the year in which 8 such assessment was paid, and ending prior to January 1, 2003, 9 and each member insurer may offset the proportionate amount of 10 such excess paid by the member insurer against its liabilities 11 for the tax imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 12 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. The provisions of this Section shall expire and be given no effect for any tax period 13 14 commencing on and after January 1, 2003.

15 (Source: P.A. 93-29, eff. 6-20-03.)

16 (215 ILCS 5/531.14) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-14)

17 Sec. 531.14. Miscellaneous Provisions.

18 (1) Nothing in this Article may be construed to reduce the 19 liability for unpaid assessments of the insured of an impaired 20 or insolvent insurer operating under a plan with assessment 21 liability.

(2) Records must be kept of all negotiations and meetings
in which the Association or its representatives are involved to
discuss the activities of the Association in carrying out its
powers and duties under Section 531.08. Records of such

negotiations or meetings may be made public only upon the termination of a liquidation, rehabilitation, or conservation proceeding involving the impaired or insolvent insurer, upon the termination of the impairment or insolvency of the insurer, or upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this paragraph (2) limits the duty of the Association to render a report of its activities under Section 531.15.

8 (3) For the purpose of carrying out its obligations under 9 this Article, the Association is deemed to be a creditor of the 10 impaired or insolvent insurer to the extent of assets 11 attributable to covered policies or contracts reduced by any 12 amounts to which the Association is entitled as subrogee (under 13 paragraph (8) of Section 531.08). All assets of the impaired or 14 insolvent insurer attributable to covered policies or 15 contracts must be used to continue all covered policies and pay 16 all contractual obligations of the impaired insurer as required 17 by this Article. "Assets attributable to covered policies or contracts", as used in this paragraph (3), is that proportion 18 of the assets which the reserves that should have been 19 20 established for such policies or contracts bear to the reserve 21 that should have been established for all policies of insurance 22 or health benefit plans written by the impaired or insolvent 23 insurer.

(4) (a) Prior to the termination of any liquidation,
 rehabilitation, or conservation proceeding, the court may take
 into consideration the contributions of the respective

parties, including the Association, the shareholders, contract 1 2 owners, certificate holders, enrollees, and policy owners 3 policyowners of the impaired or insolvent insurer, and any other party with a bona fide interest, in making an equitable 4 5 distribution of the ownership rights of such impaired or insolvent insurer. In such a determination, consideration must 6 7 be given to the welfare of the policy owners, contract owners, 8 certificate holders, and enrollees policyholders of the 9 continuing or successor insurer.

10 (b) No distribution to stockholders, if any, of an impaired 11 or insolvent insurer may be made until and unless the total 12 amount of valid claims of the Association for funds expended 13 <u>with interest</u> in carrying out its powers and duties under 14 Section 531.08, with respect to such <u>member</u> insurer have been 15 fully recovered by the Association.

16 (5) (a) If an order for liquidation or rehabilitation of a 17 member an insurer domiciled in this State has been entered, the receiver appointed under such order has a right to recover on 18 19 behalf of the member insurer, from any affiliate that 20 controlled it, the amount of distributions, other than stock 21 dividends paid by the member insurer on its capital stock, made 22 at any time during the 5 years preceding the petition for 23 liquidation or rehabilitation subject to the limitations of 24 paragraphs (b) to (d).

25 (b) No such dividend is recoverable if the <u>member</u> insurer 26 shows that when paid the distribution was lawful and

reasonable, and that the <u>member</u> insurer did not know and could not reasonably have known that the distribution might adversely affect the ability of the <u>member</u> insurer to fulfill its contractual obligations.

5 (c) Any person who as an affiliate that controlled the 6 member insurer at the time the distributions were paid is liable up to the amount of distributions he received. Any 7 8 person who was an affiliate that controlled the member insurer 9 at the time the distributions were declared, is liable up to 10 the amount of distributions he would have received if they had 11 been paid immediately. If 2 persons are liable with respect to 12 the same distributions, they are jointly and severally liable.

13 (d) The maximum amount recoverable under subsection (5) of 14 this Section is the amount needed in excess of all other 15 available assets of the insolvent insurer to pay the 16 contractual obligations of the insolvent insurer.

(e) If any person liable under paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of this Section is insolvent, all its affiliates that controlled it at the time the dividend was paid are jointly and severally liable for any resulting deficiency in the amount recovered from the insolvent affiliate.

(6) As a creditor of the impaired or insolvent insurer as established in subsection (3) of this Section and consistent with subsection (2) of Section 205 of this Code, the Association and other similar associations shall be entitled to receive a disbursement of assets out of the marshaled assets, - 54 - LRB100 18858 SMS 34100 b

from time to time as the assets become available to reimburse 1 2 it, as a credit against contractual obligations under this 3 Article. If the liquidator has not, within 120 days after a final determination of insolvency of a member an insurer by the 4 5 receivership court, made an application to the court for the approval of a proposal to disburse assets out of marshaled 6 assets to guaranty associations having obligations because of 7 8 the insolvency, then the Association shall be entitled to make 9 application to the receivership court for approval of its own 10 proposal to disburse these assets.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-1450, eff. 8-20-10.)

12 (215 ILCS 5/531.19) (from Ch. 73, par. 1065.80-19)

Sec. 531.19. Prohibited advertisement of action of the
Insurance Guaranty Association in sale of insurance.

15 (a) No person, including a member an insurer, agent or 16 affiliate of a member an insurer shall make, publish, disseminate, circulate, or place before the public, or cause 17 directly or indirectly, to be made, published, disseminated, 18 19 circulated or placed before the public, in any newspaper, 20 magazine or other publication, or in the form of a notice, 21 circular, pamphlet, letter or poster, or over any radio station 22 or television station, or in any other way, any advertisement, announcement or statement, written or oral, which uses the 23 24 existence of the Insurance Guaranty Association of this State 25 for the purpose of sales, solicitation or inducement to

purchase any form of insurance <u>or other coverage</u> covered by this Article; provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to the Illinois Life and Health Guaranty Association or any other entity which does not sell or solicit insurance <u>or</u> <u>coverage by a health maintenance organization</u>.

(b) Within 180 days of August 16, 1993, the Association 6 shall prepare a summary document describing the general 7 purposes and current limitations of this Article and complying 8 9 with subsection (c). This document shall be submitted to the 10 Director for approval. Sixty days after receiving approval, no 11 member insurer may deliver a policy or contract described in 12 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of Section 531.03 and not 13 excluded under subparagraph (b) of that Section to a policy owner, or contract owner, certificate holder, or enrollee 14 15 unless the document is delivered to the policy owner, or 16 contract owner, certificate holder, or enrollee prior to or at 17 the time of delivery of the policy or contract. The document should also be available upon request by a policy owner, 18 contract owner, certificate holder, or enrollee policyholder. 19 The distribution, delivery, or contents or interpretation of 20 this document shall not mean that either the policy or the 21 22 contract or the policy owner, contract owner, certificate 23 holder, or enrollee thereof would be covered in the event of 24 impairment or insolvency of a member insurer. the The 25 description document shall be revised by the Association as 26 amendments to this Article may require. Failure to receive this

1 document does not give the <u>policy owner</u> policyholder, contract
2 <u>owner</u> holder, certificate holder, <u>enrollee</u>, or insured any
3 greater rights than those stated in this Article.

4 (c) The document prepared under subsection (b) shall 5 contain a clear and conspicuous disclaimer on its face. The 6 Director shall promulgate a rule establishing the form and 7 content of the disclaimer. The disclaimer shall:

8 (1) State the name and address of the Life and Health
9 Insurance Guaranty Association and of the Department.

10 (2) Prominently warn the policy <u>owner</u>, or contract 11 <u>owner</u>, <u>certificate</u> holder, <u>or enrollee</u> that the Life and 12 Health Insurance Guaranty Association may not cover the 13 policy <u>or contract</u> or, if coverage is available, it will be 14 subject to substantial limitations and exclusions and 15 conditioned on continued residence in the State.

16 (3) State that the <u>member</u> insurer and its agents are 17 prohibited by law from using the existence of the Life and 18 Health Insurance Guaranty Association for the purpose of 19 sales, solicitation, or inducement to purchase any form of 20 insurance <u>or health maintenance organization coverage</u>.

(4) Emphasize that the policy <u>owner</u>, or contract <u>owner</u>,
 <u>certificate</u> holder, <u>or enrollee</u> should not rely on coverage
 under the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
 when selecting an insurer <u>or health maintenance</u>
 organization.

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(5) Provide other information as directed by the

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1	Director.	
2	(d) (Blank).	
3	(Source: P.A. 88-364; 88-627, eff. 9-9-94;	89-97, eff. 7-7-95.)
4	(215 ILCS 5/531.20 new)	
5	Sec. 531.20. Merger of Illinois	Health Maintenance
6	Organization Guaranty Association with ar	nd into the Illinois
7	Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Assoc	iation. In order to
8	provide for the merger of the Illinois	Health Maintenance
9	Organization Guaranty Association with ar	nd into the Illinois
10	Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Associ	ation, the following
11	shall apply:	
12	(1) The Illinois Health Maint	enance Organization
13	Guaranty Association is merged with a	nd into the Illinois
14	Life and Health Insurance Guaranty	Association, which
15	shall then continue to be known as the	ne Illinois Life and
16	Health Insurance Guaranty Association.	
17	(2) All premerger rights, powers,	privileges, assets,
18	property, duties, debts, obligations,	and liabilities of
19	each association related to a liqu	idated member shall
20	remain with the members of the respect	ive association prior
21	to merger and subject to the laws in e	ffect at the time the
22	order of liquidation was entered w	ith respect to the
23	liquidated member, but shall be a	dministered by the
24	Illinois Life and Health Insurance G	uaranty Association.
25	The Illinois Life and Health	Insurance Guaranty

Association shall adopt changes to its plan of operation
 which reasonably accomplish this.

3 (3) Subject to paragraph (2), the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association shall succeed, 4 5 without other transfer, to all the rights, powers, 6 privileges, assets, and property of the Illinois Health 7 Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association and shall be 8 subject to all duties, debts, obligations, and liabilities 9 of the Illinois Health Maintenance Organization that exist 10 as of the date of the merger of the Illinois Health 11 Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association into the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. 12 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the 13 14 Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association shall succeed to (A) all collected, uncollected, or 15 16 unbilled assessments of the Illinois Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association, (B) all cash, bank 17 18 accounts, accrued interest, and tangible property of the 19 Illinois Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association, (C) all rights, powers, privileges, duties, 20 21 and obligations of the Illinois Health Maintenance 22 Organization Guaranty Association under any of its 23 contracts or commitments, and (D) all subrogations, 24 assignments, and creditor rights and interests of the 25 Illinois Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty 26 Association.

1	(4) All rights of creditors and all liens upon the
2	property of the Illinois Health Maintenance Organization
3	Guaranty Association shall be preserved unimpaired,
4	provided that the liens upon property of the Illinois
5	Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association shall
6	be limited to the property affected thereby immediately
7	prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
8	100th General Assembly.
9	(5) Any action or proceeding pending by or against the
10	Illinois Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty
11	Association may be prosecuted to judgment.
12	(6) Notwithstanding any other provision to the
13	contrary in this Article:
14	(A) It is the intent of this Section to preserve
15	only the rights, powers, privileges, assets, property,
16	debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Illinois
17	Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association
18	as they existed on the date of its merger into the
19	Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
20	Association, and not to provide contract owners,
21	certificate holders, enrollees and policy owners, or
22	their respective payees, beneficiaries, or assignees,
23	with duplicative or new rights, powers, privileges,
24	assets, or property.
25	(B) Accordingly, no contract owner, certificate
26	holder, enrollee and policy owner, and no contract

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1	owner's, certificate holder's, enrollee's or policy
2	owner's payee, beneficiary, or assignee, shall be
3	entitled to (i) a recovery from the Illinois Life and
4	Health Insurance Guaranty Association that is
5	duplicative of a previous recovery from the Illinois
6	Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association
7	or (ii) a recovery from the Illinois Life and Health
8	Insurance Guaranty Association on account of a claim
9	against the Illinois Health Maintenance Organization
10	Guaranty Association where the Illinois Life and
11	Health Insurance Guaranty Association is liable with
12	respect to a claim under the same policy or contract
13	under this Article.

14 (215 ILCS 125/Art. VI rep.)

Section 10. The Health Maintenance Organization Act is amended by repealing Article VI.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.