



HOUSE BILL 262: Surplus Lines Amendments

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SUMMARY: S.L. 2015-101, as amended by Sec. 7 of S.L. 2015-281, amends the Surplus Lines Act as follows:

- Amends the definition of "eligible surplus lines insurer" to include an "alien insurer."
- Allow a surplus lines insurer to file with the appropriate stamping office, in addition to filing relevant information with the Commissioner of Insurance.
- Effective January 1, 2017, repeals the requirement that nonresident surplus lines licensees be licensed under Article 33 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes, Licensing of Agents, Brokers, Limited Representatives and Adjusters.
- Effective January 1, 2017, deletes language requiring a surplus lines licensee to have required reports to the Department of Insurance countersigned by a resident licensee or by a regulatory support organization.
- Effective January 1, 2017, makes changes the remittance of the surplus lines tax to conform to other changes in the act.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective June 19, 2015.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 amends the definition of "eligible surplus lines insurer" to include an "alien insurer." An alien insurer is an insurer domiciled outside the United States and listed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Sections 2 and 3 allow a surplus lines insurer to file with the appropriate stamping office, in addition to filing relevant information with the Commissioner. A stamping office would be established by a surplus lines regulatory support organization for the purpose of remitting premium taxes in a means satisfactory to the Commissioner.

Section 4 deletes the requirement that nonresident surplus lines licensees be licensed under Article 33 of Chapter 58, Licensing of Agents, Brokers, Limited Representatives and Adjusters.

Section 5 deletes language requiring a surplus lines licensee to have required reports to the Department countersigned by a resident licensee or by a regulatory support organization.

Section 6 makes changes to the remittance of the surplus lines tax to conform to other changes in the bill.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 4, 5 and 6 of S.L. 2015-101, as amended by Sec. 7 of S.L. 2015-281, become effective January 1, 2017. The remainder of the act became June 8, 2015.