

HOUSE BILL 358: Maintain NAIC Accreditation of DOI.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 358 would amend State insurance laws governing the regulation of insurance company holding systems as required to maintain accreditation by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

CURRENT LAW: Article 19 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes regulates insurance company holding systems. An insurance company holding system is an entity made up of two or more affiliated persons, including one or more insurers.

In 2020, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) amended its model act to require each insurance holding company system annually to report on its capital adequacy ("group capital calculation") and to submit an assessment of the entity's ability to maintain sufficient liquidity in response to adverse events ("liquidity stress test"). Beginning January 1, 2026, each state must amend its laws to incorporate these requirements in order to maintain its NAIC accreditation.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 1 of the bill would amend Article 19 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes to:

- Require each insurer that is a member of an insurance company holding system and that is authorized to do business in this State to do the following:
 - File a group capital calculation concurrently with its annual registration.
 - Perform a liquidity stress test and report the results under specified circumstances.
- Prohibit the public dissemination of information contained in the required reports.

Section 2 of the bill would make conforming statutory changes to other provisions in Article 19.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective January 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND: The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) is the U.S. standardsetting and regulatory support organization created and governed by the chief insurance regulators from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories. The formal certification program began in June 1990. North Carolina has been accredited since 1991. All fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are currently accredited.¹

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¹ For more information about NAIC accreditation, go to <u>https://content.naic.org/insurance-topics/accreditation</u>.

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