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AN ACT Relating to modernizing life insurance reserve requirements; amending RCW 42.56.400; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.400; adding new sections to chapter 48.74 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 48.76 RCW; repealing RCW 48.74.010, 48.74.020, 48.74.025, 48.74.030, 48.74.040, 48.74.050, 48.74.060, 48.74.070, 48.74.080, and 48.74.090; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** TITLE AND DEFINITIONS. (1) This chapter may 9 be known as the standard valuation law.
- 10 (2) For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply on or after the operative date of the valuation manual:
- 12 (a) "Appointed actuary" means a qualified actuary who is appointed 13 in accordance with the valuation manual to prepare the actuarial 14 opinion required in section 3(4) of this act.
- 15 (b) "Company" means an entity which (i) has written, issued, or 16 reinsured life insurance contracts, disability insurance contracts, or 17 deposit-type contracts in this state and has at least one such policy 18 in force or on claim; or (ii) has written, issued, or reinsured life 19 insurance contracts, disability insurance contracts, or deposit-type

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contracts in any state and is required to hold a certificate of authority to write life insurance, disability insurance, or deposit-type contracts in this state.

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- (c) "Deposit-type contract" means contracts that do not incorporate mortality or morbidity risks and as may be specified in the valuation manual.
- (d) "Disability insurance," which also may be known in industry as "accident and health insurance," means contracts that incorporate morbidity risk and provide protection against economic loss resulting from accident, sickness, or medical conditions and as may be specified in the valuation manual.
- (e) "Life insurance" means contracts that incorporate mortality risk, including annuity and pure endowment contracts, and as may be specified in the valuation manual.
- 15 (f) "NAIC" means the national association of insurance 16 commissioners.
 - (g) "Policyholder behavior" means any action a policyholder, contract holder, or any other person with the right to elect options, such as a certificate holder, may take under a policy or contract subject to this chapter including, but not limited to, lapse, withdrawal, transfer, deposit, premium payment, loan, annuitization, or benefit elections prescribed by the policy or contract but excluding events of mortality or morbidity that result in benefits prescribed in their essential aspects by the terms of the policy or contract.
 - (h) "Principle-based valuation" means a reserve valuation that uses one or more methods or one or more assumptions determined by the insurer and is required to comply with section 15 of this act as specified in the valuation manual.
 - (i) "Qualified actuary" means an individual who is qualified to sign the applicable statement of actuarial opinion in accordance with the American academy of actuaries qualification standards for actuaries signing such statements and who meets the requirements specified in the valuation manual.
- (j) "Tail risk" means a risk that occurs either where the frequency of low probability events is higher than expected under a normal probability distribution or where there are observed events of very significant size or magnitude.

- 1 (k) "Valuation manual" means the manual of valuation instructions 2 adopted by the NAIC as specified in this chapter or as subsequently 3 amended.
- Sec. 2. RESERVE VALUATION. (1) The commissioner 4 NEW SECTION. shall annually value, or cause to be valued, the reserve liabilities, 5 6 known as reserves, for all outstanding life insurance policies and 7 annuity and pure endowment contracts of every life insurance company doing business in this state issued on or after July 10, 1982, and 8 9 prior to the operative date of the valuation manual. In calculating 10 reserves, the commissioner may use group methods and approximate 11 averages for fractions of a year or otherwise. In lieu of the 12 valuation of the reserves required of a foreign or alien company, the 13 commissioner may accept a valuation made, or caused to be made, by the insurance supervisory official of any state or other jurisdiction when 14 the valuation complies with the minimum standard provided in this 15 16 chapter.
 - (a) The provisions set forth in sections 4 through 13 of this act shall apply to all policies and contracts, as appropriate, subject to this chapter issued on or after July 10, 1982, and prior to the operative date of the valuation manual and the provisions set forth in sections 14 and 15 of this act shall not apply to any such policies and contracts.

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- (b) The minimum standard for the valuation of policies and contracts issued prior to July 10, 1982, shall be that provided by the laws in effect immediately prior to that date.
- (2)(a) The commissioner may annually value, or cause to be valued, the reserve liabilities, known as reserves, for all outstanding life insurance contracts, annuity and pure endowment contracts, disability contracts, and deposit-type contracts of every company issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual. In lieu of the valuation of the reserves required of a foreign or alien company, the commissioner may accept a valuation made, or caused to be made, by the insurance supervisory official of any state or other jurisdiction when the valuation complies with the minimum standard provided in this chapter.
 - (b) The provisions set forth in sections 14 and 15 of this act

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shall apply to all policies and contracts issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. ACTUARIAL OPINION OF RESERVES. (1) Every life insurance company doing business in this state must annually submit the opinion of a qualified actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts specified by the commissioner by rule are computed appropriately, are based on assumptions that satisfy contractual provisions, are consistent with prior reported amounts and comply with applicable laws of this state. The commissioner by rule must define the specifics of this opinion and add any other items deemed to be necessary to its scope.
- (a) Every life insurance company, except as exempted by rule, must also annually include in the opinion required by this subsection (1), an opinion of the same qualified actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts specified by the commissioner by rule, when considered in light of the assets held by the company with respect to the reserves and related actuarial items, including but not limited to the investment earnings on the assets and the considerations anticipated to be received and retained under the policies and contracts, make adequate provision for the company's obligations under the policies and contracts, including but not limited to the benefits under and expenses associated with the policies and contracts.
- (b) The commissioner may provide by rule for a transition period for establishing any higher reserves that the qualified actuary may deem necessary in order to render the opinion required by this section.
- (2) Each opinion required by subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (a) A memorandum, in form and substance acceptable to the commissioner as specified in rule, must be prepared to support each actuarial opinion.
- (b) If the insurance company fails to provide a supporting memorandum at the request of the commissioner within a period specified in rule or the commissioner determines that the supporting memorandum provided by the insurance company fails to meet the standards set forth in rule or is otherwise unacceptable to the commissioner, the

commissioner may engage a qualified actuary at the expense of the company to review the opinion and the basis for the opinion and prepare the supporting memorandum required by the commissioner.

- (3) Every opinion required by subsection (1) of this section shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (a) The opinion must be submitted with the annual statement reflecting the valuation of such reserve liabilities for each year ending on or after December 31, 1994.
- (b) The opinion must apply to all business in force including individual and group disability insurance plans, in form and substance acceptable to the commissioner as specified by rule.
- (c) The opinion must be based on standards adopted by the commissioner, who in settling the standards shall give due regard to the standards established by the actuarial standards board or its successors.
- (d) In the case of an opinion required to be submitted by a foreign or alien company, the commissioner may accept the opinion filed by that company with the insurance supervisory official of another state if the commissioner determines that the opinion reasonably meets the requirements applicable to a company domiciled in this state.
- (e) For the purposes of this section, "qualified actuary" means a member in good standing of the American academy of actuaries who meets the requirements set forth in the rule.
- (f) Except in cases of fraud or willful misconduct, the qualified actuary shall not be liable for damages to any person (other than the insurance company and the commissioner) for any act, error, omission, decision, or conduct with respect to the actuary's opinion.
- (g) Rules adopted by the commissioner must define disciplinary action by the commissioner against the company or the qualified actuary.
- (h) Except as provided in (1), (m), and (n) of this subsection, documents, materials, or other information in the possession or control of the office of the insurance commissioner that are a memorandum in support of the opinion, and any other material provided by the company to the commissioner in connection with the memorandum, is confidential by law and privileged, is not subject to chapter 42.56 RCW, is not subject to subpoena, and is not subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action. However, the commissioner is

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authorized to use the documents, materials, or other information in the furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought as a part of the commissioner's official duties.

- (i) Neither the commissioner nor any person who received documents, materials, or other information while acting under the authority of the commissioner is permitted or required to testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential documents, materials, or information subject to (h) of this subsection.
- (j) In order to assist in the performance of the commissioner's duties, the commissioner:
- (i) May share documents, materials, or other information, including the confidential and privileged documents, materials, or information subject to (h) of this subsection with other state, federal, and international regulatory agencies, with the national association of insurance commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and with state, federal, and international law enforcement authorities, provided that the recipient agrees to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the document, material, or other information;
- (ii) May receive documents, materials, or information, including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials, or information, from the national association of insurance commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and from regulatory and law enforcement officials of other foreign or domestic jurisdictions, and shall maintain as confidential or privileged any document, material, or information received with notice or the understanding that it is confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document, material, or information; and
- (iii) May enter into agreements governing the sharing and use of information consistent with (h) through (j) of this subsection.
- (k) No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of confidentiality in the documents, materials, or information shall occur as a result of disclosure to the commissioner under this section or as a result of sharing as authorized in (j) of this subsection.
- (1) A memorandum in support of the opinion, and any other material provided by the company to the commissioner in connection with the memorandum, must be kept confidential by the commissioner and may not be made public and are not subject to subpoena, other than for the

purpose of defending an action seeking damages from any person by reason of an action required by this section or by rules adopted under it.

- (m) The commissioner may otherwise release the memorandum or other material (a) with the written consent of the company; or (b) to the American academy of actuaries upon request stating that the memorandum or other material is required for the purpose of professional disciplinary proceedings and setting forth procedures satisfactory to the commissioner for preserving the confidentiality of the memorandum or other material.
- (n) Once any portion of the confidential memorandum is cited by the company in its marketing or is cited before a governmental agency other than a state insurance department or is released by the company to the news media, all portions of the confidential memorandum are no longer confidential.
- (4)(a) Every company with outstanding life insurance contracts, disability insurance contracts, or deposit-type contracts in this state and subject to rule adopted by the commissioner must annually submit the opinion of the appointed actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts are computed appropriately, are based on assumptions that satisfy contractual provisions, are consistent with prior reported amounts and comply with applicable laws of this state. The valuation manual will prescribe the specifics of this opinion including any items deemed to be necessary to its scope.
- (b) Every company with outstanding life insurance contracts, disability insurance contracts, or deposit-type contracts in this state and subject to rule adopted by the commissioner, except as exempted in the valuation manual, must also annually include in the opinion required by subsection (1) of this section, an opinion of the same appointed actuary as to whether the reserves and related actuarial items held in support of the policies and contracts specified in the valuation manual, when considered in light of the assets held by the company with respect to the reserves and related actuarial items, including but not limited to the investment earnings on the assets and the considerations anticipated to be received and retained under the policies and contracts, make adequate provision for the company's

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obligations under the policies and contracts, including but not limited to the benefits under and expenses associated with the policies and contracts.

- (5) Each opinion required by subsection (4) of this section must be governed by the following provisions:
- (a) A memorandum, in form and substance as specified in the valuation manual, and acceptable to the commissioner, must be prepared to support each actuarial opinion.
- (b) If the insurance company fails to provide a supporting memorandum at the request of the commissioner within a period specified in the valuation manual or the commissioner determines that the supporting memorandum provided by the insurance company fails to meet the standards prescribed by the valuation manual or is otherwise unacceptable to the commissioner, the commissioner may engage a qualified actuary at the expense of the company to review the opinion and the basis for the opinion and prepare the supporting memorandum required by the commissioner.
- (6) Every opinion required under this section must be governed by the following provisions:
- (a) The opinion must be in form and substance as specified in the valuation manual and acceptable to the commissioner.
- (b) The opinion must be submitted with the annual statement reflecting the valuation of such reserve liabilities for each year ending on or after the operative date of the valuation manual.
- (c) The opinion must apply to all policies and contracts subject to subsection (4) of this section, plus other actuarial liabilities as may be specified in the valuation manual.
- (d) The opinion must be based on standards adopted from time to time by the actuarial standards board or its successor, and on such additional standards as may be prescribed in the valuation manual.
- (e) In the case of an opinion required to be submitted by a foreign or alien company, the commissioner may accept the opinion filed by that company with the insurance supervisory official of another state if the commissioner determines that the opinion reasonably meets the requirements applicable to a company domiciled in this state.
- (f) Except in cases of fraud or willful misconduct, the appointed actuary shall not be liable for damages to any person (other than the

insurance company and the commissioner) for any act, error, omission, decision, or conduct with respect to the appointed actuary's opinion.

- (g) Rules adopted by the commissioner must define disciplinary action by the commissioner against the company or the appointed actuary.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. COMPUTATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD. Except as provided in sections 5, 6, and 13 of this act, the minimum standard for the valuation of policies and contracts issued prior to July 10, 1982, shall be that provided by the laws in effect immediately prior to that date. Except as otherwise provided in sections 5, 6, and 13 of this act, the minimum standard for the valuation of all policies and contracts issued on or after July 10, 1982, shall be the commissioners reserve valuation methods defined in sections 7, 8, 11, and 13 of this act, three and one-half percent interest, or in the case of life insurance policies and contracts, other than annuity and pure endowment contracts, issued on or after July 16, 1973, four percent interest for policies issued prior to September 1, 1979, five and one-half percent interest for single premium life insurance policies and four and one-half percent interest for all other policies issued on and after September 1, 1979, and the following tables:
 - (1) For ordinary policies of life insurance issued on the standard basis, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in the policies: The commissioners 1941 standard ordinary mortality table for policies issued prior to the operative date of January 1, 1948, the commissioners 1958 standard ordinary mortality table for policies issued on or after the operative date of January 1, 1966, and prior to the operative date of January 1, 1989, except that for any category of policies issued on female risks, all modified net premiums and present values referred to in this chapter may be calculated according to an age not more than six years younger than the actual age of the insured; and for policies issued on or after the operative date of January 1, 1989:
 - (a) The commissioners 1980 standard ordinary mortality table;
 - (b) At the election of the company for any one or more specified plans of life insurance, the commissioners 1980 standard ordinary mortality table with ten-year select mortality factors; or

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(c) Any ordinary mortality table, adopted after 1980 by the NAIC, which is approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for such policies;

- (2) For industrial life insurance policies issued on the standard basis, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in the policies: The 1941 standard industrial mortality table for policies issued prior to the operative date of January 1, 1948, and for policies issued on or after the operative date of January 1, 1968, the commissioners 1961 standard industrial mortality table or any industrial mortality table adopted after 1980 by the NAIC that is approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for the policies;
- (3) For individual annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in the policies: The 1937 standard annuity mortality table, or at the option of the company, the annuity mortality table for 1949, ultimate, or any modification of either of these tables approved by the commissioner;
- (4) For group annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in the policies: The group annuity mortality table for 1951, a modification of the table approved by the commissioner, or at the option of the company, any of the tables or modifications of tables specified for individual annuity and pure endowment contracts;
- (5) For total and permanent disability benefits in or supplementary to ordinary policies or contracts: For policies or contracts issued on or after January 1, 1966, the tables of period 2 disablement rates and the 1930 to 1950 termination rates of the 1952 disability study of the society of actuaries, with due regard to the type of benefit or any tables of disablement rates and termination rates adopted after 1980 by the NAIC, that are approved by rules adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for those policies; for policies or contracts issued on or after January 1, 1961, and prior to January 1, 1966, either those tables or, at the option of the company, the class (3) disability table (1926); and for policies issued prior to January 1, 1961, the class (3) disability table (1926). Any such table shall, for active lives, be combined with a mortality table permitted for calculating the reserves for life insurance policies;

(6) For accidental death benefits in or supplementary to policies issued on or after January 1, 1966: The 1959 accidental death benefits table or any accidental death benefits table adopted after 1980 by the NAIC that is approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for those policies, for policies issued on or after January 1, 1961, and prior to January 1, 1966, either that table or, at the option of the company, the inter-company double indemnity mortality table; and for policies issued prior to January 1, 1961, the inter-company double indemnity mortality table. Either table shall be combined with a mortality table for calculating the reserves for life insurance policies; and

- (7) For group life insurance, life insurance issued on the substandard basis and other special benefits: Tables approved by the commissioner.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. COMPUTATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD FOR ANNUITIES. (1) Except as provided in section 6 of this act, the minimum standard of valuation for individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued on or after July 10, 1982, and for annuities and pure endowments purchased on or after such operative date under group annuity and pure endowment contracts, shall be the commissioners reserve valuation methods defined in sections 7 and 8 of this act and the following tables and interest rates:
- (a) For individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued prior to September 1, 1979, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in those contracts: The 1971 individual annuity mortality table, or any modification of this table approved by the commissioner, and six percent interest for single premium immediate annuity contracts and four percent interest for all other individual annuity and pure endowment contracts;
- (b) For individual single premium immediate annuity contracts issued on or after September 1, 1979, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in those contracts: The 1971 individual annuity mortality table or any individual annuity mortality table adopted after 1980 by the NAIC that is approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for these contracts, or any modification of these tables approved by the commissioner, and seven and one-half percent interest;

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(c) For individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued on or after September 1, 1979, other than single premium immediate annuity contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in those contracts: The 1971 individual annuity mortality table or any individual annuity mortality table adopted after 1980 by the NAIC, that is approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for those contracts, or any modification of these tables approved by the commissioner, and five and one-half percent interest for single premium deferred annuity and pure endowment contracts and four and one-half percent interest for all other individual annuity and pure endowment contracts;

- (d) For annuities and pure endowments purchased prior to September 1, 1979, under group annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits purchased under those contracts: The 1971 group annuity mortality table or any modification of this table approved by the commissioner, and six percent interest; and
- (e) For annuities and pure endowments purchased on or after September 1, 1979, under group annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits purchased under those contracts: The 1971 group annuity mortality table, or any group annuity mortality table adopted after 1980 by the NAIC that is approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum standard of valuation for annuities and pure endowments, or any modification of these tables approved by the commissioner, and seven and one-half percent interest.
- (2) After July 16, 1973, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election to comply with the provisions of this section after a specified date before January 1, 1979, which shall be the operative date of this section for that company. If a company makes no election, the operative date of this section for that company shall be January 1, 1979.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. COMPUTATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD BY CALENDAR
 YEAR OF ISSUE. (1) The interest rates used in determining the minimum
 standard for the valuation of the following shall be the calendar year
 statutory valuation interest rates as defined in this section:

- 1 (a) Life insurance policies issued in a particular calendar year, 2 on or after the operative date of RCW 48.76.050(4);
 - (b) Individual annuity and pure endowment contracts issued in a particular calendar year on or after January 1, 1982;
 - (c) Annuities and pure endowments purchased in a particular calendar year on or after January 1, 1982, under group annuity and pure endowment contracts; and
- 8 (d) The net increase, if any, in a particular calendar year after 9 January 1, 1982, in amounts held under guaranteed interest contracts.
 - (2) The calendar year statutory valuation interest rates, represented by I, shall be determined as follows and the results rounded to the nearer one-quarter of one percent:
 - (a) For life insurance:

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- 17 (b) For single premium immediate annuities and for annuity benefits 18 involving life contingencies arising from other annuities with cash 19 settlement options and from guaranteed interest contracts with cash 20 settlement options:
- $I = .03 + W \cdot (R .03)$
- Where R_1 is the lesser of R and .09,
- R_2 is the greater of R and .09,
- 24 R is the reference interest rate defined in this section,
- W is the weighting factor defined in this section;
 - (c) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on an issue year basis, except as stated in (b) of this subsection, the formula for life insurance stated in (a) of this subsection shall apply to annuities and guaranteed interest contracts with guarantee durations in excess of ten years and the formula for single premium immediate annuities stated in (b) of this subsection shall apply to annuities and guaranteed interest contracts with guarantee duration of ten years or less;

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- (d) For other annuities with no cash settlement options and for guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options, the formula for single premium immediate annuities stated in (b) of this subsection shall apply;
- (e) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a change in fund basis, the formula for single premium immediate annuities stated in (b) of this subsection shall apply;
- (f) However, if the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for a life insurance policy issued in any calendar year determined without reference to this sentence differs from the corresponding actual rate for similar policies issued in the immediately preceding calendar year by less than one-half of one percent, the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for the life insurance policies shall be equal to the corresponding actual rate for the immediately preceding calendar year. For purposes of applying the immediately preceding sentence, the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for life insurance policies issued in a calendar year shall be determined for 1983 (using the reference interest rate defined in 1982) and shall be determined for each subsequent calendar year regardless of when RCW 48.76.050(4) became operative.
- (3)(a) The weighting factors referred to in the formulas stated in subsection (2) of this section are given in the following tables:
 - (i) Weighting factors for life insurance:

25	Guarantee Duration	Weighting Factors
26	(Years)	
27	10 or less	.50
28	More than 10, but not	.45
29	more than 20	
30	More than 20	.35

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

- (ii) Weighting factor for single premium immediate annuities and for annuity benefits involving life contingencies arising from other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options: .80;
- (iii) Weighting factors for other annuities and for guaranteed interest contracts, except as stated in (a)(ii) of this subsection, shall be as specified in (a)(iii)(A), (B), and (C) of this subsection (3), according to the rules and definitions in (a)(iii)(D), (b), and (c) of this subsection (3):
- 10 (A) For annuities and guaranteed interest contracts valued on an 11 issue year basis:

12	Guarantee	Weighting F	actor for Plan	Type
13	Duration (Years)	A	В	C
14	5 or less:	.80	.60	.50
15	More than 5, but	.75	.60	.50
16	not more than 10:			
17	More than 10, but	.65	.50	.45
18	not more than 20			
19	More than 20:	.45	.35	.35

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

23	Plan Type		
24	A	В	C
25	.15	.25	.05

(C) For annuities and guaranteed interest contracts valued on an issue year basis (other than those with no cash settlement options) that do not guarantee interest on considerations received more than one year after issue or purchase and for annuities and guaranteed interest contracts valued on a change in fund basis that do not guarantee interest rates on considerations received more than twelve months

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beyond the valuation date, the factors shown in (a)(iii)(A) of this subsection or derived in (a)(iii)(B) of this subsection increased by:

3	Plan Type		
4	A	В	C
5	.05	.05	.05

- (D) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, the guarantee duration is the number of years for which the contract guarantees interest rates in excess of the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for life insurance policies with guarantee duration in excess of twenty years. For other annuities with no cash settlement options and for guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options, the guaranteed duration is the number of years from the date of issue or date of purchase to the date annuity benefits are scheduled to commence.
- (b) Plan type as used in the tables in (a)(iii)(A) through (C) of this subsection is defined as follows:
- (i) Plan type 1: At any time policyholder may withdraw funds only (A) with an adjustment to reflect changes in interest rates or asset values since receipt of the funds by the insurance company, (B) without an adjustment but installments over five years or more, (C) as an immediate life annuity, or (D) no withdrawal permitted.
- (ii) Plan type 2: Before expiration of the interest rate guarantee, policyholder may withdraw funds only (A) with an adjustment to reflect changes in interest rates or asset values since receipt of the funds by the insurance company, (B) without an adjustment but in installments over five years or more, or (C) no withdrawal permitted. At the end of interest rate guarantee, funds may be withdrawn without an adjustment in a single sum or installments over less than five years.
- (iii) Plan type 3: Policyholder may withdraw funds before expiration of interest rate guarantee in a single sum or installments over less than five years either (A) without adjustment to reflect changes in interest rates or asset values since receipt of the funds by

the insurance company, or (B) subject only to a fixed surrender charge stipulated in the contract as a percentage of the fund.

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- (c) A company may elect to value guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options and annuities with cash settlement options on either an issue year basis or on a change in fund basis. Guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options and other annuities with no cash settlement options must be valued on an issue year basis. As used in this section, an issue year basis of valuation refers to a valuation basis under which the interest rate used to determine the minimum valuation standard for the entire duration of the annuity or quaranteed interest contract is the calendar year valuation interest rate for the year of issue or year of purchase of the annuity or guaranteed interest contract, and the change in fund basis of valuation refers to a valuation basis under which the interest rate used to determine the minimum valuation standard applicable to each change in the fund held under the annuity or guaranteed interest contract is the calendar year valuation interest rate for the year of the change in the fund.
- (4) The reference interest rate referred to in subsection (2) of this section shall be defined as follows:
- (a) For life insurance, the lesser of the average over a period of thirty-six months and the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year preceding the year of issue, of the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds, as published by Moody's investors service, inc.
- (b) For single premium immediate annuities and for annuity benefits involving life contingencies arising from other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of issue or year of purchase, of the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds, as published by Moody's investors service, inc.
- (c) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a year of issue basis, except as stated in (b) of this subsection, with guarantee duration in excess of ten years, the lesser of the average over a period of thirty-six months and the average over a period of twelve

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months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of issue or purchase, of the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds, as published by Moody's investors service, inc.

- (d) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a year of issue basis, except as stated in (b) of this subsection, with guarantee duration of ten years or less, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of issue or purchase, of the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds, as published by Moody's investors service, inc.
- (e) For other annuities with no cash settlement options and for guaranteed interest contracts with no cash settlement options, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of issue or purchase, of the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds, as published by Moody's investors service, inc.
- (f) For other annuities with cash settlement options and guaranteed interest contracts with cash settlement options, valued on a change in fund basis, except as stated in (b) of this subsection, the average over a period of twelve months, ending on June 30th of the calendar year of the change in the fund, of the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds, as published by Moody's investors service, inc.
- (5) In the event that the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds is no longer published by Moody's investors service, inc. or in the event that the NAIC determines that the monthly average of the composite yield on seasoned corporate bonds as published by Moody's investors service, inc. is no longer appropriate for the determination of the reference interest rate, then an alternative method for determination of the reference interest rate adopted by the NAIC and approved by rule adopted by the commissioner may be substituted.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. RESERVE VALUATION METHOD--LIFE INSURANCE AND ENDOWMENT BENEFITS. (1) Except as otherwise provided in sections 8, 11, and 13 of this act, reserves according to the commissioners reserve valuation method, for the life insurance and endowment benefits of policies providing for a uniform amount of insurance and requiring the

payment of uniform premiums shall be the excess, if any, of the present value, at the date of valuation, of the future guaranteed benefits provided for by those policies, over the then present value of any future modified net premiums therefor. The modified net premiums for a policy shall be the uniform percentage of the respective contract premiums for the benefits such that the present value, at the date of issue of the policy, of all modified net premiums shall be equal to the sum of the then present value of the benefits provided for by the policy and the excess of (a) of this subsection over (b) of this subsection, as follows:

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- (a) A net level annual premium equal to the present value, at the date of issue, of the benefits provided for after the first policy year, divided by the present value, at the date of issue, of an annuity of one per annum payable on the first and each subsequent anniversary of the policy on which a premium falls due. However, the net level annual premium shall not exceed the net level annual premium on the nineteen-year premium whole life plan for insurance of the same amount at an age one year higher than the age at issue of the policy.
- (b) A net one-year term premium for the benefits provided for in the first policy year.
- (2) For a life insurance policy issued on or after January 1, 1986, for which the contract premium in the first policy year exceeds that of the second year and for which no comparable additional benefit is provided in the first year for the excess and which provides endowment benefit or a cash surrender value or a combination in an amount greater than the excess premium, the reserve according to the commissioners reserve valuation method as of any policy anniversary occurring on or before the assumed ending date defined as the first policy anniversary on which the sum of any endowment benefit and any cash surrender value then available is greater than the excess premium shall, except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, be the greater of the reserve as of the policy anniversary calculated as described in subsection (1) of this section and the reserve as of the policy anniversary calculated as described in subsection (1) of this section, but with (a) the value defined in subsection (1) of this section being reduced by fifteen percent of the amount of such excess first year premium, (b) all present values of benefits and premiums being determined without reference to premiums or benefits provided for

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by the policy after the assumed ending date, (c) the policy being assumed to mature on that date as an endowment, and (d) the cash surrender value provided on that date being considered as an endowment benefit. In making this comparison the mortality and interest bases stated in sections 4 and 6 of this act shall be used.

- (3) Reserves according to the commissioners reserve valuation method shall be calculated by a method consistent with the principles of subsections (1) and (2) of this section for:
- (a) Life insurance policies providing for a varying amount of insurance or requiring the payment of varying premiums;
- (b) Group annuity and pure endowment contracts purchased under a retirement plan or plan of deferred compensation, established or maintained by an employer (including a partnership or sole proprietorship) or by an employee organization, or by both, other than a plan providing individual retirement accounts or individual retirement annuities under section 408 of the internal revenue code;
- (c) Disability and accidental death benefits in all policies and contracts; and
- 19 (d) All other benefits, except life insurance and endowment 20 benefits in life insurance policies and benefits provided by all other 21 annuity and pure endowment contracts.
 - NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. RESERVE VALUATION METHOD--ANNUITY AND PURE ENDOWMENT BENEFITS. (1) This section shall apply to all annuity and pure endowment contracts other than group annuity and pure endowment contracts purchased under a retirement plan or plan of deferred compensation, established or maintained by an employer (including a partnership or sole proprietorship) or by an employee organization, or by both, other than a plan providing individual retirement accounts or individual retirement annuities under section 408 of the internal revenue code.
 - (2) Reserves according to the commissioners annuity reserve method for benefits under annuity or pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in the contracts, shall be the greatest of the respective excesses of the present values, at the date of valuation, of the future guaranteed benefits, including guaranteed nonforfeiture benefits, provided for by the contracts at the end of each respective contract year, over the present value, at the date of

valuation, of any future valuation considerations derived from future gross considerations, required by the terms of the contract, that become payable prior to the end of the respective contract year. future guaranteed benefits shall be determined by using the mortality table, if any, and the interest rate, or rates, specified in the for determining guaranteed benefits. The valuation contracts considerations are the portions of the respective gross considerations applied under the terms of the contracts to determine nonforfeiture values.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. MINIMUM RESERVES. (1) In no event may a company's aggregate reserves for all life insurance policies, excluding disability and accidental death benefits, issued on or after July 10, 1982, be less than the aggregate reserves calculated in accordance with the methods set forth in sections 7, 8, 11, and 12 of this act and the mortality table or tables and rate or rates of interest used in calculating nonforfeiture benefits for the policies.

(2) In no event may the aggregate reserves for all policies, contracts, and benefits be less than the aggregate reserves determined by the appointed actuary to be necessary to render the opinion required by section 3 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. OPTIONAL RESERVE CALCULATION. (1) Reserves for policies and contracts issued prior to July 10, 1982, may be calculated, at the option of the company, according to any standards that produce greater aggregate reserves for all such policies and contracts than the minimum reserves required by the laws in effect immediately prior to that date.

(2) Reserves for any category of policies, contracts, or benefits established by the commissioner, issued on or after July 10, 1982, may be calculated, at the option of the company, according to any standards that produce greater aggregate reserves for the category than those calculated according to the minimum standard, but the rate or rates of interest used for policies and contracts, other than annuity and pure endowment contracts, shall not be greater than the corresponding rate or rates of interest used in calculating any nonforfeiture benefits provided in the policies or contracts.

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(3) Any company, which at any time has adopted any standard of valuation producing greater aggregate reserves than those calculated according to the minimum standard provided under this chapter, may, with the approval of the commissioner, adopt any lower standard of valuation with the approval of the commissioner, but not lower than the minimum provided. For the purposes of this section, the holding of additional reserves previously determined by the appointed actuary to be necessary to render the opinion required by section 3 of this act is not to be the adoption of a higher standard of valuation.

Sec. 11. RESERVE CALCULATION--VALUATION NET PREMIUM NEW SECTION. EXCEEDING THE GROSS PREMIUM CHARGED. If in any contract year the gross premium charged by a company on a policy or contract is less than the valuation net premium for the policy or contract calculated by the method used in calculating the reserve but using the minimum valuation standards of mortality and rate of interest, the minimum reserve required for such policy or contract shall be the greater of either the reserve calculated according to the mortality table, rate of interest, and method actually used for such policy or contract, or the reserve calculated by the method actually used for such policy or contract but using the minimum valuation standards of mortality and rate of interest and replacing the valuation net premium by the actual gross premium in each contract year for which the valuation net premium exceeds the actual gross premium. The minimum valuation standards of mortality and rate of interest referred to in this section are those standards stated in sections 4 and 6 of this act.

For a life insurance policy issued on or after January 1, 1986, for which the gross premium in the first policy year exceeds that of the second year and for which no comparable additional benefit is provided in the first year for the excess and which provides an endowment benefit or a cash surrender value or a combination in an amount greater than the excess premium, the provisions of this section shall be applied as if the method actually used in calculating the reserve for the policy was the method described in sections 7 and 8 of this act, excluding section 7(2) of this act. The minimum reserve at each policy anniversary of such a policy shall be the greater of the minimum reserve calculated in accordance with sections 7 and 8 of this act,

- 1 including section 7(2) of this act, and the minimum reserve calculated
- 2 in accordance with this section.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 12.** RESERVE CALCULATION--INDETERMINATE PREMIUM
- 4 PLANS. (1) In the case of a plan of life insurance that provides for
- future premium determination, the amounts of which are to be determined
- 6 by the insurance company based on then estimates of future experience,
- 7 or in the case of a plan of life insurance or annuity that is of such
- 8 a nature that the minimum reserves cannot be determined by the methods
- 9 described in sections 7, 8, and 11 of this act, the reserves that are
- 10 held under the plan must, under rules adopted by the commissioner:
- 11 (a) Be appropriate in relation to the benefits and the pattern of premiums for that plan; and
- 13 (b) Be computed by a method that is consistent with the principles of the standard valuation law.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, a policy, contract, or certificate providing life insurance under such a plan must be affirmatively approved by the commissioner before it can be
- 18 marketed, issued, delivered, or used in this state.
- 19 (3) If subsection (2) of this section is enacted in a state where
- 20 prior filing and approval of life insurance policy forms has not been
- 21 previously required by statute, this subsection mandates such action
- 22 for plans requiring approval under this section. If subsection (2) of
- 23 this section is enacted in a state where approval is deemed under
- 24 certain circumstances, the deemed provision would be overridden by the
- 25 terms of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. MINIMUM STANDARD FOR DISABILITY INSURANCE
- 27 CONTRACTS. For disability insurance contracts issued on or after the
- 28 operative date of the valuation manual, the standard prescribed in the
- 29 valuation manual is the minimum standard of valuation required under
- 30 section 2(2) of this act. For disability contracts issued on or after
- 31 July 10, 1982, and prior to the operative date of the valuation manual
- 32 the minimum standard of valuation is the standard adopted by the
- 33 commissioner by rule.
- 34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. VALUATION MANUAL FOR POLICIES ISSUED ON OR
- 35 AFTER THE OPERATIVE DATE OF THE VALUATION MANUAL. (1) For policies

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issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual, the standard prescribed in the valuation manual is the minimum standard of valuation required under section 2(2) of this act, except as provided under subsection (5) or (6) of this section.

- (2) The operative date of the valuation manual is January 1st of the first calendar year following the first July 1st as of which all of the following have occurred:
- (a) The valuation manual has been adopted by the NAIC by an affirmative vote of at least forty-two members, or three-fourths of the members voting, whichever is greater.
- (b) The standard valuation law, as amended by the NAIC in 2009, or legislation including substantially similar terms and provisions, has been enacted by states representing greater than seventy-five percent of the direct premiums written as reported in the following annual statements submitted for 2008: Life, accident and health annual statements; health annual statements; or fraternal annual statements.
- (c) The standard valuation law, as amended by the NAIC in 2009, or legislation including substantially similar terms and provisions, has been enacted by at least forty-two of the following fifty-five jurisdictions: The fifty States of the United States, American Samoa, the American Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.
- (3) Unless a change in the valuation manual specifies a later effective date, changes to the valuation manual shall be effective on January 1st following the date when the change to the valuation manual has been adopted by the NAIC by an affirmative vote representing:
- (a) At least three-fourths of the members of the NAIC voting, but not less than a majority of the total membership; and
- (b) Members of the NAIC representing jurisdictions totaling greater than seventy-five percent of the direct premiums written as reported in the following annual statements most recently available prior to the vote in (a) of this subsection: Life, accident and health annual statements, health annual statements, or fraternal annual statements.
 - (4) The valuation manual must specify all of the following:
- 35 (a) Minimum valuation standards for and definitions of the policies 36 or contracts subject to section 2(2) of this act. Such minimum 37 valuation standards shall be:

1 (i) The commissioners reserve valuation method for life insurance 2 contracts, other than annuity contracts, subject to section 2(2) of 3 this act;

- (ii) The commissioners annuity reserve valuation method for annuity contracts subject to section 2(2) of this act; and
- (iii) Minimum reserves for all other policies or contracts subject to section 2(2) of this act;
- (b) Which policies or contracts or types of policies or contracts that are subject to the requirements of a principle-based valuation in section 15(1) of this act and the minimum valuation standards consistent with those requirements;
- (c) For policies and contracts subject to a principle-based valuation under section 15 of this act:
- (i) Requirements for the format of reports to the commissioner under section 15(2)(c) of this act and which must include information necessary to determine if the valuation is appropriate and in compliance with this chapter;
- (ii) Assumptions must be prescribed for risks over which the company does not have significant control or influence;
- (iii) Procedures for corporate governance and oversight of the actuarial function, and a process for appropriate waiver or modification of such procedures;
- (d) For policies not subject to a principle-based valuation under section 15 of this act the minimum valuation standard must either:
- (i) Be consistent with the minimum standard of valuation prior to the operative date of the valuation manual; or
- (ii) Develop reserves that quantify the benefits and guarantees, and the funding, associated with the contracts and their risks at a level of conservatism that reflects conditions that include unfavorable events that have a reasonable probability of occurring;
- (e) Other requirements, including, but not limited to, those relating to reserve methods, models for measuring risk, generation of economic scenarios, assumptions, margins, use of company experience, risk measurement, disclosure, certifications, reports, actuarial opinions and memorandums, transition rules, and internal controls; and
- (f) The data and form of the data required under section 16 of this act, with whom the data must be submitted, and may specify other requirements including data analyses and reporting of analyses.

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(5) In the absence of a specific valuation requirement or if a specific valuation requirement in the valuation manual is not, in the opinion of the commissioner, in compliance with this chapter, then the company must, with respect to such requirements, comply with minimum valuation standards adopted by the commissioner by rule.

- (6) The commissioner may engage a qualified actuary, at the expense of the company, to perform an actuarial examination of the company and opine on the appropriateness of any reserve assumption or method used by the company, or to review and opine on a company's compliance with any requirement set forth in this chapter. The commissioner may rely upon the opinion, regarding provisions contained within this chapter, of a qualified actuary engaged by the commissioner of another state, district, or territory of the United States. As used in this subsection, "engage" includes employment and contracting.
- (7) The commissioner may require a company to change any assumption or method that in the opinion of the commissioner is necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the valuation manual or this chapter; and the company must adjust the reserves as required by the commissioner. The commissioner may take other disciplinary action as permitted pursuant to this title.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. REQUIREMENTS OF A PRINCIPLE-BASED VALUATION. (1) A company must establish reserves using a principle-based valuation that meets the following conditions for policies or contracts as specified in the valuation manual:
 - (a) Quantify the benefits and guarantees, and the funding, associated with the contracts and their risks at a level of conservatism that reflects conditions that include unfavorable events that have a reasonable probability of occurring during the lifetime of the contracts. For polices or contracts with significant tail risk, reflects conditions appropriately adverse to quantify the tail risk;
 - (b) Incorporate assumptions, risk analysis methods, and financial models and management techniques that are consistent with, but not necessarily identical to, those utilized within the company's overall risk assessment process, while recognizing potential differences in financial reporting structures and any prescribed assumptions or methods;

- 1 (c) Incorporate assumptions that are derived in one of the 2 following manners:
 - (i) The assumption is prescribed in the valuation manual;

- (ii) For assumptions that are not prescribed, the assumptions must:
- (A) Be established utilizing the company's available experience, to the extent it is relevant and statistically credible; or
 - (B) To the extent that company data is not available, relevant, or statistically credible, be established utilizing other relevant, statistically credible experience;
 - (d) Provide margins for uncertainty including adverse deviation and estimation error, such that the greater the uncertainty the larger the margin and resulting reserve.
- (2) A company using a principle-based valuation for one or more policies or contracts subject to this section as specified in the valuation manual must:
- (a) Establish procedures for corporate governance and oversight of the actuarial valuation function consistent with those described in the valuation manual;
- (b) Provide to the commissioner and the board of directors an annual certification of the effectiveness of the internal controls with respect to the principle-based valuation. Such controls must be designed to assure that all material risks inherent in the liabilities and associated assets subject to such valuation are included in the valuation, and that valuations are made in accordance with the valuation manual. The certification must be based on the controls in place as of the end of the preceding calendar year;
- (c) Develop, and file with the commissioner upon request, a principle-based valuation report that complies with standards prescribed in the valuation manual.
- 30 (3) A principle-based valuation may include a prescribed formulaic 31 reserve component.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. EXPERIENCE REPORTING FOR POLICIES IN FORCE
 ON OR AFTER THE OPERATIVE DATE OF THE VALUATION MANUAL. A company must
 submit mortality, morbidity, policyholder behavior, or expense
 experience and other data as prescribed in the valuation manual.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. CONFIDENTIALITY. (1) For purposes of this section, "confidential information" means:

- (a) A memorandum in support of an opinion submitted under section 3 of this act and any other documents, materials, and other information, including, but not limited to, all working papers, and copies thereof, created, produced, or obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in connection with such memorandum;
- (b) All documents, materials, and other information, including, but not limited to, all working papers, and copies thereof, created, produced, or obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination made under section 14(6) of this act. However, if an examination report or other material prepared in connection with an examination made under chapter 48.03 RCW is not held as private and confidential information under chapter 48.03 RCW, an examination report or other material prepared in connection with an examination made under section 14(6) of this act shall not be "confidential information" to the same extent as if such examination report or other material had been prepared under chapter 48.03 RCW;
- (c) Any reports, documents, materials, and other information developed by a company in support of, or in connection with, an annual certification by the company under section 15(2)(b) of this act evaluating the effectiveness of the company's internal controls with respect to a principle-based valuation and any other documents, materials, and other information, including, but not limited to, all working papers, and copies thereof, created, produced, or obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in connection with such reports, documents, materials, and other information;
- (d) Any principle-based valuation report developed under section 15(2)(c) of this act and any other documents, materials, and other information, including, but not limited to, all working papers, and copies thereof, created, produced, or obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in connection with such report; and
- (e) Any documents, materials, data, and other information submitted by a company under section 16 of this act and any other documents, materials, data, and other information, including, but not limited to, all working papers, and copies thereof, created or produced in connection with such experience data, in each case that include any potentially company identifying or personally identifiable information,

that is provided to or obtained by the commissioner and any other documents, materials, data and other information, including, but not limited to, all working papers, and copies thereof, created, produced, or obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in connection with such experience materials.

- (2)(a) Except as provided in this section, a company's confidential information is confidential by law and privileged, and is not subject to chapter 42.56 RCW, is not subject to subpoena, and is not subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action. However, the commissioner is authorized to use the confidential information in the furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought against the company as a part of the commissioner's official duties.
- (b) Neither the commissioner nor any person who received confidential information while acting under the authority of the commissioner is permitted or required to testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential information.
- (c) In order to assist in the performance of the commissioner's duties, the commissioner may share confidential information (i) with other state, federal and international regulatory agencies and with the NAIC and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and (ii) in the case of confidential information specified in subsection (1)(a) and (d) of this section only, with the actuarial board for counseling and discipline or its successor upon request stating that the confidential information is required for the purpose of professional disciplinary proceedings and with state, federal, and international law enforcement officials. In the case of (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection, the commission may share confidential information provided the recipient agrees, and has the legal authority to agree, to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of such documents, materials, data, and other information in the same manner and to the same extent as required for the commissioner.
- (d) The commissioner may receive documents, materials, data, and other information, including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials, data, or information, from the NAIC and its affiliates and subsidiaries, from regulatory or law enforcement officials of other foreign or domestic jurisdictions, and from the actuarial board for counseling and discipline or its successor and

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- 1 shall maintain as confidential or privileged any document, material,
- 2 data, or other information received with notice or the understanding
- 3 that it is confidential or privileged under the laws of the
- 4 jurisdiction that is the source of the document, material, or other
- 5 information.

- 6 (e) The commissioner may enter into agreements governing sharing 7 and use of information consistent with this subsection (2).
 - (f) No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of confidentiality in the confidential information shall occur as a result of disclosure to the commissioner under this section or as a result of sharing as authorized in (c) of this subsection.
 - (g) A privilege established under the law of any state or jurisdiction that is substantially similar to the privilege established under this subsection shall be available and enforced in any proceeding in, and in any court of, this state.
 - (h) In this section "regulatory agency," "law enforcement agency," and the "NAIC" include, but are not limited to, their employees, agents, consultants, and contractors.
 - (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, any confidential information specified in subsection (1)(a) and (d) of this section:
 - (a) May be subject to subpoena for the purpose of defending an action seeking damages from the appointed actuary submitting the related memorandum in support of an opinion submitted under section 3 of this act or principle-based valuation report developed under section 15(2)(c) of this act by reason of an action required by this chapter or by rule;
 - (b) May otherwise be released by the commissioner with the written consent of the company; and
 - (c) Once any portion of a memorandum in support of an opinion submitted under section 3 of this act or a principle-based valuation report developed under section 15(2)(c) of this act is cited by the company in its marketing or is publicly volunteered to or before a governmental agency other than a state insurance department or is released by the company to the news media, all portions of such memorandum or report are no longer confidential.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. SINGLE STATE EXEMPTION. (1) The commissioner may exempt specific product forms or product lines of a domestic company that is licensed and doing business only in this state from the requirements of section 14 of this act provided:

- (a) The commissioner has issued an exemption in writing to the company and has not subsequently revoked the exemption in writing; and
- (b) The company computes reserves using assumptions and methods used prior to the operative date of the valuation manual in addition to any requirements established by the commissioner and adopted by rule.
- (2) For any company granted an exemption under this section, sections 3 through 13 of this act shall be applicable. With respect to any company applying this exemption, any reference to section 14 of this act found in sections 3 through 13 of this act shall not be applicable.
- **Sec. 19.** RCW 42.56.400 and 2013 c 277 s 5 and 2013 c 65 s 5 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The following information relating to insurance and financial institutions is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

- (1) Records maintained by the board of industrial insurance appeals that are related to appeals of crime victims' compensation claims filed with the board under RCW 7.68.110;
- (2) Information obtained and exempted or withheld from public inspection by the health care authority under RCW 41.05.026, whether retained by the authority, transferred to another state purchased health care program by the authority, or transferred by the authority to a technical review committee created to facilitate the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased health care under chapter 41.05 RCW;
- (3) The names and individual identification data of either all owners or all insureds, or both, received by the insurance commissioner under chapter 48.102 RCW;
 - (4) Information provided under RCW 48.30A.045 through 48.30A.060;
- 33 (5) Information provided under RCW 48.05.510 through 48.05.535, 34 48.43.200 through 48.43.225, 48.44.530 through 48.44.555, and 48.46.600 35 through 48.46.625;
 - (6) Examination reports and information obtained by the department of financial institutions from banks under RCW 30.04.075, from savings

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- 1 banks under RCW 32.04.220, from savings and loan associations under RCW
- 2 33.04.110, from credit unions under RCW 31.12.565, from check cashers
- 3 and sellers under RCW 31.45.030(3), and from securities brokers and
- 4 investment advisers under RCW 21.20.100, all of which is confidential
- 5 and privileged information;

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- 6 (7) Information provided to the insurance commissioner under RCW 48.110.040(3);
- 8 (8) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 9 commissioner under RCW 48.02.065, all of which are confidential and 10 privileged;
- 11 (9) Confidential proprietary and trade secret information provided 12 to the commissioner under RCW 48.31C.020 through 48.31C.050 and 13 48.31C.070;
- (10) Data filed under RCW 48.140.020, 48.140.030, 48.140.050, and 7.70.140 that, alone or in combination with any other data, may reveal the identity of a claimant, health care provider, health care facility, insuring entity, or self-insurer involved in a particular claim or a collection of claims. For the purposes of this subsection:
- 19 (a) "Claimant" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.140.010(2).
- 20 (b) "Health care facility" has the same meaning as in RCW 21 48.140.010(6).
- 22 (c) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.140.010(7).
 - (d) "Insuring entity" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.140.010(8).
 - (e) "Self-insurer" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.140.010(11);
- 26 (11) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 27 commissioner under RCW 48.135.060;
- 28 (12) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 29 commissioner under RCW 48.37.060;
- 30 (13) Confidential and privileged documents obtained or produced by 31 the insurance commissioner and identified in RCW 48.37.080;
- 32 (14) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 33 commissioner under RCW 48.37.140;
- 34 (15) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 35 commissioner under RCW 48.17.595;
- 36 (16) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance commissioner under RCW 48.102.051(1) and 48.102.140 (3) and (7)(a)(ii);

- (17) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 1 2 commissioner in the commissioner's capacity as receiver under RCW 3 48.31.025 and 48.99.017, which are records under the jurisdiction and 4 control of the receivership court. The commissioner is not required to 5 search for, log, produce, or otherwise comply with the public records act for any records that the commissioner obtains under chapters 48.31 6 7 and 48.99 RCW in the commissioner's capacity as a receiver, except as 8 directed by the receivership court;
- 9 (18) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 10 commissioner under RCW 48.13.151;

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- (19) Data, information, and documents provided by a carrier pursuant to section 1, chapter 172, Laws of 2010;
- (20) Information in a filing of usage-based insurance about the usage-based component of the rate pursuant to RCW 48.19.040(5)(b);
- 15 (21) Data, information, and documents, other than those described 16 in RCW 48.02.210(2), that are submitted to the office of the insurance 17 commissioner by an entity providing health care coverage pursuant to 18 RCW 28A.400.275 and 48.02.210; ((and))
- 19 (22) Data, information, and documents obtained by the insurance 20 commissioner under RCW 48.29.017; ((and))
- 21 (23) Information not subject to public inspection or public 22 disclosure under RCW 48.43.730(5); and
- 23 (24) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 24 commissioner under chapter 48.74 RCW.
- 25 **Sec. 20.** RCW 42.56.400 and 2013 c 65 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
- 27 The following information relating to insurance and financial institutions is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:
- 29 (1) Records maintained by the board of industrial insurance appeals 30 that are related to appeals of crime victims' compensation claims filed 31 with the board under RCW 7.68.110;
 - (2) Information obtained and exempted or withheld from public inspection by the health care authority under RCW 41.05.026, whether retained by the authority, transferred to another state purchased health care program by the authority, or transferred by the authority to a technical review committee created to facilitate the development,

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acquisition, or implementation of state purchased health care under chapter 41.05 RCW;

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- (3) The names and individual identification data of either all owners or all insureds, or both, received by the insurance commissioner under chapter 48.102 RCW;
 - (4) Information provided under RCW 48.30A.045 through 48.30A.060;
- 7 (5) Information provided under RCW 48.05.510 through 48.05.535, 8 48.43.200 through 48.43.225, 48.44.530 through 48.44.555, and 48.46.600 9 through 48.46.625;
 - (6) Examination reports and information obtained by the department of financial institutions from banks under RCW 30.04.075, from savings banks under RCW 32.04.220, from savings and loan associations under RCW 33.04.110, from credit unions under RCW 31.12.565, from check cashers and sellers under RCW 31.45.030(3), and from securities brokers and investment advisers under RCW 21.20.100, all of which is confidential and privileged information;
- 17 (7) Information provided to the insurance commissioner under RCW 48.110.040(3);
- 19 (8) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 20 commissioner under RCW 48.02.065, all of which are confidential and 21 privileged;
- (9) Confidential proprietary and trade secret information provided to the commissioner under RCW 48.31C.020 through 48.31C.050 and 48.31C.070;
- (10) Data filed under RCW 48.140.020, 48.140.030, 48.140.050, and 7.70.140 that, alone or in combination with any other data, may reveal the identity of a claimant, health care provider, health care facility, insuring entity, or self-insurer involved in a particular claim or a collection of claims. For the purposes of this subsection:
- 30 (a) "Claimant" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.140.010(2).
- 31 (b) "Health care facility" has the same meaning as in RCW 32 48.140.010(6).
- 33 (c) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in RCW 34 48.140.010(7).
- 35 (d) "Insuring entity" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.140.010(8).
 - (e) "Self-insurer" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.140.010(11);
- 37 (11) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 38 commissioner under RCW 48.135.060;

1 (12) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance commissioner under RCW 48.37.060;

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- (13) Confidential and privileged documents obtained or produced by the insurance commissioner and identified in RCW 48.37.080;
- (14) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance commissioner under RCW 48.37.140;
 - (15) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance commissioner under RCW 48.17.595;
 - (16) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance commissioner under RCW 48.102.051(1) and 48.102.140 (3) and (7)(a)(ii);
- (17) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 11 12 commissioner in the commissioner's capacity as receiver under RCW 13 48.31.025 and 48.99.017, which are records under the jurisdiction and 14 control of the receivership court. The commissioner is not required to search for, log, produce, or otherwise comply with the public records 15 act for any records that the commissioner obtains under chapters 48.31 16 17 and 48.99 RCW in the commissioner's capacity as a receiver, except as 18 directed by the receivership court;
- 19 (18) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 20 commissioner under RCW 48.13.151;
- 21 (19) Data, information, and documents provided by a carrier 22 pursuant to section 1, chapter 172, Laws of 2010;
- 23 (20) Information in a filing of usage-based insurance about the usage-based component of the rate pursuant to RCW 48.19.040(5)(b);
- (21) Data, information, and documents, other than those described in RCW 48.02.210(2), that are submitted to the office of the insurance commissioner by an entity providing health care coverage pursuant to RCW 28A.400.275 and 48.02.210; ((and))
- 29 (22) Data, information, and documents obtained by the insurance 30 commissioner under RCW 48.29.017; and
- 31 (23) Documents, materials, or information obtained by the insurance 32 commissioner under chapter 48.74 RCW.
- 33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 21.** The following acts or parts of acts are 34 each repealed:
- 35 (1) RCW 48.74.010 (Short title--"NAIC" defined) and 1982 1st ex.s. 36 c 9 s 1;

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- 1 (2) RCW 48.74.020 (Valuation of reserve liabilities) and 1982 1st 2 ex.s. c 9 s 2;
- 3 (3) RCW 48.74.025 (Reserves and related actuarial items--Opinion of 4 a qualified actuary--Requirements for the opinion--Rules) and 1993 c 5 462 s 85;
- 6 (4) RCW 48.74.030 (Minimum standard for valuation) and 1993 c 462 7 s 86 & 1982 1st ex.s. c 9 s 3;
- 8 (5) RCW 48.74.040 (Amount of reserves required) and 1993 c 462 s 87 9 & 1982 1st ex.s. c 9 s 4;
- 10 (6) RCW 48.74.050 (Minimum aggregate reserves) and 1993 c 462 s 88 11 & 1982 1st ex.s. c 9 s 5;
- 12 (7) RCW 48.74.060 (Other methods of reserve calculation) and 1993 13 c 462 s 89 & 1982 1st ex.s. c 9 s 6;
- 14 (8) RCW 48.74.070 (Minimum reserve if gross premium less than valuation net premium) and 1982 1st ex.s. c 9 s 7;
- 16 (9) RCW 48.74.080 (Procedure when specified methods of reserve determination unfeasible) and 1982 1st ex.s. c 9 s 8; and
- 18 (10) RCW 48.74.090 (Valuation of disability insurance) and 1993 c 19 462 s 90.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. Sections 22 through 35 of this act may be known and cited as the standard nonforfeiture law for life insurance act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. DEFINITION. "Operative date of the valuation manual" means the January 1st of the first calendar year that the valuation manual as described in section 14 of this act is effective.
- 27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. NONFORFEITURE BENEFITS. In the case of policies issued on and after the operative date of this section as 28 29 defined in section 35 of this act, no policy of life insurance, except as stated in section 34 of this act, shall be delivered or issued for 30 delivery in this state unless it shall contain in substance the 31 following provisions, or corresponding provisions which in the opinion 32 33 of the commissioner are at least as favorable to the defaulting or 34 surrendering policyholder as are the minimum requirements specified in

this section and are essentially in compliance with section 33 of this act:

- (1) That, in the event of default in any premium payment, the company will grant, upon proper request not later than sixty days after the due date of the premium in default, a paid-up nonforfeiture benefit on a plan stipulated in the policy, effective as of the due date, of such amount as may be specified. In lieu of the stipulated paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, the company may substitute, upon proper request not later than sixty days after the due date of the premium in default, an actuarially equivalent alternative paid-up nonforfeiture benefit which provides a greater amount or longer period of death benefits or, if applicable, a greater amount or earlier payment of endowment benefits.
- (2) That, upon surrender of the policy within sixty days after the due date of any premium payment in default after premiums have been paid for at least three full years in the case of ordinary insurance or five full years in the case of industrial insurance, the company will pay, in lieu of any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, a cash surrender value of such amount as may be specified in this chapter.
- (3) That a specified paid-up nonforfeiture benefit shall become effective as specified in the policy unless the person entitled to make the election elects another available option not later than sixty days after the due date of the premium in default.
- (4) That if the policy shall have become paid-up by completion of all premium payments or if it is continued under any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit which became effective on or after the third policy anniversary in the case of ordinary insurance or the fifth policy anniversary in the case of industrial insurance, the company will pay, upon surrender of the policy within thirty days after any policy anniversary, a cash surrender value of such amount as may be specified in this chapter.
- (5) In the case of policies which cause, on a basis guaranteed in the policy, unscheduled changes in benefits or premiums, or which provide an option for changes in benefits or premiums other than a change to a new policy; a statement of the mortality table, interest rate and method used in calculating cash surrender values, and the paid-up nonforfeiture benefits available under the policy. In the case of all other policies, a statement of the mortality table and interest

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rate used in calculating the cash surrender values and the paid-up nonforfeiture benefits available under the policy, together with a table showing the cash surrender value, if any, and paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, if any, available under the policy on each policy anniversary either during the first twenty policy years or during the term of the policy, whichever is shorter, such values and benefits to be calculated upon the assumption that there are no dividends or paid-up additions credited to the policy and that there is no indebtedness to the company on the policy.

(6) A statement that the cash surrender values and the paid-up nonforfeiture benefits available under the policy are not less than the minimum values and benefits required by or pursuant to the insurance law of the state in which the policy is delivered; an explanation of the manner in which the cash surrender values and the paid-up nonforfeiture benefits are altered by the existence of any paid-up additions credited to the policy or any indebtedness to the company on the policy; if a detailed statement of the method of computation of the values and benefits shown in the policy is not stated therein, a statement that such method of computation has been filed with the insurance supervisory official of the state in which the policy is delivered; and a statement of the method to be used in calculating the cash surrender value and a paid-up nonforfeiture benefit available under the policy on any policy anniversary beyond the last anniversary for which values and benefits are consecutively shown in the policy.

Any of the provisions of this section or portions thereof not applicable by reason of the plan of insurance may, to the extent inapplicable, be omitted from the policy.

The company shall reserve the right to defer the payment of any cash surrender value for a period of six months after demand therefor with surrender of the policy.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. COMPUTATION OF CASH SURRENDER VALUE. (1)
Any cash surrender value available under the policy in the event of
default in a premium payment due on any policy anniversary, whether or
not required by section 24 of this act, shall be an amount not less
than the excess, if any, of the present value, on the anniversary, of
the future guaranteed benefits which would have been provided for by

the policy, including any existing paid-up additions, if there had been no default, over the sum of:

- (a) The then present value of the adjusted premiums as defined in sections 27 through 30 of this act, corresponding to premiums which would have fallen due on and after the anniversary; and
 - (b) The amount of any indebtedness to the company on the policy.
- (2) For any policy issued on or after the operative date of section 30 of this act, which provides supplemental life insurance or annuity benefits at the option of the insured and for an identifiable additional premium by rider or supplemental policy provision, the cash surrender value referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be an amount not less than the sum of the cash surrender value for an otherwise similar policy issued at the same age without the rider or supplemental policy provision and the cash surrender value as defined in subsection (1) of this section for a policy which provides only the benefits otherwise provided by such rider or supplemental policy provision.
- (3) For any family policy issued on or after the operative date of section 30 of this act, which defines a primary insured and provides term insurance on the life of the spouse of the primary insured expiring before the spouse's age seventy-one, the cash surrender value referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be an amount not less than the sum of the cash surrender value for an otherwise similar policy issued at the same age without such term insurance on the life of the spouse and the cash surrender value as defined in subsection (1) of this section for a policy which provides only the benefits otherwise provided by such term insurance on the life of the spouse.
- (4) Any cash surrender value available within thirty days after any policy anniversary under any policy paid-up by completion of all premium payments or any policy continued under any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, whether or not required by section 24 of this act, shall be an amount not less than the present value, on such anniversary, of future guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy, including any existing paid-up additions, decreased by any indebtedness to the company on the policy.
- 36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 26.** COMPUTATION OF PAID-UP NONFORFEITURE 37 BENEFITS. Any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit available under the policy

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- in the event of default in a premium payment due on any policy anniversary shall be such that its present value as of such anniversary shall be at least equal to the cash surrender value then provided for by the policy or, if none is provided for, that cash surrender value which would have been required by this chapter in the absence of the condition that premiums shall have been paid for at least a specified period.
- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. CALCULATION OF ADJUSTED PREMIUMS. (1) This section does not apply to policies issued on or after the operative 9 date of section 30 of this act. Except as provided in subsection (3) 10 11 of this section, the adjusted premiums for any policy shall be 12 calculated on an annual basis and shall be such uniform percentage of 13 the respective premiums specified in the policy for each policy year, excluding amounts stated in the policy as extra premiums to cover 14 15 impairments or special hazards, that the present value, at the date of 16 issue of the policy, of all such adjusted premiums shall be equal to 17 the sum of:
 - (a) The then present value of the future guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy;
 - (b) Two percent of the amount of insurance, if the insurance be uniform in amount, or of the equivalent uniform amount, as defined, if the amount of insurance varies with duration of the policy;
- 23 (c) Forty percent of the adjusted premium for the first policy 24 year;
 - (d) Twenty-five percent of either the adjusted premium for the first policy year or the adjusted premium for a whole life policy of the same uniform or equivalent uniform amount with uniform premiums for the whole of life issued at the same age for the same amount of insurance, whichever is less.
 - However, in applying the percentages specified in (c) and (d) of this subsection, an adjusted premium may not exceed four percent of the amount of insurance or level amount equivalent. The date of issue of a policy for the purpose of this section shall be the date as of which the rated age of the insured is determined.
- 35 (2) In the case of a policy providing an amount of insurance 36 varying with duration of the policy, the equivalent level amount for 37 the purpose of this section shall be deemed to be the level amount of

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insurance provided by an otherwise similar policy, containing the same endowment benefit or benefits, if any, issued at the same age and for the same term, the amount of which does not vary with duration and the benefits under which have the same present value at the inception of the insurance as the benefits under the policy.

- (3)(a) The adjusted premiums for any policy providing term insurance benefits by rider or supplemental policy provision shall be equal to (i) the adjusted premiums for an otherwise similar policy issued at the same age without such term insurance benefits, increased, during the period for which premiums for such term insurance benefits are payable, by (ii) the adjusted premiums for such term insurance.
- (b)(a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection are calculated separately and as specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section except that, for the purposes of subsection (1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section, the amount of insurance or equivalent uniform amount of insurance used in the calculation of the adjusted premiums referred to in subsection (1)(b) of this section shall be equal to the excess of the corresponding amount determined for the entire policy over the amount used in the calculation of the adjusted premiums in (a)(i) of this subsection.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in sections 28 and 29 of this act, all adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this chapter for all policies of ordinary insurance must be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1941 standard ordinary mortality table. However, for any category of ordinary insurance issued on female risks on or after July 1, 1957, adjusted premiums and present values may be calculated according to any age not more than three years younger than the actual age of the insured and such calculations for all policies of industrial insurance shall be made on the basis of the 1941 standard industrial mortality table. All calculations shall be made on the basis of the rate of interest, not exceeding three and one-half percent per annum, specified in the policy for calculating cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits. However, in calculating the present value of any paid-up term insurance with accompanying pure endowment, if any, offered as a nonforfeiture benefit, the rates of mortality assumed may be not more than one hundred thirty percent of the rates of mortality according to the applicable table. insurance issued on a substandard basis, the calculation of any

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adjusted premiums and present values may be based on such other table of mortality as may be specified by the company and approved by the commissioner.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. CALCULATION OF ADJUSTED PREMIUMS -- ORDINARY This section does not apply to ordinary policies issued on or after the operative date of section 30 of this act. In the case of ordinary policies issued on or after the operative date of this section, all adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this chapter shall be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1958 standard ordinary mortality table and the rate of interest specified in policy for calculating cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed three and one-half percent per annum except that a rate of interest not exceeding four percent per annum may be used for policies issued on or after July 16, 1973, and prior to September 1, 1979, and a rate of interest not exceeding five and one-half percent per annum may be used; for policies issued on or after September 1, 1979, except that for any single premium whole life or endowment insurance policy, a rate of interest not exceeding six and one-half percent per annum may be used; and for any category of ordinary insurance issued on female risks, adjusted premiums and present values may be calculated according to an age not more than six years younger than the actual age of the insured. However, in calculating the present value of any paid-up term insurance with accompanying pure endowment, if any, offered as a nonforfeiture benefit, the rates of mortality assumed may be not more than those shown in the commissioners 1958 extended term insurance table. For insurance issued on a substandard basis, the calculation of any adjusted premiums and present values may be based on such other table of mortality as may be specified by the company and approved by the commissioner.

After June 11, 1959, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election to comply with the provisions of this section after a specified date before January 1, 1966. After the filing of such notice, upon the specified date (which shall be the operative date of this section for that company), this section shall become operative with respect to the ordinary policies thereafter

issued by the company. If a company makes no election, the operative date of this section for the company shall be January 1, 1966.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. CALCULATION OF ADJUSTED PREMIUMS --This section does not apply to industrial INDUSTRIAL POLICIES. policies issued on or after the operative date of section 30 of this In the case of industrial policies issued on or after the operative date of this section, all adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this chapter shall be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1961 standard industrial mortality table and the rate of interest specified in the policy for calculating cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed three and one-half percent per annum, except that a rate of interest not exceeding four percent per annum may be used for policies issued on or after July 16, 1973, and prior to September 1, 1979, and a rate of interest not exceeding five and onehalf percent per annum may be used for policies issued on or after September 1, 1979, except that for any single premium whole life or endowment insurance policy a rate of interest not exceeding six and one-half percent per annum may be used. However, in calculating the present value of any paid-up term insurance with accompanying pure endowment, if any, offered as a nonforfeiture benefit, the rates of mortality assumed may be not more than those shown in the commissioners 1961 industrial extended term insurance table. For insurance issued on a substandard basis, the calculations of any such adjusted premiums and present values may be based on such other table of mortality as may be specified by the company and approved by the commissioner.

After July 10, 1982, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election to comply with the provisions of this section after a specified date before January 1, 1968. After the filing of such notice, upon the specified date (which shall be the operative date of this section for that company), this section shall become operative with respect to the industrial policies thereafter issued by the company. If a company makes no election, the operative date of this section for the company shall be January 1, 1968.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. CALCULATIONS OF ADJUSTED PREMIUMS BY THE NONFORFEITURE NET LEVEL PREMIUM METHOD. (1) This section applies to

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- all policies issued on or after the operative date of this section.
- 2 Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, the adjusted
- 3 premiums for any policy shall be calculated on an annual basis and
- 4 shall be such uniform percentage of the respective premiums specified
- 5 in the policy for each policy year, excluding amounts payable as extra
- 6 premiums to cover impairments or special hazards and also excluding any
- 7 uniform annual contract charge or policy fee specified in the policy in
- 8 a statement of the method to be used in calculating the cash surrender
- 9 values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits, that the present value, at
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- (a) The then present value of the future guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy;
- (b) One percent of either the amount of insurance, if the insurance be uniform in amount, or the average amount of insurance at the beginning of each of the first ten policy years; and
- (c) One hundred twenty-five percent of the nonforfeiture net level premium as defined. However, in applying the percentage specified in this subsection (1)(c) no nonforfeiture net level premium shall be deemed to exceed four percent of either the amount of insurance, if the insurance be uniform in amount, or the average amount of insurance at the beginning of each of the first ten policy years. The date of issue of a policy for the purpose of this section shall be the date as of which the rated age of the insured is determined.
- (2) The nonforfeiture net level premium shall be equal to the present value, at the date of issue of the policy, of the guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy divided by the present value, at the date of issue of the policy, of an annuity of one per annum payable on the date of issue of the policy and on each anniversary of the policy on which a premium falls due.
- (3) In the case of policies which cause, on a basis guaranteed in the policy, unscheduled changes in benefits or premiums; or which provide an option for changes in benefits or premiums, other than a change to a new policy; the adjusted premiums and present values shall initially be calculated on the assumption that future benefits and premiums do not change from those stipulated at the date of issue of the policy. At the time of any change in the benefits or premiums, the future adjusted premiums, nonforfeiture net level premiums, and present

values shall be recalculated on the assumption that future benefits and premiums do not change from those stipulated by the policy immediately after the change.

- (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this section, the recalculated future adjusted premiums for any policy shall be uniform percentage of the respective future premiums specified in the policy for each policy year, excluding amounts payable as extra premiums to cover impairments and special hazards, and also excluding any uniform annual contract charge or policy fee specified in the policy in a statement of the method to be used in calculating the cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits, that the present value, at the time of change to the newly defined benefits or premiums, of all such future adjusted premiums shall be equal to the excess of (a) the sum of (i) the then present value of the then future guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy, and (ii) the additional expense allowance, if any, over (b) the then cash surrender value, if any, or present value of any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit under this policy.
- (5) The additional expense allowance, at the time of the change to the newly defined benefits or premiums, shall be the sum of:
- (a) One percent of the excess, if positive, of the average amount of insurance at the beginning of each of the first ten policy years subsequent to the change over the average amount of insurance prior to the change at the beginning of each of the first ten policy years subsequent to the time of the most recent previous change, or, if there has been no previous change, the date of issue of the policy; and
- (b) One hundred twenty-five percent of the increase, if positive, in the nonforfeiture net level premium.
- (6) The recalculated nonforfeiture net level premium shall be equal to the result obtained by dividing (a) by (b) of this subsection (6) where:
- (a) Equals the sum of (i) the nonforfeiture net level premium applicable prior to the change times the present value of an annuity of one per annum payable on each anniversary of the policy on or subsequent to the date of the change on which a premium would have fallen due had the change not occurred, and (ii) the present value of the increase in future guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy; and

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(b) Equals the present value of an annuity of one per annum payable on each anniversary of the policy on or subsequent to the date of change on which a premium falls due.

- (7) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, in the case of a policy issued on a substandard basis which provides reduced graded amounts of insurance so that, in each policy year, the policy has the same tabular mortality cost as an otherwise similar policy issued on the standard basis which provides higher uniform amounts of insurance, adjusted premiums and present values for the substandard policy may be calculated as if it were issued to provide higher uniform amounts of insurance on the standard basis.
- (8) All adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this chapter shall for all policies of ordinary insurance be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1980 standard ordinary mortality table; or at the election of the company for any one or more specified plans of life insurance, the commissioners 1980 standard ordinary mortality table with ten-year select mortality factors; shall for all policies of industrial insurance be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1961 standard industrial mortality table; and shall for all policies issued in a particular calendar year be calculated on the basis of a rate of interest not exceeding the nonforfeiture interest rate as defined in this section, for policies issued in that calendar year, subject to the following provisions:
- (a) At the option of the company, calculations for all policies issued in a particular calendar year may be made on the basis of a rate of interest not exceeding the nonforfeiture interest rate, as defined in this section, for policies issued in the immediately preceding calendar year.
- (b) Under any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, including any paid-up dividend additions, any cash surrender value available, whether or not required by section 24 of this act, shall be calculated on the basis of the mortality table and rate of interest used in determining the amount of such paid-up nonforfeiture benefit and paid-up dividend additions, if any.
- (c) A company may calculate the amount of any guaranteed paid-up nonforfeiture benefit including any paid-up additions under the policy on the basis of an interest rate no lower than that specified in the policy for calculating cash surrender values.

(d) In calculating the present value of any paid-up term insurance with accompanying pure endowment, if any, offered as a nonforfeiture benefit, the rates of mortality assumed may be not more than those shown in the commissioners 1980 extended term insurance table for policies of ordinary insurance and not more than the commissioners 1961 industrial extended term insurance table for policies of industrial insurance.

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- (e) For insurance issued on a substandard basis, the calculation of any adjusted premiums and present values may be based on appropriate modifications of the aforementioned tables.
- (f) For policies issued prior to the operative date of the valuation manual, any commissioners standard ordinary mortality tables, adopted after 1980 by the national association of insurance commissioners, that are approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard may be substituted for the commissioners 1980 standard ordinary mortality table with or without ten-year select mortality factors or for the commissioners 1980 extended term insurance table.

For policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual the valuation manual shall provide the commissioners standard mortality table for use in determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard that may be substituted for the commissioners 1980 standard ordinary mortality table with or without ten-year select mortality factors or for the commissioners 1980 extended term insurance table. If the commissioner approves by rule any commissioners standard ordinary mortality table adopted by the national association of insurance commissioners for use in determining the nonforfeiture standard for policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual then that minimum nonforfeiture standard supersedes the minimum nonforfeiture standard provided by the valuation manual.

(g) For policies issued prior to the operative date of the valuation manual, any commissioners standard industrial mortality tables, adopted after 1980 by the national association of insurance commissioners, that are approved by rule adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard may be substituted for the commissioners 1961 standard industrial mortality

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table or the commissioners 1961 industrial extended term insurance
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For policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual, the valuation manual shall provide the commissioners standard mortality table for use in determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard that may be substituted for the commissioners 1961 standard industrial mortality table or the commissioners 1961 industrial extended term insurance table. If the commissioner approves by rule any commissioners standard industrial mortality table adopted by the national association of insurance commissioners for use in determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard for policies issued on or after the operative date of the valuation manual then that minimum nonforfeiture standard supersedes the minimum nonforfeiture standard provided by the valuation manual.

- (9) The nonforfeiture interest rate is defined as follows:
- (a) For policies issued prior to the operative date of the valuation manual, the nonforfeiture interest rate per annum for any policy issued in a particular calendar year shall be equal to one hundred twenty-five percent of the calendar year statutory valuation interest rate for such policy as defined in the standard valuation law, rounded to the nearer one-quarter of one percent. However, the nonforfeiture interest rate shall not be less than four percent; and
- (b) For policies issued on and after the operative date of the valuation manual, the nonforfeiture interest rate per annum for any policy issued in a particular calendar year shall be provided by the valuation manual.
- (10) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter to the contrary, any refiling of nonforfeiture values or their methods of computation for any previously approved policy form which involves only a change in the interest rate or mortality table used to compute nonforfeiture values shall not require refiling of any other provisions of that policy form.
- (11) After July 10, 1982, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election to comply with the provision of this section after a specified date before January 1, 1989, which shall be the operative date of this section for the company. If a company makes no election, the operative date of this section for the company shall be January 1, 1989.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 31. NONFORFEITURE BENEFITS FOR INDETERMINATE PREMIUM PLANS. In the case of any plan of life insurance which provides for future premium determination, the amounts of which are to be determined by the insurance company based on estimates of future experience, or in the case of any plan of life insurance which is of such a nature that minimum values cannot be determined by the methods described in sections 24 through 30 of this act, then:

- (1) The commissioner must be satisfied that the benefits provided under the plan are substantially as favorable to policyholders and insureds as the minimum benefits otherwise required by sections 24 through 30 of this act;
- (2) The commissioner must be satisfied that the benefits and the pattern of premiums of that plan are not such as to mislead prospective policyholders or insureds;
- (3) The cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits provided by such plan must not be less than the minimum values and benefits required for the plan computed by a method consistent with the principles of this standard nonforfeiture law for life insurance, as determined by rules adopted by the commissioner.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. PRORATION OF VALUES; NET VALUE OF PAID-UP ADDITIONS. Any cash surrender value and any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, available under the policy in the event of default in a premium payment due at any time other than on the policy anniversary, shall be calculated with allowance for the lapse of time and the payment of fractional premiums beyond the last preceding policy anniversary. All values referred to in sections 25 through 30 of this act may be calculated upon the assumption that any death benefit is payable at the end of the policy year of death. The net value of any paid-up additions, other than paid-up term additions, shall not be less than the amounts used to provide such additions. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 25 of this act, additional benefits payable:
- (1) In the event of death or dismemberment by accident or accidental means;
 - (2) In the event of total and permanent disability;
- 35 (3) As reversionary annuity or deferred reversionary annuity 36 benefits;

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(4) As term insurance benefits provided by a rider or supplemental policy provision to which, if issued as a separate policy, this chapter would not apply;

- (5) As term insurance in the life on a child or on the lives of children provided in a policy on the life of a parent of the child, if such term insurance expires before the child's age is twenty-six, is uniform in amount after the child's age is one, and has not become paid-up by reason of the death of a parent of the child; and
- (6) As other policy benefits additional to life insurance and endowment benefits, and premiums for all such additional benefits, shall be disregarded in ascertaining cash surrender values and nonforfeiture benefits required by this chapter, and no such additional benefits shall be required to be included in any paid-up nonforfeiture benefits.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 33. CONSISTENCY OF PROGRESSION OF CASH SURRENDER VALUES WITH INCREASING POLICY DURATION. (1) This section, in addition to all other applicable sections of this chapter, shall apply to all policies issued on or after January 1, 1986. Any cash surrender value available under the policy in the event of default in a premium payment due on any policy anniversary shall be in an amount which does not differ by more than two-tenths of one percent of either the amount of insurance, if the insurance be uniform in amount, or the average amount of insurance at the beginning of each of the first ten policy years, from the sum of:
 - (a) The greater of zero and the basic cash value specified; and
- (b) The present value of any existing paid-up additions less the amount of any indebtedness to the company under the policy.
- (2) The basic cash value shall be equal to the present value, on such anniversary, of the future guaranteed benefits which would have been provided for by the policy, excluding any existing paid-up additions and before deduction of any indebtedness to the company, if there had been no default, less the then present value of the nonforfeiture factors, as defined in this chapter, corresponding to premiums which would have fallen due on and after the anniversary. However, the effects on the basic cash value of supplemental life insurance or annuity benefits or of family coverage, as described in section 25 or 27 of this act, whichever is applicable, shall be the

same as the effects specified in section 25 or 27 of this act, whichever is applicable, on the cash surrender values defined in that section.

- (3) The nonforfeiture factor for each policy year shall be an amount equal to a percentage of the adjusted premium for the policy year, as defined in section 27 or 30 of this act, whichever is applicable. Except as is required by this subsection, the percentage:
- (a) Must be the same percentage for each policy year between the second policy anniversary and the later of:
 - (i) The fifth policy anniversary; and

- (ii) The first policy anniversary at which there is available under the policy a cash surrender value in an amount, before including any paid-up additions and before deducting any indebtedness, of at least two-tenths of one percent of either the amount of insurance, if the insurance be uniform in amount, or the average amount of insurance at the beginning of each of the first ten policy years; and
- (b) Must be such that no percentage after the later of the two policy anniversaries specified in (a) of this subsection may apply to fewer than five consecutive policy years. No basic cash value may be less than the value which would be obtained if the adjusted premiums for the policy, as defined in section 30 of this act, were substituted for the nonforfeiture factors in the calculation of the basic cash value.
- (4) All adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this section shall for a particular policy be calculated on the same mortality and interest bases as are used in demonstrating the policy's compliance with the other sections of this chapter. The cash surrender values referred to in this section shall include any endowment benefits provided for by the policy.
- (5)(a) Any cash surrender value available other than in the event of default in a premium payment due on a policy anniversary, and the amount of any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit available under the policy in the event of default in a premium payment shall be determined in manners consistent with the manners specified for determining the analogous minimum amounts in sections 24 through 26, 30, and 32 of this act.
 - (b) The amounts of any cash surrender values and of any paid-up

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- 1 nonforfeiture benefits granted in connection with additional benefits
- 2 such as those listed in section 32 (1) through (6) of this act shall
- 3 conform with the principles of this section.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 34.** EXCEPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to any of the following:
 - (1) Reinsurance;
- 7 (2) Group insurance;

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- (3) Pure endowment;
 - (4) Annuity or reversionary annuity contract;
- (5) A term policy of uniform amount, which provides no guaranteed nonforfeiture or endowment benefits, or renewal thereof, of twenty years or less expiring before age seventy-one, for which uniform premiums are payable during the entire term of the policy;
 - (6) A term policy of decreasing amount, which provides no guaranteed nonforfeiture or endowment benefits, on which each adjusted premium, calculated as specified in sections 27 through 30 of this act, is less than the adjusted premium so calculated, on a term policy of uniform amount, or renewal thereof, which provides no guaranteed nonforfeiture or endowment benefits, issued at the same age and for the same initial amount of insurance and for a term of twenty years or less expiring before age seventy-one, for which uniform premiums are payable during the entire term of the policy;
 - (7) A policy, which provides no guaranteed nonforfeiture or endowment benefits, for which no cash surrender value, if any, or present value of any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, at the beginning of any policy year, calculated as specified in sections 25 through 30 of this act, exceeds two and one-half percent of the amount of insurance at the beginning of the same policy year; and
- 29 (8) A policy which shall be delivered outside this state through an 30 insurance producer or other representative of the company issuing the 31 policy.
- For purposes of determining the applicability of this chapter, the age at expiration for a joint term life insurance policy shall be the age at expiration of the oldest life.
- 35 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 35.** EFFECTIVE DATE. After July 10, 1982, any

- 1 company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election
- 2 to comply with the provisions of this chapter after a specified date
- 3 before January 1, 1948.
- 4 After the filing of such notice, then upon the specified date
- 5 (which shall be the operative date for the company), this chapter shall
- 6 become operative with respect to the policies thereafter issued by such
- 7 company. If a company makes no such election, the operative date of
- 8 this chapter for the company shall be January 1, 1948.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 36.** Sections 1 through 19 of this act take
- 10 effect January 1, 2016.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 37.** Section 19 of this act expires July 1,
- 12 2017.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 38. Section 20 of this act takes effect July 1,
- 14 2017.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 39.** Sections 1 through 18 of this act are each
- 16 added to chapter 48.74 RCW.
- 17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 40. Sections 22 through 35 of this act are each
- 18 added to chapter 48.76 RCW.

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