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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to revising the standards relating to the board of directors of domestic life insurance companies

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1202 of the insurance law, as
2 amended by chapter 802 of the laws of 1985, paragraph 1 as amended by
3 chapter 451 of the laws of 1993, and paragraph 2 as amended by chapter
4 668 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:
5 (b) (1) Subject to item (v) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph five of
6 subsection (a) of section one thousand two hundred one of this article,
7 not less than one-third of the directors of a domestic stock life insur-
8 ance company and not less than one-third of the members of each commit-
9 tee of the board of directors of any domestic life insurance company
10 shall be persons who are not officers or employees of such company or of
11 any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such
12 company and who are not beneficial owners of a controlling interest in
13 the voting stock of such company or any such entity. At least one such
14 person must be included in any quorum for the transaction of business at
15 any meeting of the board of directors or any committee thereof.
16 (2) The board of directors of a domestic life insurance company shall
17 establish one or more committees comprised solely of directors who are
18 not officers or employees of the company or of any entity controlling,
19 controlled by, or under common control with the company and who are not
20 beneficial owners of a controlling interest in the voting stock of the
21 company or any such entity. Such committee or committees shall have
22 responsibility for recommending the selection of independent certified
23 public accountants, reviewing the company's financial condition, the
24 scope and results of the independent audit and any internal audit, nomi-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 nating candidates for director for election by shareholders or policy-
2 holders, evaluating the performance of officers deemed by such committee
3 or committees to be principal officers of the company and recommending
4 to the board of directors the selection and compensation of such princi-
5 pal officers and in the case of a domestic stock life insurance company,
6 recommending to its board of directors any plan to issue options to its
7 officers and employees for the purchase of shares of stock, pursuant to
8 section one thousand two hundred seven of this article.

9 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a DOMESTIC
10 life insurance company [subsidiary] if the [parent company is a domestic
11 insurance company] PERSON CONTROLLING SUCH INSURANCE COMPANY IS AN
12 INSURANCE COMPANY, A MUTUAL INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY OR A PUBLICLY HELD
13 CORPORATION having a board of directors and committees thereof that meet
14 the requirements of paragraphs one and two of this subsection.

15 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.