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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to the establishment of a state insurance advisory board

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

1 Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 201 to
2 read as follows:

3 S 201. STATE INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD. (A) THERE SHALL BE WITHIN THE
4 DEPARTMENT A STATE INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD TO WORK WITH THE SUPERINTEN-
5 DENT IN PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY
6 IN THE STATE. THERE SHALL BE FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD WHO
7 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONSIST
8 OF: NINE REPRESENTATIVES OF DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES; AND FIVE
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT, TO THE EXTENT PRAC-
10 TICABLE, REFLECT A RANGE OF SIZE AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION WITHIN THE
11 STATE. THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF CONSUM-
12 ERS. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL MAKE RULES TO GOVERN THE METHOD BY WHICH
13 INSURERS MAY NOMINATE PERSONS TO THE BOARD AND THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING
14 SUCH MEMBERS, PROVIDED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CONSUMERS SHALL BE
15 SELECTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER OF SUCH ADVISORY
16 BOARD SHALL BE THREE YEARS, OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND VACAN-
17 CIES SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ONLY. THE BOARD SHALL MEET
18 AT LEAST THREE TIMES ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO THE CALL OF THE SUPERINTEN-
19 DENT. THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION
20 NOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL:

21 (1) CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO MAINTAIN AND GROW THE INSURANCE
22 INDUSTRY OF THE STATE, PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON THE DOMESTIC INSURANCE
23 INDUSTRY, INCLUDING BRINGING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ATTENTION ISSUES OF
24 CONCERN TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY;

25 (2) CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE INSURANCE
26 INSTITUTIONS IN OFFERING A DIVERSITY OF AFFORDABLE INSURANCE AND FINAN-
27 CIAL PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

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

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1 (3) RECOMMEND TO THE SUPERINTENDENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH LAWS AS
2 MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY, AND THE AMENDMENT OR REPEAL THEREOF, IN FURTH-
3 ERANCE OF THESE GOALS;

4 (4) RECOMMEND TO THE SUPERINTENDENT THE PROMULGATION OF ANY GUIDANCE
5 AND REGULATIONS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW, AS MAY BE DEEMED NECES-
6 SARY, AND THE AMENDMENT OR REPEAL THEREOF, IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE
7 GOALS; AND

8 (5) REPORT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT, ON ANY PROPOSED REGU-
9 LATIONS, AMENDMENTS THERETO, OR REPEAL THEREOF, PRIOR TO FINAL ACTION
10 THEREON BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

11 (B) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL HAVE NO EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE OR
12 APPOINTIVE POWERS OR DUTIES.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.