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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 SEVENTEEN 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 TWO INSURANCE PRODUCERS AND ONE  
12    REPRESENTATIVE OF CONSUMERS. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL MAKE RULES TO  
13    GOVERN THE METHOD BY WHICH INSURERS MAY NOMINATE PERSONS TO THE BOARD  
14    AND THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING SUCH MEMBERS, PROVIDED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE  
15    OF CONSUMERS SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. THE TERM OF  
16    EACH MEMBER OF SUCH ADVISORY BOARD SHALL BE THREE YEARS, OR UNTIL A  
17    SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE UNEXPIRED  
18    TERM ONLY. THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES ANNUALLY PURSUANT  
19    TO THE CALL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT. THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD  
20    SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION NOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. THE ADVISORY  
21    BOARD SHALL:  
22    (1) CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO MAINTAIN AND GROW THE INSURANCE  
23    INDUSTRY OF THE STATE, PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON THE DOMESTIC INSURANCE  
24    INDUSTRY, INCLUDING BRINGING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ATTENTION ISSUES OF  
25    CONCERN TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY;

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.