House Bill 939

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to
- 2 extensively revise Chapter 41, relating to captive insurance companies; to provide for
- 3 definitions; to provide for sponsored captive insurance companies; to provide for an
- 4 incorporated protected cell; to provide for appointment of a registered agent; to provide for
- 5 minimum capital or surplus; to provide for a dormant captive insurance company, certificate
- 6 of dormancy, capital and surplus, certificate renewal, and exemptions; to provide for
- 7 formation of sponsored captive insurance companies; to provide for conversion of protected
- 8 cells; to provide for Commissioner duties and responsibilities; to provide for related matters;
- 9 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

- 12 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended by
- designating the existing provisions of Chapter 41, relating to captive insurance companies,
- 14 as Article 1.

- 15 SECTION 2.
- 16 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 33-41-2, relating to definitions, as
- 17 follows:
- 18 "33-41-2.
- 19 Terms not defined in this chapter shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in this title.
- As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:
- 21 (1) 'Affiliate' means any person in the same corporate system as a parent, an industrial
- insured, or a member organization by virtue of common ownership, control, operation,
- or management.
- 24 (2) 'Agency captive insurance company' means:

(A) Any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter that is owned or controlled by an insurance agency, brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary, or an affiliate thereof, or under common ownership or control with such agency, brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary, and that only reinsures the risk of insurance or annuity contracts placed by or through such agency, brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary; or

- (B) Any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter that is owned or controlled by a marketer, producer, administrator, issuer, or provider of service contracts or warranties and that only reinsures the contractual liability arising out of such service contracts or warranties sold through such marketer, producer, administrator, issuer, or provider.
- (3) 'Association' means any membership organization whose members consist of a group of individuals, corporations, partnerships, or other entities or associations who engage in similar or related professional, trade, or business activities and who collectively own, control, or hold with power to vote all of the outstanding voting interests of an association captive insurance company or of a person that is the sole shareholder of an association captive insurance company.
- 43 (4) 'Association captive insurance company' means any domestic insurance company 44 granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter to insure or reinsure the similar 45 or related risks of members and affiliates of members of its association.
 - (5) 'Captive insurance company' means any pure captive insurance company, association captive insurance company, agency captive insurance company, industrial insured captive insurance company, sponsored captive insurance company, or risk retention group captive insurance company.
 - (6) 'Controlled unaffiliated business' means:
 - (A) Any person:

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- (i) That is not in the corporate system of a parent and its affiliated companies;
- 53 (ii) That has an existing contractual relationship with a parent or one of its affiliated 54 companies; and
- 55 (iii) Whose risks are managed by a pure captive insurance company in accordance 56 with this chapter and approved by the Commissioner; or
- 57 (B) A reinsurance pooling arrangement with other captive insurance companies that is approved by the Commissioner.
- 59 (7) 'Dormant captive insurance company' means a captive insurance company that:
- 60 (A) Has ceased transacting the business of insurance, including the issuance of insurance policies; and

(B) Has no remaining liabilities associated with insurance business transactions, or insurance policies issued prior to the filing of its application for a certificate of dormancy pursuant to this chapter.

- (7)(8) 'Formation documents' means articles of incorporation, if the captive insurance company or the prospective captive insurance company is a stock insurer, stock corporation, or a mutual insurer, or articles of organization, if the captive insurance company or the prospective captive insurance company is a limited liability company, and any amendments or restatements of the same. For purposes of this term, an incorporated protected cell of a sponsored captive insurance company shall be included in the definition of 'captive insurance company.'
- 72 (9) 'General account' means all assets and liabilities of the sponsored captive insurance 73 company not attributable to a protected cell.
- 74 (10) 'Incorporated protected cell' means a protected cell that is established as a
 75 corporation, or limited liability company, separate from the sponsored captive insurance
 76 company of which it is a part.
- 77 $\frac{(8)(11)}{(8)(11)}$ 'Industrial insured' means an insured:
- (A) Who procures the insurance of any risk or risks through the use of the services of a full-time employee who acts as an insurance manager, risk manager, or insurance buyer or through the services of a person licensed as a property and casualty agent, broker, or counselor in such person's state of domicile;
- 82 (B) Whose aggregate annual premiums for insurance on all risks total at least \$25,000.00; and
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- (i) Has at least 25 full-time employees;
- (ii) Has gross assets in excess of \$3 million; or
- 87 (iii) Has annual gross revenues in excess of \$5 million.
- (9)(12) 'Industrial insured captive insurance company' means any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter to insure or reinsure the risks of industrial insureds and their affiliates and which has as its shareholders or members only industrial insureds that are insured or reinsured by the industrial insured captive insurance company or which has as its sole shareholder or sole member an entity whose only owners are industrial insureds that are insured or reinsured by the industrial insured captive insurance company.
- 95 (10)(13) 'Mutual insurer' means an incorporated insurer without capital stock or shares 96 that is owned and governed by its policyholders.
- 97 (11)(14) 'Parent' means an entity which directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds 98 with power to vote more than 50 percent of the total outstanding voting:

99 (A) Securities of a pure captive insurance company organized as a stock corporation; 100 or 101 (B) Membership interests of a pure captive insurance company organized as a limited 102 liability company. (15) 'Participant' means a person, and any affiliates thereof, that is insured or reinsured 103 104 by a sponsored captive insurance company, where the losses of the participant are limited 105 through a participant contract to such participant's pro rata share of the assets of one or more protected cells identified in such participant contract. 106 107 (16) 'Participant contract' means a contract by which a sponsored captive insurance 108 company insures or reinsures the risks of a participant and limits the losses of each such 109 participant to the protected cell assets or the pro rata share of the assets of one or more 110 protected cells identified in such participant contract. 111 (17) 'Protected cell' means a separate and distinct account established by a sponsored captive insurance company formed or licensed under the provisions of this chapter, in 112 113 which an identified pool of assets are maintained for one or more participants in 114 accordance with the terms of one or more participant contracts to fund the liability of the 115 sponsored captive insurance company assumed on behalf of such participants as set forth 116 in such participant contracts, and shall include an 'incorporated protected cell,' as defined 117 in this chapter. (18) 'Protected cell assets' means all assets, contract rights, and general intangibles 118 119 identified with and attributable to a specific protected cell of a sponsored captive 120 insurance company. 121 (19) 'Protected cell liabilities' means all liabilities and other obligations identified with 122 and attributable to a specific protected cell of a sponsored captive insurance company. 123 (12)(20) 'Pure captive insurance company' means any domestic insurance company 124 granted a certificate of authority under this chapter to insure or reinsure the risks of its parent and affiliates of its parent, and controlled unaffiliated business. 125 (13)(21) 'Risk retention group captive insurance company' is any domestic insurance 126 company which has been granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter and 127 determined by the Commissioner to be established and maintained as a 'risk retention 128 group' as defined under the federal Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986, as amended. 129 130 A risk retention group may be chartered and licensed pursuant to this chapter or pursuant 131 to Chapter 40 of this title. (22) 'Sponsor' means any person that meets the requirements of Code Section 33-41-101 132 and is approved by the Commissioner to provide all or part of the capital and surplus 133 134 required by this chapter and to organize and operate a sponsored captive insurance

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136	(23) 'Sponsored captive insurance company' means any domestic insurance company
137	which has been granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter:
138	(A) In which the minimum capital and surplus required by this chapter are provided
139	by one or more sponsors;
140	(B) That only insures or reinsures the risks of its participants through separate
141	participant contracts; and
142	(C) That funds its liability to each participant through one or more protected cells and
143	segregates the assets of each protected cell from the assets of other protected cells and
144	from the assets of the sponsored captive insurance company's general account.
145	(14)(24) 'Stock insurer' means an incorporated insurer with capital divided into shares
146	and owned by its shareholders.
147	(15)(25) 'Transact,' as used in this chapter, shall not include the organizational activities
148	associated with the preliminary formation, incorporation, petitioning for a certificate of
149	authority, and initial capitalization of a captive insurance company."
150	SECTION 3.
151	Said title is further amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 33-41-3, relating to
152	permissible business and limitations, by revising paragraphs (6) and (7) and adding a new
153	paragraph to read as follows:
154	"(6) A risk retention group captive insurance company may only insure or reinsure the
155	risks of its group members; and
156	(7) An agency captive insurance company may only reinsure:
157	(A) The risk of insurance or annuity contracts placed by or through the agency,
158	brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary by which it is owned
159	or controlled; or
160	(B) The contractual liability arising out of service contracts or warranties sold through
161	a marketer, producer, administrator, issuer, or provider of service contracts or
162	warranties by which it is owned or controlled; and
163	(8) A sponsored captive insurance company may only insure or reinsure the risks of its
164	participants in accordance with separate participant contracts."
165	SECTION 4.
166	Said title is further amended in Code Section 33-41-4, relating to prerequisites to transacting
167	insurance, by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:
168	"(3) Any organization providing the principal administrative or management services to
169	such captive insurance company shall be approved by the Commissioner; and

170 (4) Its board of directors or board of managers holds at least one meeting each year in

- this state; and
- (5) It appoints a registered agent to accept service of process in this state, provided that,
- whenever such registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the
- registered office of the captive insurance company, the Commissioner shall be an agent
- of such captive insurance company upon whom any process, notice, or demand may be
- 176 served."
- SECTION 5.
- 178 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 33-41-5, relating to incorporation, as
- 179 follows:
- 180 "33-41-5.
- (a)(1) A pure captive insurance company or an agency captive insurance company may
- be incorporated as a stock insurer or organized as a manager-managed limited liability
- company.
- 184 (2) An association captive insurance company, an industrial insured captive insurance
- company, a sponsored captive insurance company, or a risk retention group captive
- insurance company may be: incorporated as a stock insurer, incorporated as a mutual
- insurer, or organized as a manager-managed limited liability company.
- 188 (A) Incorporated as a stock insurer;
- (B) Incorporated as a mutual insurer; or
- 190 (C) Organized as a manager-managed limited liability company.
- 191 (3) An incorporated protected cell of a sponsored captive insurance company may form
- as a stock corporation, or as a manager-managed limited liability company separate from
- the sponsored captive insurance company of which it is a part.
- (b)(1) For purposes of this Code section only, an incorporated protected cell of a
- sponsored captive insurance company shall be included in the definition of 'captive
- insurance companies.'
- 197 (2) Captive insurance companies formed as corporations pursuant to this chapter shall
- be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14, other applicable statutes, and the
- applicable provisions of this chapter. Such captive insurance companies are also subject
- 200 to regulations promulgated hereunder, which the Commissioner has the authority to
- establish regarding the formation, organization, operations, merger, and dissolution of
- captive insurance companies formed as corporations. In the event of any conflict
- between statutes or regulations of this state that are applicable to such captive insurance
- companies, the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated hereunder shall
- control.

(2)(3) Captive insurance companies formed as limited liability companies pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 14, other applicable statutes, and the applicable provisions of this chapter. Such captive insurance companies are also subject to regulations promulgated hereunder, which the Commissioner has the authority to establish regarding the formation, organization, operations, merger, and dissolution of captive insurance companies formed as limited liability companies. In the event of any conflict between statutes or regulations of this state that are applicable to such captive insurance companies, the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated hereunder shall control.

- (3)(4) Captive insurance companies shall be exempt from all applicable publishing and probate court certification requirements set forth in Title 14 or this title.
- 217 (4)(5) The provisions of Chapter 14 of this title shall not apply to captive insurance 218 companies except as specifically set forth herein or by the Commissioner through 219 regulation.
 - (c)(1)(A) To form a captive insurance company in this state, formation documents and a fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted to the Commissioner, who shall pay such fee into the state treasury. The Commissioner shall examine the formation documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that the formation documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the formation documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.
 - (B) The articles of incorporation of a captive insurance company must be signed by the incorporator and shall contain the following:
 - (i) The name of the captive insurance company;
 - (ii) The number of shares the captive insurance company is authorized to issue, which must be greater than zero;
 - (iii) The street address and county of the initial registered office and the name of the initial registered agent at that office;
 - (iv) The name and address of each incorporator, of which there must be at least one;
 - (v) The street address of the captive insurance company's principal office;
- 238 (vi) The number of directors, which number shall not be less than three, who shall conduct the affairs of the captive insurance company; and
- (vii) If the company is a protected cell, a reference to the sponsored captive insurance
 company for which it is, or will be, a protected cell;

242 (viii) If the company is a protected cell, a statement that the company is a protected cell incorporated for the limited purposes authorized by the sponsored captive 243 244 insurance company's certificate of authority; and (vii)(ix) Such other provisions not inconsistent with law deemed appropriate by the 245 incorporator. 246 247 (C) The articles of organization of a captive insurance company must be signed by the 248 organizer and must contain the following: 249 (i) The name of the captive insurance company; 250 (ii) The street address and county of the initial registered office and the name of the 251 initial registered agent at that office; (iii) The name and address of each organizer, of which there must be at least one; 252 253 (iv) The street address of the captive insurance company's principal office; 254 (v) The number of managers, which number shall not be less than three, who shall 255 conduct the affairs of the captive insurance company; and 256 (vi) If the company is a protected cell, a reference to the sponsored captive insurance company for which it is, or will be, a protected cell; 257 258 (vii) If the company is a protected cell, a statement that the company is a protected 259 cell organized for the limited purposes authorized by the sponsored captive insurance 260 company's certificate of authority; and (vi)(viii) Such other provisions not inconsistent with law deemed appropriate by the 261 262 organizer. 263 (2) All corporate powers and privileges to captive insurance companies shall be issued 264 and granted by the Secretary of State upon the terms, liabilities, and restrictions of and subject to this title and the laws and Constitution of this state. If for any reason the 265 266 Secretary of State is disqualified or unable to issue or grant said powers, the duties 267 required by this chapter, or regulations promulgated hereunder, to be performed by the Secretary of State shall be performed by the Commissioner. 268 (3) When the certificate of the Commissioner as to his or her approval of the formation 269 270 documents have been received in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall issue to the captive insurance company under the seal of this state a certificate 271 of incorporation or organization. The captive insurance company shall not transact 272 business as an insurer until it has applied for and received from the Commissioner a 273 certificate of authority as provided by this chapter. 274 (d)(1) A captive insurance company may amend its formation documents for any lawful 275 purpose in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14 if it is a corporation 276 277 or Chapter 11 of Title 14 if it is a limited liability company.

(2) The captive insurance company shall submit to the Commissioner any proposed amendment to its formation documents and a fee of \$50.00, which the Commissioner shall transmit into the state treasury.

- (3) The Commissioner shall examine the proposed amendment to its formation documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving amended formation documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.
- 288 (e)(1) A captive insurance company may merge with or into one or more business 289 entities in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14 if it is a corporation or 290 Chapter 11 of Title 14 if it is a limited liability company, but shall submit to the 291 Commissioner all required merger documents set forth therein.
 - (2) The Commissioner shall examine all required merger documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the merger documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.
 - (f)(1) A captive insurance company that was formed as a stock corporation may elect to convert to a manager-managed limited liability company pursuant to Title 14, but shall submit to the Commissioner all required conversion documents set forth therein and a fee of \$100.00, which the Commissioner shall transmit to the state treasury.
 - (2) The Commissioner shall examine the required conversion documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the conversion documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.
- 310 (g)(1) A captive insurance company may dissolve in accordance with the provisions of 311 Chapter 2 of Title 14 if it is a corporation, or Chapter 11 of Title 14 if it is a limited 312 liability company, but shall submit to the Commissioner all required dissolution 313 documents set forth therein.

(2) The Commissioner shall examine the required dissolution documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to dissolve in compliance with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the dissolution and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.

- (h) The effective date of each document set forth in this Code section, including but not
- 322 <u>limited to formation documents, amendments to formation documents, merger documents,</u>
- 323 <u>conversion documents, and dissolution documents shall be:</u>
- 324 (1) The date on which the document is filed with the Commissioner; or
- 325 (2) A date specified by the Commissioner, which shall not precede the date on which the
- document was filed with the Commissioner."

SECTION 6.

- 328 Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) through (c) of Code Section 33-41-8,
- 329 relating to amount of capital or surplus, as follows:
- 330 "(a) The amount of minimum capital or surplus required for each captive insurance
- company shall be determined on an individual basis, however:
- (1) A pure captive insurance company shall maintain at least \$250,000.00 in surplus;
- 333 (2) An association captive insurance company shall maintain at least \$500,000.00 in
- 334 surplus;

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- 335 (3) An agency captive insurance company shall maintain at least \$250,000.00 in surplus;
- 336 (4) An industrial insured captive insurance company shall maintain at least \$500,000.00
- in surplus; and
- (5) A risk retention group shall maintain at least \$500,000.00 in surplus; and
- 339 (6) A sponsored captive insurance company shall maintain at least \$250,000.00 in
- 340 <u>surplus</u>.
- 341 The Commissioner may require additional capital or surplus of any captive insurance
- company in an amount he or she deems appropriate under the circumstances based on the
- captive insurance company's business plan as described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a)
- 344 of Code Section 33-41-10. Additional capital or surplus may be required if the captive
- insurance company's business plan indicates that an increase is required in order for the
- 346 captive insurance company to meet its contractual obligations to its policyholders or to
- maintain its solvency.
- 348 (b) Minimum capital or surplus of up to \$500,000.00 shall be maintained in any of the
- 349 following:

- 350 (1) Cash;
- 351 (2) Certificates of deposit or similar certificates or evidences of deposits in banks or trust
- companies but only to the extent that the certificates or deposits are insured by the
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- 354 (3) Savings accounts, certificates of deposit, or similar certificates or evidences of
- deposit in savings and loan associations and building and loan associations but only to
- 356 the extent that the same are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance
- 357 Corporation; or
- 358 (4) One or more letters of credit, so long as they are in conformance with Promissory
- notes or other obligations of shareholders secured by one or more letters of credit, as
- 360 described in Code Section 33-41-9.
- 361 (c) One hundred thousand dollars of the minimum capital or surplus of an association
- 362 captive insurance company, an industrial insured captive insurance company, or a risk
- retention group captive insurance company must be deposited with the state prior to the
- issuance of a certificate of authority."

SECTION 7.

- 366 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-41-9, relating to
- 367 letters of credit, as follows:
- 368 "(a) Any letter of credit used to meet the requirements set forth in Code Sections 33-41-8,
- 369 33-41-12, and 33-41-14 this chapter shall be:
- 370 (1) Clean, irrevocable, and unconditional;
- 371 (2) Issued by a bank approved by the Commissioner, which is either a bank chartered by
- 372 the State of Georgia or a national bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System;
- 373 (3) Presentable and payable within the State of Georgia; and
- 374 (4) Provided in conformity with any other requirements established by the
- 375 Commissioner."

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376 **SECTION 8.**

- 377 Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) of Code Section 33-41-10,
- 378 relating to application for and issuance of certificate of authority, as follows:
- 379 "(b) In determining whether to approve an application for an original or renewal certificate
- of authority to a captive insurance company, the Commissioner shall examine the
- applicable items submitted to him or her pursuant to subsections (a), (e), and (f) of this
- agents who may include licensed insurance counselors, brokers, agents, or adjusters
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- discussed under Chapter 23 of this title, certified actuarial consultants, certified public

Code section. The Commissioner may rely upon and accept the reports of independent

accountants, risk managers, and examiners of insurance companies in order to facilitate his or her examination of the application for a certificate of authority by a captive insurance company. The expenses and charges of such independent agents shall be paid directly by the captive insurance company."

- "(d) Pursuant to Code Section 33-3-15, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the documents and statements filed by the captive insurance company in its application for a certificate of authority comply with the provisions of this chapter, the Commissioner shall promptly issue a certificate of authority authorizing the captive insurance company to transact insurance in this state until the thirtieth day of June thereafter. The effective date of such certificate of authority shall be:
- (1) The date on which the Commissioner is satisfied that the documents and statements
 filed by the captive insurance company in its application for a certificate of authority
 comply with the provisions of this chapter; or
- (2) A date specified by the Commissioner, which shall not precede the date on which the
 application for a certificate of authority was first filed with the Commissioner."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-41-16, relating to examination by Commissioner or agent and confidentiality, as follows:

- "(c) All portions of license applications reasonably designated confidential by or on behalf of an applicant pure or agency captive insurance company, agency captive insurance company, or sponsored captive insurance company, all information and documents, and any copies of the foregoing, produced or obtained by or submitted or disclosed to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter that are reasonably designated confidential by a pure or captive insurance company, agency captive insurance company, or sponsored captive insurance company and all examination reports, preliminary examination reports, working papers, recorded information, other documents, and any copies of any of the foregoing, produced or obtained by or submitted or disclosed to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter shall be given confidential treatment, except as to disclosures consented to by the pure or captive insurance company, agency captive insurance company, or sponsored captive insurance company, and shall not be subject to subpoena, shall not be made public by the Commissioner, and shall not be provided or disclosed to any other person at any time except to:
 - (1) Insurance commissioners of any state or of any foreign country or jurisdiction, provided that:
- (A) Such receiving party shall agree in writing to maintain the confidentiality of such information; and

421 (B) The laws of the receiving party require such information to be and to remain confidential; or

(2) A law enforcement official or agency of this state, any other state, or the United States of America so long as such official or agency agrees in writing to hold it confidential and in a manner consistent with this Code section."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 33-41-18, relating to investments, as follows:

"(2) Pure captive insurance companies, and agency captive insurance companies, and sponsored captive insurance companies shall not be subject to any restrictions on eligible investments whatever, including those limitations contained in Chapter 11 of this title; provided, however, that the Commissioner may prohibit or limit any investment that threatens the solvency or liquidity of any such captive insurance company."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 33-41-19, relating to rates, underwriting rules, and policy forms and notice on policies, as follows:

"(c) Each captive insurance company shall provide the following notice in ten-point type on the front page and declaration page on all policies and on the front page of all applications for policies:

This captive insurance company is not subject to all of the insurance laws and regulations of the State of Georgia. State insurers insolvency guaranty funds are not available to the policyholders of this captive insurance company."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Sections 33-41-22, 33-41-23, and 33-41-24, relating to taxation, rules and regulations, and inapplicability of inconsistent provisions, respectively, as follows:

447 "33-41-22.

In lieu of any other taxes imposed by this title, all captive insurance companies licensed under this chapter shall pay, other than a sponsored captive insurance company, and each protected cell of a sponsored captive insurance company shall be assessed the following taxes:

(1) A tax at the rate of 0.4 percent on the first \$20 million and 0.3 percent on each dollar thereafter on its direct premiums collected, after deducting from the direct premiums subject to the tax the amounts paid to policyholders as return premiums which must

include dividends on unabsorbed premiums or premium deposits returned or credited to policyholders. However, risk retention group captive insurance companies shall only be subject to such taxes on direct premiums collected for coverages within the State of Georgia;

(2) A tax at the rate of 0.225 percent on the first \$20 million of assumed reinsurance premium, and 0.150 percent on the next \$20 million and 0.050 percent on the next \$20 million, and 0.025 percent of each dollar thereafter. However, no reinsurance tax applies

million, and 0.025 percent of each dollar thereafter. However, no reinsurance tax applies to premiums for risks or portions of risks that are subject to taxation on a direct basis pursuant to this title. No reinsurance premium tax shall be payable in connection with the receipt of assets in exchange for the assumption of loss reserves and other liabilities of another insurer under common ownership and control, provided that the Commissioner

verifies that such transaction is part of a plan to discontinue the operations of such other insurer, and if the intent of the parties to such transaction is to renew or maintain such

business with the captive insurance company;

- (3) The annual maximum aggregate tax calculated pursuant to this Code section to be paid by or on behalf of a captive insurance company, other than a sponsored captive insurance company, or an individual protected cell of a sponsored captive insurance company shall be \$100,000.00. The annual maximum tax to be remitted by a sponsored captive insurance company shall be the aggregate of the tax liabilities of each protected cell calculated pursuant to this Code section If the aggregate taxes to be paid by a captive insurance company calculated under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Code section amount to more than \$100,000.00 in any year, the captive insurance company shall pay a maximum tax of \$100,000.00 for that year;
 - (4)(A) Two or more captive insurance companies under common ownership and control, other than sponsored captive insurance companies, shall be taxed as though they were a single captive insurance company; and
 - (B) Notwithstanding the provisions set forth subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and for purposes of this Code section, in the case of a sponsored captive insurance company, each protected cell of such sponsored captive insurance company shall be treated as a separate captive insurance company owned and controlled by such protected cell's participant, but only if:
 - (i) The participant is the only participant with respect to such protected cell; and
- (ii) The participant is the sponsor or is affiliated with the sponsor of the sponsored captive insurance company through common ownership and control; and
- (5) The tax provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Code section shall be calculated on an annual basis, notwithstanding policies or contracts of insurance or contracts of

reinsurance issued on a multiyear basis. In the case of multiyear policies or contracts, the

- premium shall be prorated for purposes of determining the tax due.
- 493 <u>33-41-23.</u>
- 494 (a) A captive insurance company that meets the definition of a dormant captive insurance
- 495 company set forth in this chapter may apply to the Commissioner for a certificate of
- dormancy on a form or forms as may be prescribed by the Commissioner.
- 497 (b) A dormant captive insurance company that has been issued a certificate of dormancy
- 498 <u>pursuant to this Code section shall:</u>
- 499 (1) Possess and thereafter maintain unimpaired, paid-in-capital and surplus of at least
- 500 \$25,000.00;
- 501 (2) Submit to the Commissioner a report of its financial condition on or before March
- 1 of each year on a form or in a manner as prescribed by the Commissioner;
- 503 (3) Renew such certificate every five years by submitting documentation as prescribed
- by the Commissioner and paying a renewal fee of \$500.00; and
- 505 (4) Be subject to an examination pursuant to Code Section 33-41-16 in the discretion of
- 506 <u>the Commissioner.</u>
- 507 (c) A dormant captive insurance company that has been issued a certificate of dormancy
- 508 pursuant to this Code section shall not:
- (1) Be subject to or liable for the payment of any tax pursuant to Code Section 33-41-22;
- 510 <u>or</u>
- 511 (2) Be required to submit any annual forms, fees, or documents that are otherwise
- required by this chapter, other than those required pursuant to this Code section.
- 513 (d) The Commissioner may, upon written request, declare a captive insurance company
- 514 to be dormant for purposes of this Code section even if such captive insurance company
- 515 <u>retains liabilities associated with policies written or assumed, provided that such captive</u>
- 516 insurance company has otherwise ceased the transaction of insurance business. However,
- 517 <u>in this case, the Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, require such captive insurance</u>
- 518 company to possess and maintain unimpaired, paid-in-capital and surplus and reserves
- greater than that required by this Code section.
- (e) A certificate of dormancy shall be revoked if a captive insurance company no longer
- meets the definition of a dormant captive insurance company or fails to meet the
- 522 requirements as set forth in this Code section.
- 523 (f) A dormant captive insurance company shall apply to the Commissioner for approval
- and shall be granted such approval to surrender its certificate of dormancy and resume
- 525 conducting the business of insurance prior to issuing any insurance policies and shall pay
- an application fee as prescribed by the Commissioner.

527 (g) Any provisions of this title which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Code section shall not apply to dormant captive insurance companies. 528 529 33-41-24. 530 The Commissioner may adopt rules establishing standards to ensure that a pure captive 531 insurance company's parent or any of its affiliated companies is able to exercise control of 532 the risk management function of any controlled unaffiliated business to be insured by the pure captive insurance company; provided, however, that, until such time as rules under 533 534 this Code section are adopted, the Commissioner may approve or deny the coverage of 535 such risks by a pure captive insurance company on a case by case basis. 536 33-41-23 <u>33-41-25</u>. 537 The Commissioner may establish such rules and regulations and issue such interpretive 538 rulings as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. 539 33-41-24 <u>33-41-26</u>. 540 Any provisions of this title which are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter shall 541 not apply to captive insurance companies; provided, however, that pure and agency captive 542 insurance companies shall not be subject to the requirements of Chapter 13 of this title." 543 **SECTION 13.** 544 Said title is further amended in Chapter 41 by enacting a new article to read as follows: 545 "ARTICLE 2 546 33-41-100. In addition to the general provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, the provisions of this 547 548 article shall apply to sponsored captive insurance companies. 549 <u>33-41-101.</u> 550 (a) One or more sponsors may form a sponsored captive insurance company pursuant to 551 this chapter. 552 (b) A sponsor of a sponsored captive insurance company may be any person approved by the Commissioner in the exercise of his or her discretion, based on a determination that the 553 554 approval of such person as a sponsor is consistent with the purposes of this chapter. In 555 evaluating the qualifications of a proposed sponsor, the Commissioner shall consider the 556 type and structure of the proposed sponsor entity, its experience in financial operations,

557 <u>financial stability and strength, business reputation, and such other facts deemed relevant</u>

- by the Commissioner. A risk retention group shall not be a sponsor of a sponsored captive
- insurance company.
- 560 <u>33-41-102.</u>
- 561 (a) Associations, corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, trusts, risk
- 562 retention groups, and other business entities may be participants in any sponsored captive
- insurance company formed or licensed under this chapter.
- (b) A sponsor may be a participant in a sponsored captive insurance company.
- 565 (c) A participant need not be an owner or shareholder of the sponsored captive insurance
- 566 <u>company or any affiliate thereof.</u>
- (d) A participant shall not insure any risks other than its own and the risks of its affiliates
- or of its controlled unaffiliated entities.
- 569 <u>33-41-103.</u>
- 570 (a) A sponsored captive insurance company may establish one or more protected cells if
- 571 the Commissioner has approved in writing a business plan submitted by the sponsored
- 572 <u>captive insurance company with respect to each protected cell.</u>
- 573 (b) In addition to the information required by Code Section 33-41-10, each applicant
- 574 <u>sponsored captive insurance company shall file with the Commissioner the following:</u>
- 575 (1) Materials demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Commissioner how the applicant
- will account for the loss and expense experience of each protected cell and how it will
- 577 <u>report such experience to the Commissioner;</u>
- 578 (2) A statement acknowledging that all financial records of the sponsored captive
- insurance company, including records pertaining to any protected cells, shall be made
- available for inspection or examination by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's
- designated representative;
- (3) All contracts or sample contracts between the sponsored captive insurance company
- and any participants;
- 584 (4) Evidence that expenses shall be allocated to each protected cell in a fair and equitable
- 585 <u>manner</u>;
- 586 (5) A discussion of the specific business objectives of each protected cell; and
- 587 (6) The investment guidelines of each protected cell.

- 588 <u>33-41-104.</u>
- (a) A sponsored captive insurance company formed or licensed under this chapter may
- 590 establish and maintain one or more protected cells to insure risks of one or more
- 591 participants subject to the provisions, terms, and conditions set forth in this chapter.
- 592 (b) A protected cell of a sponsored captive insurance company may be formed as an
- incorporated protected cell, as defined in Code Section 33-41-2, or as an unincorporated
- 594 protected cell.
- 595 (c) The creation of a protected cell pursuant to this chapter does not create, with respect
- 596 to such protected cell, a legal person separate from the sponsored captive insurance
- 597 company unless such protected cell is an incorporated protected cell.
- 598 (d) An incorporated protected cell shall have its own distinct name or designation, which
- shall include the words 'Incorporated Cell' or the abbreviation 'IC.' Incorporated protected
- 600 cells shall not use any name which is either similar, misleading, or confusing with respect
- 601 to any other name already in use by any other entity doing business in this state. The
- 602 Commissioner shall not approve the formation documents of an incorporated protected cell
- attempting to use such a name, nor shall the Commissioner approve an application for a
- 604 <u>certificate of authority from the sponsored captive insurance company of which it is a</u>
- 605 protected cell.
- 606 (e) Unless otherwise permitted by the organizational documents of a sponsored captive
- insurance company, each incorporated protected cell of the sponsored captive insurance
- 608 company shall have the same directors or managers, secretary, and registered office as the
- 609 <u>sponsored captive insurance company.</u>
- 610 (f) Subject to the prior written approval of the sponsored captive insurance company and
- of the Commissioner, an incorporated protected cell shall be entitled to enter into contracts
- and undertake obligations in its own name and for its own account. In the case of a
- 613 contract or obligation to which the sponsored captive insurance company is not a party,
- either in its own name and for its own account or on behalf of a protected cell, the
- 615 counterparty to the contract or obligation shall have no right or recourse against the
- sponsored captive insurance company and its assets other than against assets properly
- attributable to the incorporated protected cell that is a party to the contract or obligation.
- 618 (g) It is the intent of the General Assembly pursuant to this Code section to provide
- sponsored captive insurance companies with the option to establish one or more protected
- 620 cells as a separate corporation, or limited liability company. This Code section shall not
- be construed to limit any rights or protections applicable to protected cells not established
- as corporations, or limited liability companies.

- 623 <u>33-41-105.</u>
- 624 (a) The owners or shareholders of a sponsored captive insurance company shall be limited
- 625 to its participants and sponsors, provided that a sponsored captive insurance company may
- 626 <u>issue nonvoting securities to other persons on terms approved by the commissioner.</u>
- 627 (b) Upon receiving a certificate of authority to transact the business of insurance in this
- 628 state, a sponsored captive insurance company shall transfer all assets attributable to a
- 629 protected cell to one or more separately established and identified protected cell accounts
- bearing the name or designation of such protected cell. Protected cell assets shall be held
- in the protected cell accounts for the purpose of satisfying the obligations of such protected
- 632 <u>cell.</u>
- 633 (c) When establishing a protected cell, the sponsored captive insurance company shall
- 634 <u>attribute to the protected cell assets with a value at least equal to the reserves and other</u>
- 635 <u>insurance liabilities attributed to such protected cell.</u>
- 636 (d) Amounts attributed to a protected cell under this chapter, including assets transferred
- 637 to a protected cell account, are owned by the protected cell. No sponsored captive
- 638 insurance company shall be, or hold itself out to be, a trustee with respect to those
- protected cell assets of such protected cell account. Notwithstanding this subsection, the
- sponsored captive insurance company may allow for a security interest to attach to
- protected cell assets or a protected cell account when in favor of a creditor of the protected
- 642 <u>cell and otherwise allowed under applicable law.</u>
- (e) Each protected cell shall be accounted for separately on the books and records of the
- sponsored captive insurance company to reflect each protected cell's financial condition
- and results of operations, net income or loss, dividends or other distributions to
- participants, and such other factors regarding each protected cell as may be provided in the
- applicable participant contract or required by the Commissioner.
- 648 (f) The assets of a protected cell shall not be chargeable with liabilities of any other
- protected cell or, unless otherwise agreed in the applicable participant contract, of the
- sponsored captive insurance company generally.
- 651 (g) No sale, exchange, transfer of assets, dividend, or distribution may be made with
- respect to a protected cell by such sponsored captive insurance company without the
- 653 consent of the participants of each affected protected cell.
- 654 (h) No sale, exchange, transfer of assets, dividend, or distribution (other than a transaction
- in accordance with the applicable participant contract) shall be made from a protected cell
- 656 to a sponsored captive insurance company or participant without the Commissioner's
- approval. In no event shall such approval be given if the sale, exchange, transfer, dividend,
- or distribution would result in the insolvency or impairment of a protected cell.

(i) All attributions of assets and liabilities to the protected cells and the general account shall be in accordance with the plan of operation and applicable participant contracts approved by the Commissioner. No other attribution of assets or liabilities shall be made by a sponsored captive insurance company between its general account and any protected cells or between any protected cells. Any attribution of assets and liabilities between a sponsored captive insurance company's general account and its protected cells shall be in cash or in readily marketable securities with established market value.

- (j)(1) A sponsored captive insurance company shall establish administrative and accounting procedures necessary to properly identify the one or more protected cells of the sponsored captive insurance company and the protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities attributable to the protected cells. The directors of a sponsored captive insurance company shall keep protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities:
- (A) Separate and separately identifiable from the assets and liabilities of the sponsored
 captive insurance company's general account; and
- 673 (B) Attributable to one protected cell separate and separately identifiable from protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities attributable to other protected cells.
- (2) If paragraph (1) of this subsection is violated, then the remedy of tracing is applicable
 to protected cell assets when commingled with protected cell assets of other protected
 cells or the assets of the sponsored captive insurance company's general account. The
 remedy of tracing shall not be construed as an exclusive remedy.
 - (k) The sponsored captive insurance company shall attribute all insurance obligations, assets, and liabilities relating to a reinsurance contract entered into with respect to a protected cell to such protected cell. The performance under such reinsurance contract and any tax benefits, losses, refunds, or credits allocated pursuant to a tax allocation agreement to which the sponsored captive insurance company is a party, including any payments made by or due to be made to the sponsored captive insurance company pursuant to the terms of such agreement, shall reflect the insurance obligations, assets, and liabilities relating to the reinsurance contract that are attributed to such protected cell.
- (1) This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the sponsored captive insurance company from contracting with or arranging for an investment advisor, commodity trading advisor, or other third party to manage the protected cell assets of a protected cell, if all remuneration, expenses, and other compensation of the third party advisor or manager are payable from the protected cell assets of such protected cell and not from the protected cell assets of other protected cells or the assets of the sponsored captive insurance company's general account.
- (m) Each sponsored captive insurance company shall annually file with the Commissioner
 such financial reports as he or she shall require. Any such financial report shall include,

696 without limitation, accounting statements detailing the financial experience of each

- 697 protected cell.
- 698 (n) Each sponsored captive insurance company shall notify the Commissioner in writing
- 699 within ten business days of any protected cell becoming insolvent or otherwise unable to
- 700 meet its claim or expense obligations.
- 701 (o) No participant contract shall take effect without the Commissioner's prior written
- 702 <u>approval.</u> The addition of each new protected cell, the withdrawal of any current
- participant, or the termination of any existing protected cell shall constitute a change in the
- business plan of the sponsored captive insurance company and shall require the
- 705 <u>Commissioner's prior written approval.</u>
- 706 (p) If required by the Commissioner, in his or her discretion, the business written by a
- sponsored captive insurance company, with respect to each protected cell, shall be:
- 708 (1) Fronted by an insurance company licensed pursuant to the laws of any state;
- 709 (2) Reinsured by a reinsurer authorized or approved by the Commissioner; or
- 710 (3) Secured by a trust fund in the United States for the benefit of policyholders and
- 711 <u>claimants or funded by an irrevocable letter of credit or other arrangement that is</u>
- 712 <u>acceptable to the Commissioner. The amount of security provided shall be no less than</u>
- the reserves associated with those liabilities which are neither fronted nor reinsured,
- 714 <u>including reserves for losses, allocated loss adjustment expenses, incurred but not</u>
- 715 reported losses, and unearned premiums for business written through such protected cell.
- 716 The Commissioner may require the sponsored captive insurance company to increase the
- funding of any security arrangement established under this chapter. If the form of
- 518 security is a letter of credit, the letter of credit must be in conformance with Code Section
- 719 <u>33-41-9 and approved by the Commissioner.</u> A trust maintained pursuant to this
- subsection shall be established in a form and upon such terms as are approved by the
- 721 <u>Commissioner.</u>
- 722 <u>33-41-106.</u>
- Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the assets of two or more protected
- 724 <u>cells may be combined for purposes of investment, and such combination shall not be</u>
- 725 construed as defeating the segregation of such assets for accounting or other purposes.
- 726 <u>33-41-107.</u>
- 727 (a) Subject to the prior written approval of the Commissioner, upon application of the
- sponsor and with the prior written consent of each participant of the affected protected cells
- or the written consent of each affected incorporated protected cell, a sponsored captive

730 <u>insurance company may convert one or more protected cells or incorporated protected cells</u>

- 731 <u>into a:</u>
- 732 (1) Single protected cell or incorporated protected cell;
- 733 (2) New sponsored captive insurance company;
- 734 (3) New pure captive insurance company;
- 735 (4) New risk retention group;
- 736 (5) New industrial insured captive insurance company; or
- 737 (6) New association captive insurance company.
- 738 (b) A sponsored captive insurance company applying for such conversion shall submit all
- forms or documentation as may be prescribed by the Commissioner, including but not
- 740 <u>limited to a business plan or a business plan amendment in accordance with all applicable</u>
- 741 provisions of this chapter and applicable formation documents. Such conversion shall not
- 742 <u>affect any protected cell's or incorporated protected cell's assets, rights, benefits,</u>
- 743 <u>obligations, and liabilities.</u>
- 744 (c) Any such conversion shall be deemed for all purposes to be a continuation of each such
- 745 protected cell's or incorporated protected cell's existence together with all of its assets,
- 746 <u>rights, benefits, obligations, and liabilities, as a new protected cell or incorporated</u>
- 747 <u>protected cell, a licensed sponsored captive insurance company, a pure captive insurance</u>
- company, a risk retention group, an industrial insured captive insurance company, or an
- association captive insurance company, as applicable. Any such conversion shall be
- deemed to occur without any transfer or assignment of any such assets, rights, benefits,
- obligations, or liabilities and without the creation of any reversionary interest in, or
- 752 <u>impairment of, any such assets, rights, benefits, obligations, and liabilities.</u>
- 753 (d) Any such conversion shall not be construed to limit any rights or protections applicable
- to any converted protected cell or incorporated protected cell or the sponsored captive
- 755 <u>insurance company of which it was apart, as applicable, that existed immediately prior to</u>
- 756 the date of any such conversion.
- 757 <u>33-41-108.</u>
- 758 (a) Subject to the prior written approval of the Commissioner, upon application of the
- sponsor and with the prior written consent of each participant of the affected protected cells
- or the written consent of the affected incorporated protected cell, a sponsored captive
- insurance company may sell, transfer, assign, and otherwise convey a protected cell or
- incorporated protected cell together with all of the protected cell's assets, rights, benefits,
- obligations, and liabilities to a new or existing sponsored captive insurance company,
- pursuant to a plan approved by the Commissioner.

765 (b) Any such sale, transfer, assignment, or conveyance shall be deemed for all purposes

- to be a continuation of the protected cell's existence together with all of its assets, rights,
- benefits, obligations, and liabilities, as a protected cell of the transferee.
- 768 (c) Any such sale, transfer, assignment, or conveyance shall not be construed to limit any
- 769 rights or protections applicable to the transferred protected cell or incorporated protected
- cell and the transferor sponsored captive insurance company that existed immediately prior
- to any such sale, transfer, assignment, or conveyance.
- 772 <u>33-41-109.</u>
- (a) In connection with the conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of captive insurance
- 774 companies set forth in Code Section 33-41-21, including sponsored captive insurance
- 775 companies, the assets and liabilities of a protected cell shall, to the extent the
- 776 Commissioner determines they are separable, at all times be kept separate from, and shall
- not be commingled with, those of other protected cells and the sponsored captive insurance
- 778 company.
- (b) The assets of a protected cell may not be used to pay any expenses or claims other than
- 780 those attributable to such protected cell.
- 781 (c) A sponsored captive insurance company's capital and surplus shall at all times be
- available to pay any expenses of or claims against the sponsored captive insurance
- 783 company.
- 784 (d) Unless the sponsor consents and the Commissioner has granted prior written approval,
- the assets of the sponsored captive insurance company's general account shall not be used
- to pay any expenses or claims attributable solely to a protected cell or protected cells of the
- 587 sponsored captive insurance company. In the event that the assets of the sponsored captive
- insurance company's general account are used to pay expenses or claims attributable solely
- to a protected cell or protected cells of the sponsored captive insurance company, the
- 590 sponsor is not required to contribute additional capital and surplus to the sponsored captive
- 791 <u>insurance company's general account, notwithstanding the provisions this chapter.</u>
- 792 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this title, in the event of an insolvency of a
- sponsored captive insurance company where the Commissioner determines that one or
- more protected cells remain solvent, the Commissioner may separate such cells from the
- sponsored captive insurance company and may allow, on application of the sponsored
- captive insurance company pursuant to Code Section 33-41-107, for the conversion of such
- 797 protected cells into one or more new or existing sponsored captive insurance companies
- 798 or one or more other captive insurance companies."

799 **SECTION 14.**

800 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.