

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0060

Trust company amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to trust companies; providing procedures  
2 for the judicial dissolution or rehabilitation of a trust  
3 company; providing for the appointment of the banking  
4 commissioner as a receiver of an insolvent or unsafe trust  
5 company as specified; requiring trust companies to post  
6 sureties with the commissioner as specified; providing for  
7 the voluntary dissolution or reorganization of a trust  
8 company; providing procedures for the organization of trust  
9 companies as limited liability companies; providing for  
10 fees; creating a trust company resolution account;  
11 providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an  
12 effective date.

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14 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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1           **Section 1.** W.S. 13-5-114 through 13-5-118 are created  
2 to read:

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4           **13-5-114. Order declaring trust company properly**  
5 **wound up and dissolved.**

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7           (a) Upon the completion of the liquidation of a trust  
8 company pursuant to W.S. 13-5-113, the commissioner shall  
9 petition the court for an order declaring the trust company  
10 properly wound up and dissolved.

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12           (b) After notice and hearing, as ordered by the  
13 court, if any, the court shall enter an order declaring the  
14 trust company wound up and dissolved. The order shall, to  
15 the extent applicable, declare the following:

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17                   (i) The trust company has been properly wound  
18 up;

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20                   (ii) All known assets of the trust company have  
21 been distributed pursuant to W.S. 13-5-113;

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23                   (iii) The trust company is dissolved;

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2 (iv) If there are known debts or liabilities,  
3 describe the provision made for their payment, setting  
4 forth all information necessary to enable the creditor or  
5 other person to whom payment is to be made to appear and  
6 claim payment of the debt or liability.

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8 (c) The order shall confirm a plan by the  
9 commissioner for the disposition or maintenance of any  
10 remaining real or personal property or other trust company  
11 assets. The plan shall include written notice to all known  
12 owners or beneficiaries of the assets, to be sent by first  
13 class mail to each individual's address as shown on the  
14 records of the trust company.

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16 (d) The court may enter additional orders and grant  
17 further relief as it determines appropriate upon the  
18 evidence submitted.

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20 (e) Upon the issuance of the order declaring the  
21 trust company dissolved, the existence of the trust company  
22 as either a corporation or a limited liability company  
23 shall cease, except for purposes of any necessary

1 additional winding up. The commissioner shall promptly file  
2 a copy of the order, certified by the clerk of the court,  
3 with the secretary of state.

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5 **13-5-115. Surety bond; pledged investments;**  
6 **investment income; bond or pledge increases; hearings.**

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8 (a) Any trust company chartered under this chapter,  
9 shall, before transacting any business, pledge or furnish a  
10 surety bond to the commissioner to cover costs likely to be  
11 incurred by the commissioner in a receivership or  
12 liquidation of the trust company should it become unsafe or  
13 unsound pursuant to W.S. 13-5-113. The amount of the  
14 pledge or the surety bond shall be determined by the  
15 commissioner in an amount sufficient to defray the costs of  
16 a receivership or liquidation, but shall have a market  
17 value of not less than one hundred thousand dollars  
18 (\$100,000.00). In lieu of a bond, the trust company may  
19 irrevocably pledge its capital account to the commissioner.  
20 Any investments pledged to the commissioner shall be held  
21 in a state or nationally chartered bank or savings and loan  
22 association having a principal or branch office in this  
23 state and all costs associated with pledging and holding

1 such investments are the responsibility of the trust  
2 company.

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4 (b) Investments pledged to the commissioner shall be  
5 of the same nature and quality as those required for state  
6 financial institutions in W.S. 9-4-805.

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8 (c) Surety bonds shall run to the state of Wyoming,  
9 and shall be approved under the terms and conditions  
10 required by W.S. 9-4-804(b) and (c).

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12 (d) The commissioner may promulgate rules pursuant to  
13 W.S. 13-1-603 to establish additional investment guidelines  
14 or investment options for purposes of the pledge or surety  
15 bond required by this section.

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17 (e) In the event of a receivership of a trust company  
18 as provided in W.S. 13-5-113, the commissioner may, without  
19 regard to priorities, preferences or adverse claims, reduce  
20 the pledged investments to cash as soon as practicable with  
21 court approval, and utilize the cash to defray the costs  
22 associated with the receivership.

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1 (f) Income from investments pledged under this  
2 section shall be paid to the trust company unless the court  
3 places the trust company in receivership.

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5 (g) Upon evidence that the current bond or investment  
6 pledge is insufficient, the commissioner may require any  
7 trust company to increase its investment pledge or surety  
8 by providing no less than thirty (30) days written notice  
9 to the trust company. The trust company to which notice is  
10 given may request a hearing in writing no more than thirty  
11 (30) days after receiving notice of the proposed increase.  
12 Any hearing before the commissioner shall be held pursuant  
13 to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

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15 **13-5-116. Voluntary dissolution of trust company;**  
16 **liquidation; reorganization; application for dissolution;**  
17 **filing fee; filing with secretary of state; revocation of**  
18 **charter.**

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20 (a) A trust company may voluntarily dissolve in the  
21 manner provided herein. Voluntary dissolution shall be  
22 accomplished by either liquidating the trust company or  
23 reorganizing the trust company into a domestic or foreign

1 corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership  
2 or limited liability partnership that does not engage in  
3 any activity that is authorized only for a trust company.  
4 Upon complete liquidation or completion of the  
5 reorganization, the commissioner shall revoke the trust  
6 company's charter and thereafter the company may not use  
7 the word "trust" in its business name or in connection with  
8 its business.

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10 (b) A trust company seeking to dissolve its charter  
11 either by liquidation or reorganization shall file an  
12 application for dissolution with the commissioner  
13 accompanied by a filing fee of one thousand five hundred  
14 dollars (\$1,500.00) payable to the commissioner. The  
15 application shall include a comprehensive plan for  
16 dissolution setting forth the proposed disposition of all  
17 assets and liabilities, in reasonable detail to effect a  
18 liquidation or reorganization. The plan of dissolution  
19 shall provide for the discharge or assumption of all of the  
20 trust company's known and unknown claims and liabilities  
21 and for the transfer of all of its responsibilities as a  
22 trustee to a successor trustee or trustees. Additionally,  
23 the application for dissolution shall include other

1 evidence, certifications, affidavits, documents or  
2 information as the commissioner may require demonstrating  
3 how assets and liabilities will be disposed, the timetable  
4 for effecting disposition of the assets and liabilities and  
5 the applicant's proposal for addressing any claims that are  
6 asserted after the dissolution has been completed. The  
7 commissioner shall examine the application for completeness  
8 and compliance with the requirements of this section, the  
9 business entity laws applicable to the required type of  
10 dissolution and applicable rules and regulation. The  
11 commissioner may conduct a special examination of the  
12 applicant for purposes of evaluating the application.

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14 (c) If the commissioner finds that the application is  
15 incomplete, the commissioner shall return it for completion  
16 not later than sixty (60) days after it is filed. If the  
17 application is found to be complete by the commissioner,  
18 not later than thirty (30) days after it is filed, the  
19 commissioner shall approve or disapprove the application.  
20 If the commissioner approves the application, the applicant  
21 may proceed with the dissolution pursuant to the plan  
22 outlined in the application, subject to any conditions the  
23 commissioner may prescribe. If the applicant subsequently



1 determines that the plan of dissolution needs to be amended  
2 to complete the dissolution, it shall file an amended plan  
3 with the commissioner and obtain approval to proceed under  
4 the amended plan. If the commissioner does not approve the  
5 application or amended plan, the applicant may appeal the  
6 decision to the board pursuant to the Wyoming  
7 Administrative Procedure Act.

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9 (d) Upon completion of all actions required under the  
10 plan of dissolution and satisfaction of all conditions  
11 prescribed by the commissioner, the applicant shall submit  
12 a written report of its actions to the commissioner. The  
13 report shall contain a certification made under oath that  
14 the report is true and correct. Following receipt of the  
15 report, the commissioner, no later than sixty (60) days  
16 after the filing of the report, shall examine the trust  
17 company to determine whether the commissioner is satisfied  
18 that all required actions have been taken in accordance  
19 with the plan of dissolution and any conditions prescribed  
20 by the commissioner. If all requirements and conditions  
21 have been met, the commissioner shall notify the applicant  
22 in writing that the dissolution has been completed and  
23 issue a certificate of dissolution. Upon receiving a

1 certificate of dissolution, the applicant shall surrender  
2 its charter to the commissioner. The applicant shall then  
3 file articles of dissolution and other documents required  
4 by W.S. 17-16-1401 through 17-16-1440 for a corporation or  
5 required by W.S. 17-29-701 through 17-29-708 for a limited  
6 liability company, in the office of the secretary of state.  
7 In the case of reorganization, the applicant shall also  
8 file the documents required by the secretary of state to  
9 finalize the reorganization.

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11 (e) If the commissioner is not satisfied that all  
12 required actions under the plan for dissolution or as  
13 required by the commissioner have been taken, the  
14 commissioner shall notify the applicant not later than  
15 thirty (30) days in writing what additional actions shall  
16 be taken to be eligible for a certificate of dissolution.  
17 The commissioner shall establish a reasonable deadline for  
18 the submission of evidence that the additional actions have  
19 been taken. The commissioner may extend the deadline for  
20 good cause shown. If the applicant fails to file a  
21 supplemental report showing that the additional actions  
22 have been taken before the deadline, or submits a report  
23 that is found not to be satisfactory by the commissioner,

1 the commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing that  
2 its voluntary dissolution is not approved, and the  
3 applicant may appeal the decision to the board pursuant to  
4 the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

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6 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules pursuant to W.S.  
7 13-1-603 to carry out the requirements of this section.

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9 **13-5-117. Failure to submit required report; fees;**  
10 **regulations.**

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12 (a) If a trust company fails to submit any report  
13 required pursuant to this act or any regulation adopted  
14 pursuant thereto within the prescribed period, the  
15 commissioner may impose and collect a fee of not more than  
16 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each day the report is  
17 overdue.

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19 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations  
20 establishing the amount of the fee imposed pursuant to this  
21 section.

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1           **13-5-118. Willful neglect to perform duties imposed**  
2 **by law or failure to conform to material lawful requirement**  
3 **made by commissioner; removal.**

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5           (a) Each officer, director, manager, member, employee  
6 or agent of a trust company, following written notice from  
7 the commissioner sent by certified mail, is subject to  
8 removal upon order of the commissioner if he knowingly or  
9 willfully fails:

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11           (i) To perform any duty required by this act or  
12 other applicable law; or

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14           (ii) To conform to any rule, regulation or  
15 requirement of the commissioner.

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17           **Section 2.** W.S. 13-5-101(a) and (b)(v), 13-5-102(b),  
18 13-5-103(a), 13-5-104(a), 13-5-105, 13-5-110(a)(intro),  
19 (i), by creating a new paragraph (vii) and by creating a  
20 new subsection (b) and 13-5-113 are amended to read:

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22           **13-5-101. Authority to organize; powers; limitations;**  
23 **prohibitions; exemptions.**

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2 (a) Trust companies may be organized under this act  
3 as a corporation or a limited liability company to exercise  
4 the powers permitted by subsection (b) of this section and  
5 powers and rights granted to other corporations and limited  
6 liability companies under general law except as provided by  
7 this act.

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9 (b) Each trust company may:

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11 (v) Take oaths and execute affidavits by the  
12 oath or affidavit of its: ~~president, vice president,~~  
13 ~~secretary, assistant secretary, manager, trust officer or~~  
14 ~~assistant trust officer;~~

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16 (A) Corporate officers if the trust company  
17 is organized as a corporation; or

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19 (B) Managing members if the trust company  
20 is organized as a limited liability company.

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22 **13-5-102. Formation.**

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1           (b) The person forming a trust company shall execute  
2 articles of incorporation as provided by W.S. 13-2-202 or  
3 articles of organization for a limited liability company.  
4 These articles shall include the requirements contained in  
5 W.S. 17-16-202 for corporations and W.S. 17-29-201 for  
6 limited liability companies. The commissioner may  
7 establish, by rule and regulation, other documents and  
8 materials to be filed by a trust company.

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10           **13-5-103. Application for charter; fee.**

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12           (a) The incorporator or organizer shall apply to the  
13 ~~state banking~~ commissioner for a charter. The application  
14 shall be on forms prescribed by the ~~state banking~~ board and  
15 shall contain such information as required by rule and  
16 regulation of the ~~state banking~~ board. The commissioner  
17 shall act upon the application in accordance with the  
18 procedures specified for acting upon an application to form  
19 a financial institution provided in W.S. 13-2-207.

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21           **13-5-104. Procedure for granting charter; failure to**  
22 **open for business.**

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1 (a) Upon receiving the articles of incorporation or  
2 the articles of organization, the application for charter  
3 and other information required, the ~~state banking~~  
4 commissioner shall investigate and examine the proposed  
5 trust company in accordance with procedures for the  
6 commissioner to investigate and examine a financial  
7 institution provided in W.S. 13-2-211(a).

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9 **13-5-105. Capital stock required; statement.**

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11 No trust company shall be incorporated or organized for any  
12 of the purposes enumerated in this act or possess the  
13 rights and franchises provided under this act unless it  
14 shall have paid in capital stock of not less than five  
15 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for a corporation or  
16 paid in contribution from its members of not less than five  
17 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for a limited  
18 liability company. Before proceeding to transact business  
19 under this act a sworn statement signed and sworn to by the  
20 president and secretary of the corporation or managing  
21 member or members of the limited liability company shall be  
22 filed with the ~~state banking~~ commissioner to the effect

1 that the capital has been paid up in cash and all the  
2 provisions of this act complied with.

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4 **13-5-110. Powers of the commissioner.**

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6 (a) In addition to other powers conferred by this  
7 act, the ~~state banking~~ commissioner shall:

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9 (i) Supervise and examine all trust companies  
10 organized under the provisions of this act and all such  
11 trust companies shall be subject to the laws of this state  
12 governing banks and other financial institutions in all  
13 cases where the laws do not conflict with the provisions of  
14 this act. The commissioner or a duly appointed examiner  
15 shall visit and examine each trust company as often as the  
16 commissioner deems necessary and at least once every two  
17 (2) years, with or without previous notice to the officers  
18 or any other party interested in the trust company. All  
19 trust companies shall file with the commissioner ~~the~~  
20 ~~Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Annual~~  
21 ~~Report of trust assets for the company and~~ an annual report  
22 of trust assets in a form prescribed by the commissioner,



1 an annual report of the financial condition of the company  
2 and other reports as required by the commissioner;

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4 (vii) On or before January 31 of each year, each  
5 trust company shall compute and pay supervisory fees to the  
6 commissioner as set forth in the rules and regulations of  
7 the commissioner. Except as provided in subsection (b) of  
8 this section, the supervisory fees shall provide for the  
9 general administration of the laws and regulations  
10 governing the trust company industry. The fees shall be  
11 established by regulation of the commissioner and shall be  
12 adjusted by regulations issued by the commissioner to  
13 assure consistency with the cost of supervision. Other  
14 fees assessed for administrative services related to  
15 activities attributable to a specific trust company shall  
16 be used to pay the costs of special services rendered by or  
17 at the direction of the commissioner and shall be recovered  
18 from the trust company which required the special services.

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20 (b) A trust company resolution fund account is  
21 established. A portion of each supervisory fee paid  
22 pursuant to paragraph (a)(vii) of this section shall be  
23 paid to the resolution fund account and shall be used by

1 the commissioner in the event of an involuntary dissolution  
2 of a trust company. The amount paid to the resolution fund  
3 account shall be established by regulation of the  
4 commissioner. All amounts paid shall be remitted to the  
5 state treasurer and deposited and credited to the trust  
6 company resolution fund account. Expenditures from the  
7 account shall be made using warrants drawn by the state  
8 auditor, upon vouchers issued and signed by the director of  
9 the department of audit or commissioner. Funds from the  
10 account shall be expended only to carry out the duties of  
11 the commissioner in the involuntary dissolution of a trust  
12 company.

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14 **13-5-113. Insolvency; unsafe condition; receivership.**

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16 (a) If the commissioner finds a deficiency in capital  
17 or other unsafe or unsound condition of a trust company  
18 that has not been remedied within the time prescribed under  
19 an order of the commissioner issued pursuant to W.S.  
20 13-10-201 through 13-10-209, or if the trust company is  
21 insolvent, the commissioner ~~may~~ shall apply to the district  
22 court, in the county in which the principal office of the  
23 company is located, to be appointed receiver for the

1 liquidation or rehabilitation of the company. The expense  
2 of the receivership shall be paid out of the assets of the  
3 trust company.

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5 (b) A trust company is insolvent when any of the  
6 following conditions exist:

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8 (i) When the actual cash market value of a trust  
9 company's assets is less than its liabilities;

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11 (ii) When a trust company fails to pay, in the  
12 manner commonly accepted by business practices, its  
13 obligations when due.

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15 (c) A trust company is operating in an unsafe and  
16 unsound condition when any of the following conditions  
17 exist:

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19 (i) A trust company fails to safely manage its  
20 operations and provide fair and equitable services to its  
21 trust customers;

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1           (ii) It fails to effectively manage and monitor  
2 its operational and financial risks.

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4           (d) Title to all of the trust company's assets shall  
5 vest in the commissioner upon appointment by the court  
6 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section of the  
7 commissioner as receiver, without the execution of any  
8 instrument of conveyance, assignment, transfer or  
9 endorsement.

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11           (e) Subject to the approval of the appointing court,  
12 as receiver, the commissioner shall have all of the  
13 following powers:

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15           (i) To take possession of all books, records of  
16 account and assets of the trust company;

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18           (ii) To collect debts, claims and judgments  
19 belonging to the trust company and to take any other action  
20 necessary to preserve and liquidate the assets of the trust  
21 company;

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1           (iii) To appoint a special assistant to take  
2 charge of the affairs of the trust company. The special  
3 assistant shall qualify, give bond, and receive  
4 compensation in the same manner as the commissioner acting  
5 as a receiver, but compensation for the special assistant  
6 shall be paid by the trust company being liquidated or  
7 rehabilitated;

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9           (iv) To execute in the name of the trust company  
10 any instrument necessary or proper to effectuate the  
11 receiver's powers or perform its duties as receiver;

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13           (v) To initiate, pursue, compromise and defend  
14 litigation involving any right, claim, interest or  
15 liability of the trust company;

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17           (vi) To exercise all fiduciary functions of the  
18 trust company as of the date of appointment as receiver;

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20           (vii) To borrow money as necessary in the  
21 liquidation of the trust company and to secure those  
22 borrowings by the pledge or mortgage of assets of the trust  
23 company;

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(viii) To sell any and all assets, to compromise any debt, claim, obligation or judgment due to the trust company, to discontinue any pending action or other proceeding and to sell or otherwise transfer all or any portion of the asset or liabilities of the trust company;

(ix) To establish ancillary receivership in any jurisdiction the receiver determines necessary;

(x) To distribute assets in accordance with court approval after notice to all claimants, beneficiaries, shareholders or members. Subject to the approval of the court, the receiver may make periodic and interim liquidating dividends or payments; and

(xi) To take any other action incident to the powers set forth above.

**Section 3.** W.S. 13-5-106 is repealed.

1       **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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