

§2007. Eligible surplus lines insurers

1. A producer may not knowingly place surplus lines insurance with an insurer that is unsound financially or that is ineligible under this section.

[PL 1997, c. 592, §54 (AMD).]

2. The superintendent shall from time to time publish a list of all surplus lines insurers determined by the superintendent to be eligible currently, and shall mail a copy of such list to each producer at the producer's office last of record with the superintendent. This subsection may not be construed to cast upon the superintendent the duty of determining the actual financial condition or claims practices of any unauthorized insurer; and the status of eligibility, if granted by the superintendent, may indicate only that the insurer appears to be sound financially and to have satisfactory claims practices, and that the superintendent has no credible evidence to the contrary. While any such list is in effect, the producer shall restrict to the insurers so listed all surplus lines business placed by the producer.

[PL 1997, c. 592, §54 (AMD).]

3. The superintendent shall approve a United States insurer's request for eligibility if the insurer:

A. Is authorized to write such insurance in its domiciliary jurisdiction; [PL 2011, c. 331, §4 (NEW); PL 2011, c. 331, §§16, 17 (AFF).]

B. Has established satisfactory evidence of good repute and financial integrity; and [PL 2011, c. 331, §4 (NEW); PL 2011, c. 331, §§16, 17 (AFF).]

C. Maintains capital and surplus, or its equivalent under the laws of its state of domicile, in an amount at least equal to the greater of:

(1) The minimum capital and surplus that would be required if the insurer were licensed in this State; and

(2) \$15,000,000. [PL 2011, c. 331, §4 (NEW); PL 2011, c. 331, §§16, 17 (AFF).]

[PL 2011, c. 331, §4 (NEW); PL 2011, c. 331, §§16, 17 (AFF).]

4. The superintendent may list an insurer as eligible if it does not meet the minimum capital and surplus requirements of subsection 3 upon an affirmative finding of acceptability by the superintendent. The finding must be based upon such factors as quality of management, capital and surplus of any parent company, company underwriting profit and investment income trends, market availability and company record and reputation within the industry. The superintendent may not make an affirmative finding of acceptability if the nonadmitted insurer's capital and surplus is less than \$4,500,000.

[PL 2011, c. 331, §4 (NEW); PL 2011, c. 331, §§16, 17 (AFF).]

5. A non-United States insurer is considered eligible to write insurance on an unauthorized basis in this State if it is listed on the quarterly listing of alien insurers maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

[PL 2011, c. 331, §4 (NEW); PL 2011, c. 331, §§16, 17 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1969, c. 132, §1 (NEW). PL 1973, c. 585, §12 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 592, §54 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 331, §4 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 331, §§16, 17 (AFF).

The State of Maine claims a copyright in its codified statutes. If you intend to republish this material, we require that you include the following disclaimer in your publication:

All copyrights and other rights to statutory text are reserved by the State of Maine. The text included in this publication reflects changes made through the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature and is current through October 15, 2024. The

text is subject to change without notice. It is a version that has not been officially certified by the Secretary of State. Refer to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated and supplements for certified text.

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes also requests that you send us one copy of any statutory publication you may produce. Our goal is not to restrict publishing activity, but to keep track of who is publishing what, to identify any needless duplication and to preserve the State's copyright rights.

PLEASE NOTE: The Revisor's Office cannot perform research for or provide legal advice or interpretation of Maine law to the public. If you need legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.