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### IN THE SENATE

#### SENATE BILL NO. 1151

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT RELATING TO THE IDAHO TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT; AMENDING TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 45, TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A PREMIUM TAX, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TRAVEL PROTECTION PLANS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING SALES PRACTICES, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TRAVEL ADMINISTRATORS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY CLASSIFICATION AND STANDARDS, AND TO ESTABLISH RULEMAKING PRO-VISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 41-1090, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE SHORT TITLE; AMENDING SECTION 41-1091, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 41-1092, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED LINES TRAVEL INSURANCE PRODUCERS; REPEALING SECTION 41-1093, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO REGISTRATION; REPEALING SECTION 41-1094, IDAHO CODE, RE-LATING TO POLICY TYPES; REPEALING SECTION 41-1095, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LIMITED LINES TRAVEL INSURANCE PRODUCERS; RE-PEALING SECTION 41-1096, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO NEGATIVE OPTIONS AND OPT OUTS; REPEALING SECTION 41-1097, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ENFORCE-MENT; AMENDING SECTION 41-1003, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AND

22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Title 41, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW CHAPTER</u>, to be known and designated as Chapter 45, Title 41, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

# CHAPTER 45 IDAHO TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT

- 41-4501. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Idaho Travel Insurance Act."
- 41-4502. PURPOSE. (1) The purpose of this chapter is to promote the public welfare by creating a comprehensive legal framework within which travel insurance may be sold in this state.
- (2) The requirements of this chapter apply to travel insurance that covers any resident of this state and that is sold, solicited, negotiated, or offered in this state and to certificates that are delivered or issued for delivery in this state. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to cancellation fee waivers or travel assistance services, except as expressly provided in this chapter.
- (3) All other applicable provisions of the insurance laws in this state shall continue to apply to travel insurance, except that the specific pro-

visions of this chapter shall supersede any general provisions of law that would otherwise be applicable to travel insurance.

## 41-4503. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Aggregator site" means a website that provides access to information regarding insurance products from more than one (1) insurer, including product and insurer information, for use in comparison shopping.
- (2) "Blanket travel insurance" means a policy of travel insurance issued to any eligible group providing coverage for specific classes of persons defined in the policy with coverage provided to all members of the eligible group without a separate charge to individual members of the eligible group.
- (3) "Cancellation fee waiver" means a contractual agreement between a supplier of travel services and its customer to waive some or all of the non-refundable cancellation fee provisions of the supplier's underlying travel contract with or without regard to the reason for the cancellation or form of reimbursement. A cancellation fee waiver is not insurance.
  - (4) "Director" means the director of the department of insurance.
- (5) "Eligible group" means, solely for the purposes of travel insurance, two (2) or more persons who are engaged in a common enterprise or have an economic, educational, or social affinity or relationship, including but not limited to:
  - (a) Any entity engaged in the business of providing travel or travel services, wherein with regard to any particular travel or type of travel or travelers, all members or customers of the group have a common exposure to risk attendant to such travel. Such entities include but are not limited to tour operators, lodging providers, vacation property owners, hotels and resorts, travel clubs, travel agencies, property managers, cultural exchange programs, and common carriers or the operator, owner, or lessor of a means of transportation of passengers, such as airlines, cruise lines, railroads, steamship companies, and public bus carriers;
  - (b) Any college, school, or other institution of learning covering any group of students, teachers, employees, or volunteers;
  - (c) Any employer covering any group of employees, volunteers, contractors, board of directors, dependents, or guests;
  - (d) Any sports team, camp, or sponsor thereof, covering any group of participants, members, campers, employees, officials, supervisors, or volunteers;
  - (e) Any religious, charitable, recreational, educational, or civic organization, or branch thereof, covering any group of members, participants, or volunteers;
  - (f) Any financial institution or financial institution vendor, or any parent holding company, trustee, or agent or designee of one (1) or more financial institutions or financial institution vendors, including account holders, credit card holders, debtors, guarantors, or purchasers;
  - (g) Any incorporated or unincorporated association, including labor unions, having a common interest, constitution, and bylaws, and organized and maintained in good faith for purposes other than obtaining

insurance for members or participants of such association covering its members;

- (h) Any trust or the trustees of a fund established, created, or maintained for the benefit of and covering a group of members, employees, or customers, subject to the director's permitting the use of a trust and the state's premium tax provisions set forth in section 41-4504, Idaho Code, of one (1) or more associations meeting the requirements of paragraph (g) of this subsection;
- (i) Any entertainment production company covering any group of participants, volunteers, audience members, contestants, or workers;
- (j) Any volunteer fire department, or volunteer ambulance, rescue, police, court, first aid, civil defense, or other such volunteer group;
- (k) Any preschool, daycare institution for children or adults, or senior citizen club;
- (1) Any automobile or truck rental or leasing company covering a group of individuals who may become renters, lessees, or passengers defined by their travel status on the rented or leased vehicles. The common carrier, the operator, owner, or lessor of a means of transportation, or the automobile or truck rental or leasing company, is the policyholder under a policy to which this section applies; or
- (m) Any other group where the director has determined that the members are engaged in a common enterprise, or have an economic, educational, or social affinity or relationship, and that issuance of the policy would not be contrary to the public interest.
- (6) "Fulfillment materials" means documentation sent to the purchaser of a travel protection plan confirming the purchase and providing the travel protection plan's coverage and assistance details.
- (7) "Group travel insurance" means travel insurance issued to any eliquible group.
- (8) "Limited lines travel insurance producer" has the meaning provided in section 41-1091, Idaho Code.
- (9) "Primary certificate holder" means an individual who elects and purchases travel insurance under a group policy.
- (10) "Primary policyholder" means an individual who elects and purchases individual travel insurance.
- (11) "Travel administrator" means a person who directly or indirectly underwrites, collects charges, collateral, or premiums from, or adjusts or settles claims on residents of this state, in connection with travel insurance, except that a person shall not be considered a travel administrator if that person's actions that would otherwise cause the person to be considered a travel administrator are limited to:
  - (a) A person working for a travel administrator to the extent that the person's activities are subject to the supervision and control of the travel administrator;
  - (b) An insurance producer selling insurance or engaged in administrative and claims-related activities within the scope of the producer's license;
  - (c) A travel retailer offering and disseminating travel insurance and registered under the license of a limited lines travel insurance producer in accordance with this chapter;

- (d) An individual adjusting or settling claims in the normal course of that individual's practice or employment as an attorney at law and who does not collect charges or premiums in connection with insurance coverage; or
- (e) A business entity that is affiliated with a licensed insurer while acting as a travel administrator for the direct and assumed insurance business of an affiliated insurer.
- (12) "Travel assistance services" means non-insurance services for which the consumer is not indemnified based on a fortuitous event and where providing the service does not result in transfer or shifting of risk that would constitute the business of insurance. Travel assistance services include but are not limited to security advisories, destination information, vaccination and immunization information services, travel reservation services, entertainment, activity and event planning, translation assistance, emergency messaging, international legal and medical referrals, medical case monitoring, coordination of transportation arrangements, emergency cash transfer assistance, medical prescription replacement assistance, passport and travel document replacement assistance, lost luggage assistance, concierge services, and any other service that is furnished in connection with planned travel. Travel assistance services are not insurance and not related to insurance.
- (13) "Travel insurance" has the meaning provided in section 41-1091, Idaho Code.
- (14) "Travel protection plans" means plans that provide travel insurance, travel assistance services, or cancellation fee waivers.
- (15) "Travel retailer" has the meaning provided in section 41-1091, Idaho Code.
- 41-4504. PREMIUM TAX. (1) A travel insurer shall pay a premium tax, as provided in section 41-402, Idaho Code, on travel insurance premiums paid by:
  - (a) An individual primary policyholder who is a resident of this state;
  - (b) A primary certificate holder who is a resident of this state and who elects coverage under a group travel insurance policy; or
  - (c) A blanket travel insurance policyholder that is a resident of this state or that has its principal place of business in this state or whose affiliate or subsidiary has its principal place of business in this state, which policyholder has purchased blanket travel insurance in this state for eligible blanket group members.
  - (2) A travel insurer shall:

- (a) Document the state of residence or principal place of business of the policyholder or certificate holder, as required in subsection (1) of this section; and
- (b) Report as premiums only the amount allocable to travel insurance and not any amounts received for travel assistance services or cancellation fee waivers.
- 41-4505. TRAVEL PROTECTION PLANS. Travel protection plans may be offered for one (1) price for the combined features that the travel protection plan offers in this state if:

- (1) The travel protection plan clearly discloses to the consumer, at or prior to the time of purchase, that it includes travel insurance, travel assistance services, and cancellation fee waivers, as applicable, and provides information and an opportunity, at or prior to the time of purchase, for the consumer to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each; and
  - (2) The fulfillment materials:

- (a) Describe and delineate the travel insurance, travel assistance services, and cancellation fee waivers in the travel protection plan; and
- (b) Include the travel insurance disclosures and the contact information for persons providing travel assistance services and cancellation fee waivers, as applicable.
- 41-4506. SALES PRACTICES. (1) All persons offering travel insurance to residents of this state are subject to the provisions of chapter 13, title 41, Idaho Code, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this chapter and other provisions of title 41, Idaho Code, regarding the sale and marketing of travel insurance and travel protection plans, the provisions of this chapter shall control.
- (2) Offering or selling a travel insurance policy that could never result in payment of any claims for any insured under the policy is considered illusory travel insurance and constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice prohibited pursuant to the provisions of chapter 13, title 41, Idaho Code.
  - (3) With regard to marketing practices:
  - (a) All documents provided to consumers prior to the purchase of travel insurance, including but not limited to sales materials, advertising materials, and marketing materials, shall be consistent with the travel insurance policy itself, including but not limited to forms, endorsements, policies, rate filings, and certificates of insurance.
  - (b) For travel insurance policies or certificates that contain preexisting condition exclusions, information and an opportunity to learn more about the preexisting condition exclusions shall be provided any time prior to the time of purchase and in the coverage's fulfillment materials.
  - (c) The fulfillment materials and the information described in section 41-1092(2)(a), Idaho Code, shall be provided to a policyholder or certificate holder as soon as practicable following the purchase of a travel protection plan. Unless the insured has either started a covered trip or filed a claim under the travel insurance coverage, a policyholder or certificate holder may cancel a policy or certificate for a full refund of the travel protection plan price from the date of purchase of a travel protection plan until at least:
    - (i) Fifteen (15) days following the date the fulfillment materials are sent by postal mail to the policyholder or certificate holder; or
    - (ii) Ten (10) days following the date the fulfillment materials are sent by electronic means or personally handed to the policy holder or certificate holder.

- (d) The company shall disclose in the policy documentation and fulfill-ment materials whether the travel insurance is primary or secondary to other applicable coverage.
- (e) Where travel insurance is marketed directly to a consumer through an insurer's website or by others through an aggregator site, it shall not be an unfair or deceptive act or practice or other violation of law for the website to provide an accurate summary or short description of coverage, as long as the consumer has access to the full provisions of the policy through electronic means.
- (4) No person offering, soliciting, or negotiating travel insurance or travel protection plans on an individual or group basis may do so by using negative option or opt out, which would require a consumer to take an affirmative action to deselect coverage, such as unchecking a box on an electronic form, at the time the consumer purchases a trip.
- (5) It shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice to market blanket travel insurance coverage as free.
- (6) Where a consumer's destination jurisdiction requires insurance coverage, it shall not be an unfair or deceptive act or practice to require that the consumer choose between the following options as a condition of purchasing a trip or travel package:
  - (a) Purchasing the coverage required by the destination jurisdiction through the travel retailer or limited lines travel insurance producer supplying the trip or travel package; or
  - (b) Agreeing to obtain and provide proof of coverage that meets the destination jurisdiction's requirements prior to departure.
- 41-4507. TRAVEL ADMINISTRATORS. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, no person shall act or represent itself as a travel administrator for travel insurance in this state unless that person:
  - (a) Is a licensed property and casualty insurance producer in this state for activities permitted under that producer license; or
  - (b) Holds a valid managing general agent license in this state.
- (2) A travel administrator and its employees are exempt from the licensing requirement set forth in section 41-1103, Idaho Code, for travel insurance it administers.
- (3) An insurer is responsible for the acts of a travel administrator administering travel insurance underwritten by the insurer and is responsible for ensuring that the travel administrator maintains all books and records relevant to the insurer, which shall be made available by the travel administrator to the director upon request.
- 41-4508. POLICY. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, and except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, travel insurance shall be classified and filed for purposes of rates and forms under an inland marine line of insurance.
- (2) Travel insurance may be filed under either an accident and health line of insurance or an inland marine line of insurance if it provides coverage for sickness, accident, disability, or death occurring during travel, whether exclusively or in conjunction with related coverages of emergency evacuation or repatriation of remains.

- (3) Travel insurance may be in the form of an individual, group, or blanket policy.
- (4) Eligibility and underwriting standards for travel insurance may be developed and provided based on travel protection plans designed for individual or identified marketing or distribution channels, if those standards also meet the state's underwriting standards for inland marine lines of insurance.
- 41-4509. RULES. In accordance with this chapter and section 41-211, Idaho Code, the director may promulgate rules, subject to legislative approval, as are necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this chapter.
- SECTION 2. That Section 41-1090, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 41-1090. SHORT TITLE. Sections 41-1090 through  $\frac{41-1096}{41-1092}$ , Idaho Code, shall be known and may be cited as the "Limited Lines Travel Insurance Act."
  - SECTION 3. That Section 41-1091, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - 41-1091. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:
    - (1) "Designated responsible producer" means the individual licensed producer responsible for ensuring compliance by the limited lines travel insurance producer with travel insurance laws and rules of the state, as set forth in section 41-1092(2)(c), Idaho Code.
    - (2) "Limited lines travel insurance producer" means a person who is a limited lines producer as defined in section 41-1003, Idaho Code.:
      - (a) Licensed managing general agent; or

- (b) Licensed insurance producer, including a limited lines producer as defined in section 41-1003, Idaho Code.
- (3) "Offer and disseminate" means providing general information, including a description of the coverage and price, as well as processing the application, collecting premiums, and performing other activities permitted by the state.
  - (4) (a) "Travel insurance" means insurance coverage for personal risks incident to planned travel including, but not limited to:
    - (a) (i) Interruption or cancellation of a trip or event;
    - (b) (ii) Loss of baggage or personal effects;
    - (c) (iii) Damages to accommodations or rental vehicles; and
    - (d) (iv) Sickness, accident, disability or death occurring during travel.;
    - (v) Emergency evacuation;
    - (vi) Repatriation of remains; or
    - (vii) Any other contractual obligations to indemnify or pay a specified amount to the traveler upon determinable contingencies related to travel as approved by the director.
  - (b) "Travel insurance" does not include major medical plans that provide comprehensive medical protection for travelers with trips lasting

- six (6) months or longer, including those working overseas as an expatriate or military personnel being deployed, or any other product that requires a specific insurance producer license.
- (5) "Travel retailer" means a business entity that makes, arranges or offers travel services and may offer and disseminate travel insurance as a service to its customers on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer.

- SECTION 4. That Section 41-1092, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 41-1092. REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED LINES TRAVEL INSURANCE PRODUCERS. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:
- (1) The director may issue to an individual or business entity that has filed with the director an application, in a form and manner prescribed by the director, a limited lines travel insurance producer license that authorizes the limited lines travel insurance producer to sell, solicit or negotiate travel insurance on behalf of a licensed insurer. No person may act as a limited lines travel insurance producer or travel retailer unless properly licensed or registered, respectively.
- (2) A travel retailer may offer and disseminate travel insurance under a limited lines travel insurance producer's business entity license only if the following conditions are met:
  - (a) The limited lines travel insurance producer <u>or travel retailer</u> provides to <del>policyholders</del> purchasers of travel insurance:
    - (i) A description of the material terms or the actual material terms of the insurance coverage;
    - (ii) A description of the process for filing a claim;
    - (iii) A description of the review or cancellation process for the travel insurance policy, including any forfeiture fees; and
    - (iv) The identity and contact information of the insurer and limited lines travel insurance producer.
  - (b) At the time of licensure, the limited lines travel insurance producer shall establish and maintain a register on a form prescribed by the director of each travel retailer that offers travel insurance on the limited lines travel insurance producer's behalf. The register shall be maintained and updated annually, at a minimum, by the limited lines travel insurance producer and shall include the name, address, and contact information of the travel retailer and an officer or person who directs or controls the travel retailer's operations, as well as the travel retailer's federal tax identification number. The limited lines travel insurance producer shall submit such register from the previous year to the department on March 1 of each year. The limited lines travel insurance producer shall also certify that the registered travel retailer complies with 18 U.S.C. 1033. The limited lines travel insurance producer shall report its Idaho annual written premium to the director on an annual basis. The grounds for suspension and revocation and the penalties applicable to insurance producers set forth in sections 41-1016 and 41-1026, Idaho Code, shall apply to the limited lines travel insurance producers and travel retailers.

- (c) The limited lines travel insurance producer has designated one (1) of its employees, who is a licensed individual producer, as a designated responsible producer who shall be responsible for the limited lines travel insurance producer's compliance with the travel insurance laws, rules and regulations of the state.
- (d) The designated responsible producer, president, secretary, treasurer and any other officer or person who directs or controls the limited lines travel insurance producer's insurance operations shall comply with the fingerprinting requirements applicable to insurance producers in the resident state of the limited lines travel insurance producer.
- (e) The limited lines travel insurance producer has paid all applicable insurance producer licensing fees as set forth in applicable state law.
- (f) The limited lines travel insurance producer requires each employee and authorized representative of the travel retailer whose duties include offering and disseminating travel insurance to receive a program of instruction or training that shall be subject to review by the director. The training material shall, at a minimum, contain instructions on the types of insurance offered, ethical sales practices and required disclosures to prospective customers.
- (3) Any travel retailer offering or disseminating travel insurance shall make available to prospective purchasers brochures or other written materials that <u>have been approved by the travel insurer</u>. Such materials shall include information that, at a minimum:
  - (a) Provides the identity and contact information of the insurer and the limited lines travel insurance producer;
  - (b) Explains that the purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer; and
  - (c) Explains that an unlicensed travel retailer is permitted to provide general information about the insurance offered by the travel retailer, including a description of the coverage and price, but is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms and conditions of the insurance offered by the travel retailer or to evaluate the adequacy of the customer's existing insurance coverage.
- (4) A travel retailer's employees or authorized representatives who are not licensed as insurance producers may not:
  - (a) Evaluate or interpret the technical terms, benefits and conditions of the offered travel insurance coverage;
  - (b) Evaluate or provide advice concerning a prospective purchaser's existing insurance coverage; or
  - (c) Hold himself or itself out as a licensed insurer, licensed producer or insurance expert.
- (5) A travel retailer and its employees and authorized representatives whose insurance-related activities are limited to offering and disseminating travel insurance on behalf of and under the direction of a limited lines travel insurance producer meeting the conditions set forth in chapter 45, title 41, Idaho Code, is authorized to perform such activities and to receive related compensation upon registration by the limited lines travel insur-

ance producer in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) (b) of this section.

- (6) As the insurer's designee, the limited lines travel insurance producer is responsible for the acts of the travel retailer and shall use reasonable means to ensure compliance with this chapter by the travel retailer.
- (7) Any person licensed in a major line of authority as an insurance producer is authorized to sell, solicit, and negotiate travel insurance. A property and casualty insurance producer is not required to become appointed by an insurer in order to sell, solicit, or negotiate travel insurance.
- SECTION 5. That Section 41-1093, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 6. That Section 41-1094, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 7. That Section 41-1095, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 8. That Section 41-1096, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 9. That Section 41-1097, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
  - SECTION 10. That Section 41-1003, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - 41-1003. DEFINITIONS. (1) "Business entity" means a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or other legal entity.
    - (2) "Home state" means the District of Columbia and any state or territory of the United States or any province of Canada in which an insurance producer maintains his or her principal place of residence or principal place of business and is licensed to act as an insurance producer.
    - (3) "License" means a document issued by the director authorizing a person to act as an insurance producer for the lines of authority specified in the document. The license itself does not create any authority, actual, apparent or inherent, in the holder to represent or commit an insurance carrier.
    - (4) "Limited lines insurance" is insurance which restricts the authority of the license to less than the total authority prescribed in the associated major lines pursuant to section 41-1008(1)(a) through (g), Idaho Code, and shall include, but not be limited to: credit life, credit disability, credit property, credit unemployment, involuntary unemployment, mortgage life, mortgage guaranty, mortgage disability, guaranteed automobile protection (GAP) insurance, transportation baggage insurance, transportation ticket policies covering personal accident insurance, pet insurance, portable electronics insurance, travel insurance or any other line of insurance that the director deems necessary to recognize for the purposes of complying with section 41-1009(5), Idaho Code.

- (5) "Limited lines producer" means a producer authorized by the director to sell, solicit or negotiate limited lines insurance. "Limited lines producer" includes a "limited lines travel insurance producer" as used in sections 41-1090 through 41-1096, Idaho Code.
- (6) "Negotiate" means the act of conferring directly with or offering advice directly to a purchaser or prospective purchaser of a particular contract of insurance concerning any of the substantive benefits, terms or conditions of the contract, provided that the person engaged in the act either sells insurance or obtains insurance from insurers for purchasers.
  - (7) "Person" means an individual or a business entity.

- (8) "Producer" means a person required to be licensed under the laws of this state to sell, solicit or negotiate insurance.
- (9) "Resident" means a person whose home state is Idaho or any other particular state identified in conjunction with the use of the term.
- (10) "Sell" means to exchange a contract of insurance by any means, for money or its equivalent, on behalf of an insurance company.
- (11) "Solicit" means attempting to sell insurance or asking or urging a person to apply for a particular kind of insurance from a particular company or companies.
- (12) "Terminate" means the cancellation of the relationship between an insurance producer and the insurer or the termination of a producer's authority to transact insurance for or on behalf of an insurer.
- (13) "Uniform application" means the current version of the national association of insurance commissioners (NAIC) uniform application for resident and nonresident producer licensing.
- (14) "Uniform business entity application" means the current version of the NAIC uniform business entity application for resident and nonresident business entities.

SECTION 11. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2025.