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Short Title: Surplus Lines/Premium Tax.-AB

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Sponsors:

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1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO CONFORM PROVISIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA SURPLUS LINES
3	INSURANCE LAWS TO THE FEDERAL NONADMITTED AND REINSURANCE
4	REFORM ACT OF 2010, TO STREAMLINE APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL
5	PURCHASERS, TO PREVENT ANY LOSS OF PREMIUM TAX REVENUE TO THE
6	STATE, AND TO CONFORM THE DEFINITION OF RISK RETENTION GROUP TO
7	FEDERAL LAW.
8	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
9	SECTION 1.1. Article 21 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by
10	adding the following new sections to read:
11	"§ 58-21-3. Cooperative or interstate agreements.
12	(a) The Commissioner is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement or interstate
13	agreement or compact to do the following:
14	(1) Establish additional and alternative nationwide uniform eligibility
15	requirements that shall be applicable to nonadmitted insurers domiciled in
16	another state or territory of the United States.
17	(2) Facilitate the collection, allocation, and disbursement of premium taxes
18	attributable to the placement of nonadmitted insurance, provide for uniform
19	methods of allocation and reporting among nonadmitted insurance risk
20	classifications, and share information among states relating to nonadmitted
21	insurance premium taxes.
22	(b) The Commissioner is authorized to enter into an interstate compact or interstate
23	agreement for the purpose of carrying out the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of
24	<u>2010.</u>
25	"§ 58-21-4. Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act duties.
26	(a) For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance
27	Reform Act of 2010, the Commissioner is authorized to utilize the national insurance producer
28	database of the NAIC, or any other equivalent uniform national database, for the licensure of an
29	individual or an entity as a surplus lines producer and for renewal of such license.
30	(b) In order to assist in the performance of the Commissioner's duties, under the
31	Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010, the Commissioner may contract with
32	nongovernmental entities, including the NAIC or any affiliates or subsidiaries that the NAIC
33	oversees, to perform any ministerial functions that the Commissioner and the nongovernmental
34	entity may deem to be appropriate, including (i) the collection of fees related to producer



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1	licensing and (ii) the collection of the premium tax under G.S. 58-21-85. The NAIC or other							
2	entity with whom the Commissioner contracts may charge a reasonable fee to the insurer,							
3	insured, or other	insured, or other appropriate person for the functions performed."						
4		FION 1.2. The Revenue Laws Study Committee shall, in co	poperation with the					
5	Commissioner o	f Insurance, study the potential impact that would resul	t from the State's					
6	entrance into a	nonadmitted insurance multistate agreement or other con	npact or interstate					
7		e purpose of carrying out the Nonadmitted and Reinsurar	-					
8	2010 in order to	prevent the State from losing revenue after July 21, 2011, th	ne effective date of					
9		and Reinsurance Reform Act. The Committee shall determ						
10	a compact or agr	eement would result in retention of surplus lines tax revenue	e for the State and,					
11		npact or agreement would result in the most retention of						
12		State and the most cost-efficient method of administering	1					
13		ax revenues. The Committee shall report its findings and						
14		posed legislation, to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 (
15		TION 2. G.S. 58-21-10 reads as rewritten:	5					
16	"§ 58-21-10. Det							
17	As used in the							
18	(1)	"Admitted insurer" means an insurer licensed to do an	insurance business					
19		engage in the business of insurance in this State.						
20	<u>(1a)</u>	"Affiliate" means, with respect to an insured, any entit	ty that controls, is					
21	<u>,</u>	controlled by, or is under common control with the insured						
22	<u>(1b)</u>	"Affiliated group" means any group of entities that are all						
23	$\overline{(2)}$	"Capital", as used in the financial requirements of G.S						
24		funds paid in for stock or other evidence of ownership.	,					
25	<u>(2a)</u>	"Control" means an entity that has "control" over another	r entity if either of					
26	<u>,</u>	the following occurs:	¢					
27		<u>a.</u> <u>The entity directly or indirectly or acting through</u>	one or more other					
28		persons owns, controls, or has the power to vote t						
29		(25%) or more of any class of voting securities of t						
30		b. The entity controls in any manner the election of	•					
31		directors or trustees of the other entity.						
32	(3)	"Eligible surplus lines insurer" means a nonadmitted ins	surer with which a					
33		surplus lines licensee may place surplus lines	insurance under					
34		G.S. 58-21-20.						
35	(4)	"Export" means to place surplus lines insurance with a nor	nadmitted insurer.					
36	(5)	"Nonadmitted insurer" means an insurer not licensed to						
37		business in this State. This definition "Nonadmitted	insurer" includes					
38		insurance exchanges authorized under the laws o	f various states.					
39		"Nonadmitted insurer" does not include a risk retention g	roup, as defined in					
40		<u>G.S. 58-22-10(10).</u>	-					
41	(6)	"Producing broker" means an agent or broker licensed u	nder Article 33 of					
42		this Chapter who deals directly with the party seeking i						
43		may also be a surplus lines licensee.						
44	<u>(6a)</u>	"Reciprocal state" means a state that has enacted provi	sions substantially					
45	<u>-</u> -	similar to the following:	_					
46		<u>a.</u> <u>G.S. 58-21-85</u> , <u>58-21-95(5)</u> , <u>58-21-75(10)</u> , <u>5</u>	8-21-35(7b), and					
47		<u>58-28-5(b).</u>						
48		b. The allocation schedule and reporting for	rm contained in					
49		<u>G.S. 58-21-85.</u>						

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(7)	"Surplus", as used in the financial requirements of funds over and above liabilities and capital of the comp of policyholders.	
(8)	"Surplus lines insurance" means any insurance in this	State of risks resident,
()	located, or to be performed in this State, permitted t	
	surplus lines licensee with a nonadmitted insurer e	
	insurance, other than reinsurance, commercial aircraft	•
	and transportation insurance, insurance independently	
	G.S. 58-28-5, life and accident or health insurance, and	l annuities.
(9)	"Surplus lines licensee" means a person licensed un	nder G.S. 58-21-65 to
	place insurance on risks resident, located, or to be p	erformed in this State
	with nonadmitted insurers eligible to accept such insur	ance.
(10)	"Wet marine and transportation insurance" means:	
	a. Insurance upon vessels, crafts, hulls and of in	terests therein or with
	relation thereto;	
	b. Insurance of marine builder's risks, marine was	risks and contracts of
	marine protection and indemnity insurance;	
	c. Insurance of freights and disbursements pertain	aining to a subject of
	insurance coming within this subsection; and	
	d. Insurance of personal property and interests th	
	exportation from or importation into any count	•
	transportation coastwise or on inland waters in	
	by land, water, or air from point of origin t	
	connection with any and all risks or perils of	
	transportation, and while being prepared fo	
	shipment, and during any delays, transship incident thereto."	oment, or reshipment
	TON 3. Article 21 of Chapter 58 of the General St	atutes is amended by
adding a new sec		
" <u>§ 58-21-11. Но</u>		
	t as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the tern	<u>n "home state" means,</u>
	insured, either of the following:	1
<u>(1)</u>	The state in which an insured maintains its principal p	
(2)	the case of an individual, the individual's principal resilection (100%) of the insured risk is 1	
<u>(2)</u>	If one hundred percent (100%) of the insured risk is l	
	referred to in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the greatest percentage of the insured's taxable premiu	•
	contract is allocated.	in for that instrance
(b) Affilia	ted Groups. – If two or more insureds from an affili	ated group are named
	gle nonadmitted insurance contract, the term "home s	• •
	and pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, of the model	•
	e largest percentage of premium attributed to it under the	•
	TON 4. G.S. 58-21-15 reads as rewritten:	
	cement of surplus lines insurance.	
	by be procured through a surplus lines licensee from	-nonadmitted insurers
	ay be placed by a surplus lines licensee if all of the follo	
(1)	Each insurer is an eligible surplus lines insurer;	
(1a)	Each insurer is authorized to write the kind of insura	
<u> </u>	jurisdiction.	<u>/</u> _
(2)	The full amount or kind of insurance cannot be obtain	ned from insurers who
	are admitted to do business in this State. Such fu	

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		a dili and a	gent s	hay be procured from eligible surplus lines in earch is made among the insurers who are ually writing the particular kind and class trate.	admitted to transact
	(3)			quirements of this Article are met."	
	· · ·			ticle 21 of Chapter 58 of the General Sta	tutes is amended by
adding				ions to read:	alles is allended eg
0		0		plication for commercial purchasers.	
(a)				ensee seeking to procure or place nonadmit	ted insurance in this
				cial purchaser shall not be required to sati	
under (G.S. 58-2	<u>1-15 to</u>	make	a due diligence search to determine whether	er the full amount or
				ich exempt commercial purchaser can be ob	tained from admitted
insurer:	s if all of		-		1 1 1 1 1
	<u>(1)</u>			e procuring or placing the surplus lines insur	
			-	commercial purchaser that such insurance	
				om the admitted market that may provide gr	eater protection with
	(0)		-	tory oversight.	. 1
	<u>(2)</u>			commercial purchaser has subsequently rec	
$(1 \cdot)$			-	procure or place such insurance from a nonac	imitted insurer.
<u>(b)</u>				ion, the following definitions apply:	ushasing some maist
	<u>(1)</u>		-	mmercial purchaser" means any person pu	-
		-		hat, at the time of placement, meets a	If of the following
			rement		monogon to pagatista
		<u>a.</u>		person employs or retains a qualified risk	manager to negotiate
		Ŀ		rance coverage.	
		<u>b.</u>		person has paid aggregate nationwide com alty insurance premiums in excess of on	
			dolla	ars (\$100,000) in the immediately preceding	12 months.
		<u>c.</u>	The	person meets at least one of the following cr	iteria:
			<u>1.</u>	The person possesses a net worth in exce	ess of twenty million
				dollars (\$20,000,000), as such amount is	adjusted pursuant to
				subsection (c) of this section.	
			<u>2.</u>	The person generates annual revenues	in excess of fifty
				million dollars (\$50,000,000), as such	amount is adjusted
				pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.	
			<u>3.</u>	The person employs more than 500 f	ull-time or full-time
				equivalent employees per individual ins	ured or is a member
				of an affiliated group employing more the	nan 1,000 employees
				in the aggregate.	
			<u>4.</u>	The person is a not-for-profit organiza	tion or public entity
				generating annual budgeted expenditur	es of at least thirty
				million dollars (\$30,000,000), as such	amount is adjusted
				pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.	
			<u>5.</u>	The person is a municipality with a pop	pulation in excess of
				<u>50,000 persons.</u>	
	<u>(2)</u>	<u>"Qua</u>	lified	risk manager" means, with respect to	a policyholder of
		comr	nercial	insurance, a person who meets all	of the following
		<u>requi</u>	rement	<u>s:</u>	
		<u>a.</u>	Is a	n employee of, or third-party consultant	nt retained by, the
				mercial policyholder.	

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<u>b.</u>	Provid	es skilled	services in loss prevention, loss reduction, or risk
			verage analysis, and purchase of insurance.
<u>c.</u>		ne of the fo	
—	1.		or's degree or higher from an accredited college or
			y in risk management, business administration,
			economics, or any other field determined by the
			ioner to demonstrate minimum competence in risk
			ent and one of the following:
			hree years of experience in risk financing, claims,
			Iministration, loss prevention, risk and insurance
			alysis, or purchasing commercial lines of insurance.
			ne of the following designations:
		Ā	
			(CPCU) issued by the American Institute for
			CPCU/Insurance Institute of America.
		B	
			by the American Institute for CPCU/Insurance
			Institute of America.
		<u>C</u> .	
			National Alliance for Insurance Education &
			Research.
		D	. RIMS Fellow (RF) issued by the Global Risk
			Management Institute.
		<u>E</u> .	-
			determined by the Commissioner to
			demonstrate minimum competency in risk
			management.
	<u>2.</u>	Seven y	rears of experience in risk financing, claims
		<u>administr</u>	ation, loss prevention, risk and insurance coverage
		<u>analysis,</u>	or purchasing commercial lines of insurance; and
		<u>has any</u>	y one of the designations specified in
			sub-sub-subdivisions A. through E. of
		-	sub-subdivision II. of this sub-subdivision.
	<u>3.</u>		ars of experience in risk financing, claims
			ation, loss prevention, risk and insurance coverage
		•	or purchasing commercial lines of insurance.
	<u>4.</u>	-	te degree from an accredited college or university in
			anagement, business administration, finance,
		economic	
			ioner to demonstrate minimum competence in risk
		managem	
			1 occurring after the date of the enactment of this
			occurring thereafter, the dollar amounts in
			d 4. of this section shall be adjusted to reflect the
			riod in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
*	-		oor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.
" <u>§ 58-21-17. Placeme</u>			
-	-		surplus lines licensee from placing surplus lines
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	*	s insurance from, a nonadmitted insurer domiciled
			he Quarterly Listing of Alien Insurers maintained by
the International Insur	ers Departi	ment of the	e NAIC."

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	SEC'	TION 6. G.S. 58-21-20(a) reads as rewritten:	
"(urplus lines licensee shall place any coverage	with a nonadmitted insurer,
	· /	ne of placement, such nonadmitted insurer: <u>A sur</u>	
		with a nonadmitted insurer unless, at the time of	
		ermined that the nonadmitted insurer satisfies the for	
	(1)	Has established satisfactory evidence of good re	-
		and integrity.	,
	(2)	Qualifies under one of the following subdivision	IS:
		a. Has capital and surplus or its equiva	
		domiciliary jurisdiction, which equals the	
		1. This State's minimum capital and	
		G.S. 58-7-75, or G.S. 58-7-75.	1 1
		2. Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,0)00), (\$15,000,000).
		whichever is greater, except that no	
		qualified under this Article must	•
		(\$10,000,000) by December 31, 1991,	twelve million five hundred
		thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) by Dec	ember 31, 1992, and fifteen
		million dollars (\$15,000,000) by I	December 31, 1993. The
		requirements of this sub subdivision ma	be satisfied by an insurer
		possessing less than the commitment of	capital and surplus upon an
		affirmative finding of acceptability t	by the Commissioner. The
		finding shall be based upon such factor	s as quality of management,
		capital and surplus of any parent comp	any, company underwriting
		profit and investment income trends, a	
		reputation within the industry. In no ev	
		make an affirmative finding of accep	-
		capital and surplus is less than four mi	llion five hundred thousand
		dollars (\$4,500,000).	
		In addition, an alien insurer qualifie	
		complies with the capital and sur	
		subdivision and maintains in the United	
		fund in either a national bank or a mer	
		System, in an amount not less than	
		thousand dollars (\$5,400,000) for th	
		policyholders in the United States, and the	
		securities, letters of credit, or of investm	
		character and quality as those which are	-
		capital and statutory reserves of admitted like kinds of insurance in this State. Th	
		included in any calculation of capital a shall have an expiration date which at ne	
		-	
		years; or The requirements of this sub-sul	
		an insurer's possessing less than the m upon an affirmative finding of acceptal	
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		<u>The finding shall be based upon s</u> management, capital and surplus of any	
		underwriting profit and investment	
		availability, and company record and re	
		In no event shall the Commissioner ma	
		acceptability when the nonadmitted ins	
		less than four million five hundred thous	
		1000 mun tour minion nye nunuted ulous	$(\psi \tau, 500, 000).$

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	b.	In the case of any Lloyd's plans or which consists of unincorporate combination of both unincorporate maintains a trust fund in an amoun million dollars (\$100,000,000) as se for all policyholders and creditors member of the group, and the trust terms and conditions established in	ed individual insurers, or a ted and incorporated insurers, at of not less than one hundred curity to the full amount thereof in the United States of each shall likewise comply with the
9		for alien insurers; and insurers.	~ /
0	с.	In the case of an "insurance excl individual states, maintain capital	
2		equivalent thereof, of not less the	
3		(\$75,000,000) in the aggregate. F	
4		maintain funds in an amount of not	less than fifteen million dollars
5		(\$15,000,000) for the protection	-
6		policyholders, each individual syne	
7		capital and surplus, or the substantia	1
8		than five million dollars (\$5,000,000	-
9		not maintain funds in an amount	
20 21		dollars (\$15,000,000) for the prote	
2		policyholders, each individual sync capital and surplus requirements of s	
2	d.	In the case of a group of incorp	
4	u.	administration, which has continu	
5		business outside the United Sta	•
6		immediately before this time, and	•
7		authority to examine its books and a	
8		the examination, and maintains an	aggregate policyholders' surplus
9		of not less than ten billion dollars (
0		in trust a surplus of not less that	
1		(\$100,000,000) for the benefit o	1
2		policyholders of any member of	• •
3 4		maintains capital and surplus of no	ot less than twenty-five million
4 5	(3) Has	dollars (\$25,000,000) per company. caused to be provided to the Commissi	oner a conv of its current annual
5 6 7	state	ment certified by such insurer; such st two months, and for alien insurers si	atement to be provided no more
8		d reported upon and that is either:	x months, after the close of the
9	a.	Filed with and approved by the reg	ulatory authority in the domicile
0		of the nonadmitted insurer; or	
1	b.	Certified by an accounting or a	auditing firm licensed in the
2		jurisdiction of the insurer's domicile;	-
3	с.	In the case of an insurance exchange	ange, the statement may be an
4		aggregate combined statement o	u i
5		operating during the period reported.	"
6		6.S. 58-21-35(a) reads as rewritten:	
7 °	"§ 58-21-35. Duty to f	-	inco incompose the sumplus lines
3		ays after the placing of any surplus l	-
9 0		the Commissioner a report in a format and including the following informatio	
1		name of the insured.	11.
1	(1) 1110	name of the insulet.	

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(2) The id	entity of the insurer or insurers.	
(3) A desc	ription of the subject and location of the	risk.
(4) The ar	nount of premium charged for the insurar	nce.
(5) The ar	nount of premium tax for the insurance.	
(6) The po	licy period.	
	licy number.	
(7a) An acl	nowledged statement that the surplus lin	es licensee has complied with
	3-21-15.G.S. 58-21-15 or G.S. 58-21-16,	-
(8) The n	ame, address, telephone number, facsing	mile telephone number, and
	nic mail address of the licensee, as applic	
(9) Any o	her relevant information the Commission	er may reasonably require.
(b) The licensee	shall complete and retain a copy of the	report in paper or electronic
	Commissioner. The report required by t	
report required by G.S	58-21-80 shall be completed on a s	standardized form or form
	mmissioner and are not public rec	
G.S. 58-2-100."	*	
SECTION 8.	G.S. 58-21-65(a) reads as rewritten:	
	ds whose home state is this State, no ag	ent or broker licensed by the
Commissioner shall pro	cure any contract of surplus lines insu	rance with any nonadmitted
	sesses a current surplus lines insura	
Commissioner."	-	-
SECTION 9.	G.S. 58-22-10(10) reads as rewritten:	
"(10) "Risk	retention group" means any corporation	on or other limited liability
associ	tion:	
a.	Whose primary activity consists of assur	ming and spreading all or any
	portion of the liability exposure of its gr	oup members;
b.	That is organized for the primary purpo	ose of conducting the activity
	described under sub-subdivision a. of th	is subdivision;
с.	That	
	(i) Is chartered and licensed as a lia	bility insurance company and
	authorized to engage in the bus	iness of insurance under the
	laws of any state; or	
	(ii) Before January 1, 1985, was	chartered or licensed and
	authorized to engage in the bus	iness of insurance under the
	laws of Bermuda or the Cayman	
	had certified to the insurance re-	egulator of at least one stat
	that it satisfied the capitalization	n requirements of such state
	except that any such group sha	
	retention group only if it has	
	continuously since that date a	
	continuing to provide insurance	
	completed operations liability, a	
	the Product Liability Risk Reter	
	effective date of the Risk Retent	
d.	That does not exclude any person fro	m membership in the group
	solely to provide for members of s	uch a group a competitiv
	advantage over such person;	
e.	That	
	(i) Has as its members only perso	ons who have an ownership
	interest in the group and that ha	

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			who are members who are provided insu retention group; or	rance by the risk
		(ii)	Has as its sole member and sole owner an o	organization that is
		()	owned by persons who are provided insu	
			retention group;	j
		<u>(i)</u>	Has as its owners only persons who compri	se the membership
			of the risk retention group and who are pro-	
			such group; or	
		<u>(ii)</u>	Has as its sole owner an organization that	t meets all of the
			following:	
			(I) Its members are only persons w	vho comprise the
			membership of the risk retention gro	
			(II) Its owners are only persons w	ho comprise the
			membership of the risk retention g	roup and who are
			provided insurance by such group;	
	f.	Whos	se members are engaged in businesses or ac	ctivities similar or
		relate	ed with respect to the liability of which s	uch members are
			sed by virtue of any related, similar, or comm	on business trade,
			ict, services, premises, or operations;	
	g.	Whos	se activities do not include the provision of ins	surance other than:
		(i)	Liability insurance for assuming and spr	
			portion of the similar or related liability exp	posure of its group
			members; and	
		(ii)	Reinsurance with respect to the similar of	-
			exposure of any other risk retention group	•
			member of such other group, that is engage	
			activities so that such group or me	
			requirement described in sub-subdivis	
			subdivision from membership in the risk re	stention group that
			provides such reinsurance; and	
	h.		name of which includes the phrase "Risk Reter	ntion Group"."
	SECTION 1	0. This	act becomes effective June 1, 2011.	