

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an annual assessment on insurers for the examination of  
3 insurers; imposing an assessment.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 401.152, Insurance Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) The department shall also impose an annual assessment  
8 on insurers not organized under the laws of this state subject to  
9 examination as described by this section in an amount sufficient to  
10 meet all other expenses and disbursements necessary to comply with  
11 the laws of this state relating to the examination of insurers. The  
12 amount imposed under this subsection must be computed in the same  
13 manner as the amount imposed under Section 401.151(c) for domestic  
14 insurers.

15 SECTION 2. Section 401.156, Insurance Code, is amended by  
16 amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (a-1) to  
17 read as follows:

18 (a) The department shall deposit any assessments or fees  
19 collected under this subchapter relating to the examination of  
20 insurers and other regulated entities by the financial examinations  
21 division or actuarial division, as those terms are defined by  
22 Section 401.251, to the credit of an account with the Texas Treasury  
23 Safekeeping Trust Company to be used exclusively to pay examination  
24 costs, as defined by Section 401.251, to reimburse administrative

1 support costs for the Texas Department of Insurance operating  
2 account, and to reimburse premium tax credits for examination costs  
3 and examination overhead assessments.

4       (a-1) Money deposited under Subsection (a) [~~this~~  
5 ~~subsection~~] accumulates and may be disbursed to the department in a  
6 manner consistent with Subchapter F.

7       (d) The department may transfer funds between the account  
8 described by Subsection (a) and the Texas Department of Insurance  
9 operating account as necessary to ensure that funds are deposited  
10 to the correct account and used for the correct purposes. This  
11 subsection does not authorize a disbursement or transfer of funds  
12 in a manner that is inconsistent with the purposes [~~purpose~~] of  
13 Subchapter F and this section.

14       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

David Newkurt  
President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2163 was passed by the House on May 10, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 29, 3 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2163 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Ratsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

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