S.B. No. 1006

59£

CHAPTER 463

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to requirements regarding certain shareholder and
- 3 policyholder dividends.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 403.001, Insurance Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 403.001. LIMITATION ON DIVIDENDS. An insurer
- 8 organized under the laws of this state, including a life, health,
- 9 fire, marine, or inland marine insurance company, may not pay a
- 10 shareholder dividend except from surplus profits arising from the
- 11 insurer's business.
- 12 SECTION 2. Subsections (a), (b), and (c), Section 1806.056,
- 13 Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 15 approval by the commissioner, from distributing to policyholders
- 16 who are on active duty in the United States Armed Forces any
- 17 estimated profits resulting from service by those policyholders in
- 18 a foreign country in a combat theater of operations after January 1,
- 19 1990.
- 20 (b) An insurer that elects to make distributions under this
- 21 section must:
- 22 (1) file a written application describing
- 23 [description of] the insurer's distribution [program] with the
- 24 commissioner for approval of a policyholder dividend amount that

- 1 exceeds 10 percent of surplus; or [and]
- 2 (2) notify the commissioner in writing of each
- 3 distribution of a policyholder dividend amount that is not greater
- 4 than 10 percent of surplus [made under the program].
- 5 (c) If the commissioner does not act on the application
- 6 [insurer's distribution program] on or before the fifth business
- 7 day after the date the commissioner receives the application
- 8 [insurer's description of the program], the distribution [program]
- 9 is considered approved.
- SECTION 3. Section 1806.057, Insurance Code, is amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 1806.057. PROFIT SHARING WITH MEMBERS OF CERTAIN
- 13 ASSOCIATIONS AUTHORIZED. (a) Section 1806.054 does not prohibit
- 14 an insurer[on approval by the commissioner -] from sharing profits
- 15 with policyholders who are part of a group program established by a
- 16 nonprofit business association and who participate in the group
- 17 program because of membership in the association.
- 18 (b) An insurer that elects to make distributions under this
- 19 section must:
- 20 (1) file a written application describing
- 21 [description of] the insurer's distribution [program] with the
- 22 commissioner for approval of a policyholder dividend amount that
- 23 <u>exceeds 10 percent of surplus; or [and]</u>
- 24 (2) notify the commissioner in writing of each
- 25 distribution of a policyholder dividend amount that is not greater
- 26 than 10 percent of surplus [made under the program].
- (c) If the commissioner does not act on the application

- 1 [insurer's distribution program] on or before the fifth business
- 2 day after the date the commissioner receives the application
- 3 [insurer's description of the program], the distribution [program]
- 4 is considered approved.
- 5 SECTION 4. Section 1806.058, Insurance Code, is amended by
- 6 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 (b) An insurer must obtain commissioner approval before
- 9 distributing a policyholder dividend if the dividend amount exceeds
- 10 <u>10 percent of surplus</u> [A distribution of profits or dividends to
- 11 insureds may not take effect or be paid until the commissioner
- 12 approves the distribution]. The commissioner may not approve a
- 13 distribution of profits or dividends until the insurer has
- 14 [provided] adequate reserves. The reserves must be computed on the
- 15 same basis for all classes of insurers operating under this
- 16 subchapter, Subtitle C, and Subchapter A, Chapter 5.
- (c) The insurer must notify the commissioner in writing of
- 18 each distribution if the insurer's policyholder dividend amount is
- 19 not greater than 10 percent of surplus.
- SECTION 5. Section 1806.105, Insurance Code, is amended by
- 21 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
- 22 follows:
- 23 (c) A distribution of profits or dividends to an insured may
- 24 not take effect or be distributed until:
- 25 (1) the insurer has adequate reserves [are provided],
- 26 as computed on the same basis for all classes of insurers to which
- 27 this subchapter applies; and

- 1 (2) if the policyholder dividend amount exceeds 10
- 2 percent of surplus, the commissioner approves the distribution.
- 3 (d) The insurer must notify the commissioner in writing of
- 4 each distribution if the insurer's policyholder dividend amount is
- 5 not greater than 10 percent of surplus.
- 6 SECTION 6. Section 1806.106, Insurance Code, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 1806.106. PROFIT SHARING WITH CERTAIN ASSOCIATIONS
- 9 AUTHORIZED. (a) This subchapter does not prohibit an insurer[--on
- 10 approval by the commissioner, from sharing profits with
- 11 policyholders who are part of a group program established by a
- 12 nonprofit business association and who participate in the group
- 13 program because of membership in the association.
- 14 (b) An insurer that elects to make distributions under this
- 15 section must:
- 16 (1) file a written application describing
- 17 [description of] the insurer's distribution [program] with the
- 18 commissioner for approval of a policyholder dividend amount that
- 19 <u>exceeds 10 percent of surplus; or [and]</u>
- 20 (2) notify the commissioner in writing of each
- 21 distribution of a policyholder dividend amount that is not greater
- 22 than 10 percent of surplus [made under the program].
- (c) If the commissioner does not act on the <u>application</u>
- 24 [insurer's distribution program] on or before the fifth business
- 25 day after the date the commissioner receives the application
- 26 [insurer's description of the program], the distribution [program]
- 27 is considered approved.

S.B. No. 1006

- 1 SECTION 7. Section 2052.004, Insurance Code, is amended by
- 2 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read
- 3 as follows:
- 4 (b) A policyholder dividend under a workers' compensation
- 5 insurance policy:
- 6 (1) must be [does not take effect until] approved by
- 7 the department if the insurer's policyholder dividend amount
- 8 exceeds 10 percent of surplus; and
- 9 (2) may not be approved by the department until the
- 10 insurance company has [provides] adequate reserves.
- 11 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b), reserves must be
- 12 computed on the same basis for all classes of insurance companies
- 13 operating under this subtitle and Section 2051.002 [Article 5.66].
- 14 (d) An insurer must notify the department in writing of a
- 15 distribution if the insurer's policyholder dividend amount is not
- 16 greater than 10 percent of surplus.
- SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 21 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

(FH) Cincy

rarid Dewhurst	Are	- 1	traus	
President of the Senate	Spe	aker of t	he House	
I hereby certify that S.B. N	1006	passed t	the Senate	on
March 27, 2013, by the following vot	e: Yeas	30, Nays	0	
	\nearrow	atsu	Low	رل
-	Secre	tary of	ke Senate	
I hereby certify that S.B.	No. 1006	passed	the House	on
May 17, 2013, by the following	vote: Ye	eas 134,	Nays 0,	two
present not voting	٠٠٠٠٠		1	
<		\mathcal{O}	1	
_	Ko	Cet	they	
	Chief	Clerk of	the House	
Approved:)
111 June 112				

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

O'CLOCK

JUN 1 4 2013

Secretary of State