

CHAPTER 422
FORMERLY
SENATE BILL NO. 203

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RISK MANAGEMENT AND OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT (ORSA).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Title 18 of the Delaware Code as follows:

Chapter 84. RISK MANAGEMENT AND OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT (ORSA)

§ 8401. Short title.

This chapter may be cited as the “Risk Management And Own Risk And Solvency Assessment (ORSA) Act.”

§ 8402. Purpose and Scope.

The purpose of this Act is to provide the requirements for maintaining a risk management framework and completing an Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA) and provide guidance and instructions for filing an ORSA Summary Report with the Insurance Commissioner of this State.

The requirements of this Act shall apply to all insurers domiciled in this State unless exempt pursuant to § 8407.

The Legislature finds and declares that the ORSA Summary Report will contain confidential and sensitive information related to an insurer or insurance group’s identification of risks material and relevant to the insurer or insurance group filing the report. This information will include proprietary and trade secret information that has the potential for harm and competitive disadvantage to the insurer or insurance group if the information is made public. It is the intent of this Legislature that the ORSA Summary Report shall be a confidential document filed with the Insurance Commissioner, that the ORSA Summary Report will be shared only as stated herein and to assist the Insurance Commissioner in the performance of his or her duties, and that in no event shall the ORSA Summary Report be subject to public disclosure.

§ 8403. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) “Insurance group.” For the purpose of conducting an ORSA, the term “insurance group” shall mean those insurers and affiliates included within an insurance holding company system as defined in Chapter 50 Insurance Holding Company System Registration of this Title.

(2) “Insurer.” The term “insurer” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 102(3) of this Title, except that it shall not include agencies, authorities or instrumentalities of the United States, its possessions and territories, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, or a state or political subdivision of a state.

(3) “Own Risk and Solvency Assessment” or “ORSA.” An “Own Risk and Solvency Assessment” or “ORSA” shall mean a confidential internal assessment, appropriate to the nature, scale and complexity of an insurer or insurance group, conducted by that insurer or insurance group of the material and relevant risks associated with the insurer or insurance group’s current business plan, and the sufficiency of capital resources to support those risks.

(4) “ORSA Guidance Manual.” The term “ORSA Guidance Manual” shall mean the current version of the Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Guidance Manual developed and adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and as amended from time to time. A change in the ORSA Guidance Manual shall be effective on the January 1 following the calendar year in which the changes have been adopted by the NAIC.

(5) “ORSA Summary Report.” An “ORSA Summary Report” shall mean a confidential high-level summary of an insurer or insurance group’s ORSA.

§ 8404. Risk Management Framework.

An insurer shall maintain a risk management framework to assist the insurer with identifying, assessing, monitoring, managing and reporting on its material and relevant risks. This requirement may be satisfied if the insurance group of which the insurer is a member maintains a risk management framework applicable to the operations of the insurer.

§ 8405. ORSA Requirement.

Subject to § 8407, an insurer, or the insurance group of which the insurer is a member, shall regularly conduct an ORSA consistent with a process comparable to the ORSA Guidance Manual. The ORSA shall be conducted no less than annually but also at any time when there are significant changes to the risk profile of the insurer or the insurance group of which the insurer is a member.

§ 8406. ORSA Summary Report.

(a) Upon the Insurance Commissioner's request, and no more than once each year, an insurer shall submit to the Insurance Commissioner an ORSA Summary Report or any combination of reports that together contain the information described in the ORSA Guidance Manual, applicable to the insurer and/or the insurance group of which it is a member. Notwithstanding any request from the Insurance Commissioner, if the insurer is a member of an insurance group, the insurer shall submit the report(s) required by this subsection if the Insurance Commissioner is the lead State Commissioner of the insurance group as determined by the procedures within the Financial Analysis Handbook adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

(b) The report(s) shall include a signature of the insurer or insurance group's chief risk officer or other executive having responsibility for the oversight of the insurer's enterprise risk management process attesting to the best of his/her belief and knowledge that the insurer applies the enterprise risk management process described in the ORSA Summary Report and that a copy of the report has been provided to the insurer's board of directors or the appropriate committee thereof.

(c) An insurer may comply with subsection (a) by providing the most recent and substantially similar report(s) provided by the insurer or another member of an insurance group of which the insurer is a member to the insurance commissioner of another state or to a supervisor or regulator of a foreign jurisdiction, if that report provides information that is comparable to the information described in the ORSA Guidance Manual. Any such report in a language other than English must be accompanied by a translation of that report into the English language.

§ 8407. Exemption.

(a) An insurer shall be exempt from the requirements of this Act, if

(1) The insurer has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium, including international direct and assumed premium but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, less than \$500,000,000; and,

(2) The insurance group of which the insurer is a member has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium including international direct and assumed premium, but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, less than \$1,000,000,000.

(b) If an insurer qualifies for exemption pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a), but the insurance group of which the insurer is a member does not qualify for exemption pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a), then the ORSA Summary Report that may be required pursuant to § 8406 shall include every insurer within the insurance group. This requirement may be satisfied by the submission of more than one ORSA Summary Report for any combination of insurers provided any combination of reports includes every insurer within the insurance group.

(c) If an insurer does not qualify for exemption pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a), but the insurance group of which it is a member qualifies for exemption pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a), then the only ORSA Summary Report that may be required pursuant § 8406 shall be the report applicable to that insurer.

(d) An insurer that does not qualify for exemption pursuant to subsection (a) may apply to the Insurance Commissioner for a waiver from the requirements of this Act based upon unique circumstances. In deciding whether to grant the insurer's request for waiver, the Insurance Commissioner may consider the type and volume of business written, ownership and organizational structure, and any other factor the Insurance Commissioner considers relevant to the insurer or insurance group of which the insurer is a member. If the insurer is part of an insurance group with insurers domiciled in more than one state, the Insurance Commissioner shall coordinate with the lead state insurance commissioner and with the other domiciliary insurance commissioners in considering whether to grant the insurer's request for a waiver.

(e) Notwithstanding the exemptions stated in this section:

(1) The Insurance Commissioner may require that an insurer maintain a risk management framework, conduct an ORSA and file an ORSA Summary Report based on unique circumstances including, but not limited to, the type and volume of business written, ownership and organizational structure, federal agency requests, and international supervisor requests.

(2) The Insurance Commissioner may require that an insurer maintain a risk management framework, conduct an ORSA and file an ORSA Summary Report if the insurer has Risk-Based Capital for company action level event as set forth in Section 5803 of this Title, meets one or more of the standards of an insurer deemed to be in hazardous financial condition as defined in 18 Del. Admin. Code Section 304 Standards and Commissioner's Authority for Companies Deemed to be in Hazardous Financial Condition [Formerly Regulation 70], or otherwise exhibits qualities of a troubled insurer as determined by the Insurance Commissioner.

(f) If an insurer that qualifies for an exemption pursuant to subsection (a) subsequently no longer qualifies for that exemption due to changes in premium as reflected in the insurer's most recent annual statement or in the most recent annual statements of the insurers within the insurance group of which the insurer is a member, the insurer shall have one (1) year following the year the threshold is exceeded to comply with the requirements of this Act.

§ 8408. Contents of ORSA Summary Report.

(a) The ORSA Summary Report shall be prepared consistent with the ORSA Guidance Manual, subject to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section. Documentation and supporting information shall be maintained and made available upon examination or upon request of the Insurance Commissioner.

(b) The review of the ORSA Summary Report, and any additional requests for information, shall be made using similar procedures currently used in the analysis and examination of multi-state or global insurers and insurance groups.

§ 8409. Confidentiality.

(a) Documents, materials or other information, including the ORSA Summary Report, in the possession of or control of the Department of Insurance that are obtained by, created by or disclosed to the Insurance Commissioner or any other person under this Act, is recognized by this State as being proprietary and to contain trade secrets. All such documents, materials or other information shall be confidential by law and privileged, shall not be subject to this State's Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. §§ 10001, et. seq., shall not be subject to subpoena, and shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action. However, the Insurance Commissioner is authorized to use the documents, materials or other information in the furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought as a part of the Insurance Commissioner's official duties. The Insurance Commissioner shall not otherwise make the documents, materials or other information public without the prior written consent of the insurer.

(b) Neither the Insurance Commissioner nor any person who received documents, materials or other ORSA-related information, through examination or otherwise, while acting under the authority of the Insurance Commissioner or with whom such documents, materials or other information are shared pursuant to this Act shall be permitted or required to testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential documents, materials, or information subject to subsection (a).

(c) In order to assist in the performance of the Insurance Commissioner's regulatory duties, the Insurance Commissioner:

(1) May, upon request, share documents, materials or other ORSA-related information, including the confidential and privileged documents, materials or information subject to subsection (a), including proprietary and trade secret documents and materials with other state, federal and international financial regulatory agencies, including members of any supervisory college, as described in Section 5007 of this Title, with the NAIC and with any third-party consultants designated by the Insurance Commissioner, provided that the recipient agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the ORSA-related documents, materials or other information and has verified in writing the legal authority to maintain confidentiality; and

(2) May receive documents, materials or other ORSA-related information, including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials or information, including proprietary and trade-secret information or documents, from regulatory officials of other foreign or domestic jurisdictions, including members of any

supervisory college, and from the NAIC, and shall maintain as confidential or privileged any documents, materials or information received with notice or the understanding that it is confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document, material or information.

(3) Shall enter into a written agreement with the NAIC or a third-party consultant governing sharing and use of information provided pursuant to this Act, consistent with this subsection that shall:

(i) Specify procedures and protocols regarding the confidentiality and security of information shared with the NAIC or a third-party consultant pursuant to this Act, including procedures and protocols for sharing by the NAIC with other state regulators from states in which the insurance group has domiciled insurers. The agreement shall provide that the recipient agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the ORSA-related documents, materials or other information and has verified in writing the legal authority to maintain confidentiality;

(ii) Specify that ownership of information shared with the NAIC or a third-party consultant pursuant to this Act remains with the Insurance Commissioner and the NAIC's or a third-party consultant's use of the information is subject to the direction of the Insurance Commissioner;

(iii) Prohibit the NAIC or third-party consultant from storing the information shared pursuant to this Act in a permanent database after the underlying analysis is completed;

(iv) Require prompt notice to be given to an insurer whose confidential information in the possession of the NAIC or a third-party consultant pursuant to this Act is subject to a request or subpoena to the NAIC or a third-party consultant for disclosure or production;

(v) Require the NAIC or a third-party consultant to consent to intervention by an insurer in any judicial or administrative action in which the NAIC or a third-party consultant may be required to disclose confidential information about the insurer shared with the NAIC or a third-party consultant pursuant to this Act; and

(vi) In the case of an agreement involving a third-party consultant, provide for the insurer's written consent.

(d) The sharing of information and documents by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to this Act shall not constitute a delegation of regulatory authority or rulemaking, and the Insurance Commissioner is solely responsible for the administration, execution and enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

(e) No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of confidentiality in the documents, proprietary and trade-secret materials or other ORSA-related information shall occur as a result of disclosure of such ORSA-related information or documents to the Insurance Commissioner under this section or as a result of sharing as authorized in this Act.

(f) Documents, materials or other information in the possession or control of the NAIC or a third-party consultant pursuant to this Act shall be confidential by law and privileged, shall not be subject to this State's Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. §§ 10001, et. seq., shall not be subject to subpoena, and shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action.

§ 8410. Sanctions.

Any insurer failing, without just cause, to timely file the ORSA Summary Report as required in this Act shall be subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions set forth in Chapter 3 of this Title.

§ 8411. Severability Clause.

If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such determination shall not affect the provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this Act are severable.

§ 8412. Effective Date.

The requirements of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015. The first filing of the ORSA Summary Report shall be in 2015 pursuant to § 8406 of this Act.

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