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4	(By Delegate Guthrie)
5	(By Request of the Division of Insurance)
6	[Passed February 24, 2014; in effect ninety days from passage.]
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LΟ	AN ACT to amend and reenact $\$33-37-2$ of the Code of West Virginia,
L1	1931, as amended, relating to licensure of managing general
L2	agents of insurers; removing unnecessary language; providing
L3	for retroactive renewal of lapsed licenses; establishing
L 4	license application and renewal fees; extending period of some
L 5	initial licenses; and clarifying that the appointment of the
L 6	Secretary of State to receive process applies to
L 7	administrative actions and actions involving license
L 8	applications.
L 9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
20	That $$33-37-2$ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,$
21	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
22	ARTICLE 37. MANAGING GENERAL AGENTS.
2	\$33-37-2. Licensure.

- 1 (a) No domestic, foreign or alien insurer may permit a person 2 to act, and no person may act, in the capacity of a managing 3 general agent for an insurer in this state unless the person is
- 4 licensed in this state to act as a managing general agent.
- 5 (b) No person may act in the capacity of a managing 6 general agent with respect to risks located in this state for an 7 insurer licensed in this state unless the person is a licensed

8 insurance producer in this state.

- 9 (c) The commissioner may license as a managing general agent
 10 any individual or business entity that has complied with the
 11 requirements of this article and any related rules. The
 12 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if he or she believes
 13 the applicant, any person named on the application, or any member,
 14 principal, officer or director of the applicant is not trustworthy
 15 or competent to act as a managing general agent, or that any of the
 16 foregoing persons has given cause for revocation or suspension of
 17 the license or has failed to comply with any prerequisite for
 18 issuance of the license.
- (d) Any person seeking a license pursuant to this section 20 shall apply for the license in a form prescribed by the 21 commissioner and pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$500. Each 22 license issued pursuant to this section expires on June 30 23 following issuance, except that a license initially issued in May 24 or June expires on June 30 of the following year. In order to

1 renew a license, a licensed managing general agent shall submit to 2 the commissioner at least one month prior to expiration a renewal 3 application in a form prescribed by the commissioner and a renewal 4 fee of \$200: Provided, That a managing general agent that fails to 5 timely renew a license may reinstate the license, retroactive to 6 its expiration date, upon submission of the renewal application 7 form prior to June 1 following the expiration date and payment of 8 a renewal fee of \$400. All fees shall be paid into the State 9 Treasury to the credit of the special revenue account created in 10 subsection (b), section thirteen, article three of this chapter.

12 acceptable to him or her for the protection of the insurer.

The commissioner may require a bond in an amount

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- 13 (f) The commissioner may require a managing general agent to 14 maintain an errors and omissions policy that is acceptable to the 15 commissioner.
- (g) The submission of an application for license pursuant to this section constitutes an appointment by the applicant of the Secretary of State as the agent for service of process on the applicant in any action or proceeding, including administrative actions instituted by the commissioner, arising in this state out of or in connection with the application for or exercise of the license. The appointment of the Secretary of State as agent for service of process shall be irrevocable during the period within which a cause of action against the applicant may arise out of

- 1 transactions with respect to subjects of insurance in this state.
- 2 Service of process on the Secretary of State shall conform to the
- 3 provisions of section twelve, article four of this chapter.
- 4 (h) A person seeking licensure shall provide evidence, in a
- 5 form acceptable to the commissioner, of its appointments or
- 6 contracts as a managing general agent. The commissioner may refuse
- 7 to renew the license of a person that has not been appointed by, or
- 8 otherwise authorized to act for, an insurer as a managing general
- 9 agent.