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PROPOSED POLICY
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

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PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to insurance; providing definitions; requiring persons who perform PEO services to be licensed; providing requirements for applicants; requiring background investigation; clarifying that falsification is grounds for denial or revocation; clarifying that falsification disqualifies controlling person; requiring annual renewal of license; clarifying non-receipt of notice is not an excuse; providing required information for renewal; requiring certain persons submit to background investigation each year; permitting refusal of renewal for certain violations; providing requirements to qualify for limited license; providing information required; requiring licensees to continue to meet all requirements; requiring limited license PEOs to renew annually; clarifying that non-receipt of limited license does not exempt from requirement; providing continuing requirements; providing required information to renew limited license; clarifying that falsification is ground for denial or revocation; clarifying that falsification disqualifies controlling person; clarifying that failure to continue to meet requirements will result in loss of limited license; permitting agreements with approved assurance organizations; clarifying that authorization of assurance organization does not relieve applicant or license holder responsibility; providing required submissions for assurance organization approval; directing the Oklahoma Insurance Department to respond within thirty days; requiring the Department to list deficiencies;

clarifying how long approval shall remain in effect; requiring approved assurance organizations to make certain annual notifications; directing Department to notify assurance organization if it becomes aware of certain issues; requiring assurance organization to respond to Department within certain timeframe; providing procedure for withdrawal or termination of approved status; directing that certain decisions of the Insurance Commissioner shall be binding; directing for Department to accept certain evidence; requiring certain submissions to execute applicant or licensee utilization of services of an assurance organization; permitting two or more applicants or license holder to use services of approved assurance organization upon certain demonstrated criteria; clarifying that Department will only issue licenses to qualified applicants with unique federal employment identification numbers; requiring approved assurance organizations make certain complaints and information available to Department within certain timeframe; providing procedure for action against certain bonds; requiring demonstration of positive working capital; providing procedure for applicant that has not had sufficient operating history for audited financial statements; providing requirements to satisfy deficiencies in working capital; clarifying procedure if certain financial security is canceled or lapses; requiring certain notices to clients; requiring certain notices to covered employees; requiring updating of information with Department; directing licensee to allow audit of required records; requiring maintenance of certain documents; clarifying what documents are not required to be obtained; providing application fees; providing license fees; providing late renewal fees; clarifying violations of act may result in certain proceedings; permitting approved assurance organizations to electronically file applications, reports, or other required documents; directing for electronic filings to be in format prescribed by the Department; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7501 of Title 36, unless there 4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

- 1. "Assurance organization" means an independent entity approved by the Oklahoma Insurance Department that:
 - a. provides a national program of accreditation and financial assurance for professional employer organizations,
 - b. has documented qualifications, standards, and procedures acceptable to the Department, and
 - c. agrees to provide information, compliance monitoring services, and financial assurance useful to the Department in accomplishing the provisions of this act;
 - 2. "Department" means the Oklahoma Insurance Department;
 - 3. "Controlling person" means an individual who:
 - a. possesses direct or indirect control of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting securities of a business entity that offers or proposes to offer professional employer services,

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- b. possesses the authority to set policy and direct management of a business entity that offers or proposes to offer professional employer services,
- c. is employed, appointed, or authorized by a business entity that offers or proposes to offer professional employer services to enter into a professional employer services agreement with a client on behalf of the business entity, or
- d. a person who is an officer or director of a corporation or a general partner of a partnership that offers or proposes to offer professional employer services;
- 4. "Offering to perform" means making a written or oral proposal, contracting in writing or orally to perform professional employer services, or advertising in any form through any medium that a person or business entity is a professional employer organization, or that implies in any way that a person or business entity is available to enter into a professional employer services agreement;
 - 5. "PEO" means a Professional Employer Organization; and
- 6. "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or any other business entity.

- SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7502 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. Any person who performs or offers to perform PEO services as defined by this act shall be licensed by the Department.
 - B. To obtain an original PEO license, a person shall provide the Department with all of the following required information, on forms prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner:
- 9 1. A completed registration form, including any applicable 10 attachments or application forms;
- 2. A completed personal information form from each controllingperson;
 - 3. Fingerprint cards for the applicant and any controlling persons;
 - 4. A completed criminal history questionnaire, as applicable;
 - 5. Documentation from the Oklahoma Secretary of State recognizing the person's authority to do business in this state;
 - 6. Proof of positive working capital; and
 - 7. The required fees.

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- C. Each individual applicant and all controlling persons shall pass a background investigation that includes:
- 1. A comparison of the person's fingerprints by appropriate

 state or federal law enforcement agencies with fingerprints on file;

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- 2. A criminal history check with appropriate state and federal
 law enforcement agencies.
 - D. Falsification of a required document by the applicant is grounds for denial or revocation of license.

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- E. Falsification of documentation provided by a controlling person disqualifies that person from serving as a controlling person.
- 8 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7503 of Title 36, unless there 10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. In order for a PEO to continue operating in this state, a license shall be renewed annually.
 - B. Non-receipt of a license renewal notice from the Department does not exempt a person from any requirements of this act.
 - C. To renew a PEO license, a person shall provide the Department with all of the following required information, on forms prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner:
 - 1. A completed registration form, including any applicable attachments or application forms;
 - 2. A completed personal information form from each controlling person, or a form indicating there has been no change in the personal information form since the previous license application or renewal from each controlling person;
 - 3. Fingerprint cards for any new controlling persons;

- 1 4. A completed criminal history questionnaire, as applicable;
- 5. Proof of positive working capital; and
 - 6. The required fees.
- D. Each individual applicant and all controlling persons of the PEO shall submit to a background investigation each year at the time
- 6 of renewal.

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- E. The Department may refuse to renew a registration if the applicant or a controlling person of the applicant has violated this act, a rule, or an order issued by the Oklahoma Insurance
- 10 Department.
- SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7504 of Title 36, unless there
- A. To qualify for a limited license, a person at all times shall:

is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

- 1. Employ less than fifty covered employees in this state at any one time;
- 2. Not provide covered employees to clients that are based or domiciled in the state;
 - 3. Not maintain an office in this state; and
 - 4. Not solicit clients located or domiciled in this state.
- B. A person applying for a limited license shall provide the
 Oklahoma Insurance Department with all of the following required
 information, on forms prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner:

- 1 1. A completed registration form, including any applicable attachments or application forms;
 - 2. A completed personal information form from each controlling person;
 - A completed criminal history questionnaire, as applicable;
 - Proof of current licensure as a PEO, in good standing, if licensed in another state;
 - 5. Documentation from the Oklahoma Secretary of State recognizing the person's authority to do business in this state;
 - Proof of positive working capital; and 6.
 - 7. The required fees.

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- Falsification of a required document by the applicant is 12 13 grounds for denial or revocation of license.
 - Falsification of documentation provided by a controlling D. person disqualifies that person from serving as a controlling person.
 - After the person obtains the limited license, the person shall continue to meet all of the requirements under subsection A of this section in order to retain the limited license. Failure to continue meeting the requirements will result in loss of the limited license.
- 22 A new section of law to be codified SECTION 5. NEW LAW 23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7505 of Title 36, unless there 24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

- A. In order for a limited license PEO to continue operating in this state, a limited license shall be renewed annually.
 - B. Non-receipt of a limited license renewal notice from the Oklahoma Insurance Department does not exempt a person from any requirements of this act.

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- 6 C. To continue qualification for a limited license, a person at 7 all times while licensed shall:
 - 1. Employ less than fifty covered employees in this state at any one time;
 - 2. Not provide covered employees to clients that are based or domiciled in the state;
 - 3. Not maintain an office in this state; and
 - 4. Not solicit clients located or domiciled in this state.
 - D. To renew a limited license, a person shall provide the Department with all of the following required information, on forms prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner:
 - 1. A completed registration form, including any applicable attachments or application forms;
 - 2. A completed personal information form from each controlling person or a form indicating there has been no change in the personal information form since the previous license application or renewal from each controlling person;
 - 3. A completed criminal history questionnaire, as applicable;

- 4. Proof of current licensure as a PEO, in good standing, if licensed in another state;
 - 5. Proof of positive working capital; and
 - 6. The required fees.

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- E. Falsification of a required document by the applicant is grounds for denial of the application or revocation of a license.
- F. Falsification of documentation provided by a controlling person disqualifies that person from serving as a controlling person.
- G. The person shall continue to meet all of the requirements under subsection A of this section in order to retain the limited license. Failure to continue meeting the requirements will result in loss of the limited license.
- SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7506 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. An applicant or license holder may enter into an agreement with an Oklahoma Insurance Department-approved assurance organization to act on behalf of an applicant or license holder in accomplishing the provisions of this act.
- B. The authorization of an assurance organization to act on its behalf does not relieve an applicant or license holder from the applicant or license holder's ultimate responsibility to comply with each of its obligations pursuant to this act.

- C. An assurance organization desiring to become approved shall submit to the Department:
 - 1. A letter requesting approval by the Department;

- 2. Evidence that the assurance organization meets the qualifications required of an assurance organization; and
- 3. An explanation of how the assurance organization will certify each of the criteria and obligations required of applicants and license holders in this act.
- D. No later than thirty (30) days after the assurance organization submits all of the required information to the Department, the Department shall notify the assurance organization in writing whether or not the assurance organization has been approved.
- E. If the Department recommends not approving the assurance organization, it shall detail the deficiencies in writing. The assurance organization may correct the deficiencies.
- F. The assurance organization's approval shall remain in effect until such time as either the Department, after written notice, terminates the approval, or until such time as the assurance organization, after written notice, withdraws or terminates its status as an approved assurance organization.
- G. For so long as the assurance organization is approved, the assurance organization shall notify the Department annually, in

writing, on the anniversary of its approval date, whether any of its standards of accreditation have changed during the previous year.

- H. The Department shall make available to the public a current list of all approved assurance organizations.
- I. The Department shall notify the assurance organization, in writing, if the Department becomes aware of information which indicates that the assurance organization is failing to adequately monitor or provide compliance assistance as intended by this act. The Department shall include such deficiencies in its written notification.
- J. The assurance organization shall respond to the Department within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the notification, and both shall attempt to resolve the matters of concern. If the matters are not resolved within a reasonable time, the Department may elect to recommend that the assurance organization's approval be terminated.
- K. If the assurance organization desires to withdraw or terminate its status as an approved assurance organization in Oklahoma, it shall give the Department not less than sixty (60) days written notification of said intent, and shall agree to cooperate with the Department and any license holders or applicants that have an agreement with the assurance organization in the termination process.
- L. In all matters concerning the relationship between the Department and either an approved assurance organization or an

assurance organization desiring to become approved, including
disputed matters, the decision of the Insurance Commissioner shall
be binding on all parties.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7507 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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- A. The Department shall accept an approved assurance organization's written certification as evidence that an applicant or license holder has met and continues to meet the criteria and obligations set forth in this act. The Department retains the right to independently verify any information or certification provided by the assurance organization, including the ability to verify information contained in the assurance organization's databases.
- B. An applicant or licensee wishing to utilize the services of an assurance organization shall execute, and the assurance organization shall submit to the Department, together with any fees, the appropriate application form prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner which includes a certification by the assurance organization that the license holder or applicant is in compliance with the assurance organization's standards which meet the requirements of this act and rules and a certification by the licensee or applicant that the applicant is in full compliance with all requirements of this act and the rules, together with the license holder or applicant's authorization for the Department to

- 1 accept information provided by the assurance organization on behalf 2 of the applicant or licensee.
 - C. Two or more applicants or license holders using the services of an approved assurance organization and desiring to apply or renew as a group may do so provided that the applicants or license holders apply or renew on a form prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner and demonstrate that they have at least two of the following criteria in common:
 - 1. Financial statement;
 - Controlling person;
 - 3. Insurance coverage; or
- 12 4. Ownership.

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- D. Though qualified applicants may apply as a group, the

 Department will issue licenses only to qualified applicants having

 unique federal employment identification numbers.
 - E. An approved assurance organization shall notify the Department, in writing, no later than ten (10) days after it receives a complaint or becomes aware of information indicating that an applicant or license holder utilizing its services is not in compliance with its obligations under this act. The notification shall include the originals or a certified copy of all such information in the assurance organization's possession.
- F. An approved assurance organization shall notify the
 Department, in writing, no later than ten (10) days after the

1 assurance organization has made a determination that an accredited PEO has violated any of the standards of accreditation of the assurance organization. 3

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- 4 Should the Department elect to take action against any bond made available to it by an assurance organization because of a license holder or applicant's violation of this act as determined by the Department, the Department shall provide the assurance organization thirty (30) days written notice prior to taking action against the bond. This notification requirement shall neither affect the Department's enforcement procedures nor affect the Department's ability to take appropriate disciplinary action against a licensee or applicant.
- 1.3 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7508 of Title 36, unless there 15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A person applying for an original license or a renewal license shall demonstrate positive working capital in the following amounts:
 - 1. Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) if the applicant employs fewer than two hundred fifty covered employees;
 - Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) if the applicant employs at least two hundred fifty but no more than seven hundred fifty covered employees; and

- 3. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) if the applicant employs more than seven hundred fifty covered employees.
- B. Positive Working Capital shall be demonstrated by the financial statement of the applicant that:

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- Is prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- 2. Is audited by an independent certified public accountant, and is without qualification as to the going concern status of the applicant;
- 3. Reflects positive working capital on a date not earlier than fifteen (15) months before the date of the application; and
- 4. Is based on adequate reserves for taxes, insurance, and incurred claims that are not paid.
- C. An applicant that has not had sufficient operating history to have audited financial statements based on at least twelve (12) months of operations shall meet the financial capacity requirements required and shall provide the Department with financial statements that have been reviewed by a certified public accountant.
- D. An applicant may satisfy any deficiencies in the working capital requirement as set forth in subsections A, B, and C of this section, with one or more of the following:
- 1. A guaranty with the most recent audited financial statement of the guarantor, demonstrating positive working capital according to the following:

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) if the applicant 1 a. 2 employs fewer than two hundred fifty covered 3 employees, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) if the 4 b. 5 applicant employs at least two hundred fifty but no more than seven hundred fifty covered employees, and 6 7 C. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) if the applicant employs more than seven hundred fifty 8 9 covered employees; A surety bond that: 10 2. 11 is issued by a surety authorized to do business in the 12 State of Oklahoma, 1.3 b. conforms to the Oklahoma Statutes and Administrative 14 Code, 15 is on a Department-approved form, C. 16 d. is payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department on 17 behalf of persons who are injured because of a 18 violation of this act, and 19 states that the surety will provide the Department e. 20 sixty (60) days prior written notice of its intent to 2.1 cancel the bond;

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An original letter of credit that:

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- b. is issued by a qualified financial institution which is financially responsible in the amount of the letter of credit,
 - c. does not require examination of the performance of the underlying transaction between the Department and the licensee,
 - d. is payable to the Department on sight or within a reasonably brief period of time after presentation of all required documents, and
 - e. does not include any condition that makes payment to the Department contingent upon the consent of or other action by the licensee or other party; or
 - 4. Another form of security acceptable to the Insurance Commissioner.
 - E. Any form of financial security used to satisfy a deficiency in an applicant's positive working capital under subsection A, B, or C of this section that is issued or written for a specified term shall be replaced or renewed in accordance with this act.
 - F. Any form of financial security used to satisfy a deficiency in applicant's positive working capital under subsection A, B, or C of this section shall be maintained by the licensee for the entire time the licensee continues to do business in this state.

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- G. Any form of financial security used to satisfy a deficiency in applicant's positive working capital under subsection A, B, or C of this section shall be kept in effect until the later of:
- 1. Two (2) years after the licensee ceases to do business in this state;
 - 2. Two (2) years after the licensee's license expires; or
- 3. The Insurance Commissioner receives satisfactory proof from the licensee and determines that the licensee has discharged or otherwise adequately met all of its obligations under Oklahoma law.
- H. If any form of financial security under subsection D of this section is canceled or lapses during the term of the licensee's license, the licensee may not continue operations after the effective date of the cancellation or lapse, unless and until the licensee files with the Insurance Commissioner a valid form of financial security that meets the requirements provided by this act and that provides coverage after that date.
- I. Cancellation or lapse of the financial security under subsection C of this section does not affect the licensee's liability before or after the effective date of the cancellation or lapse.
- SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7509 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
 - A. Notices to Clients.

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- 1. A licensee shall notify its clients of the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the Department. The notice also shall contain a statement that unresolved complaints concerning a licensee or questions concerning the regulation of PEOs may be addressed to the Department.
- 2. The notice required by this subsection shall be made a part of all agreements between licensees and clients. The notification shall appear in a typeface no smaller than the body of the contract and shall be printed in bold face, all capital letters, or contrasting color of ink to set it out from the surrounding written material.
 - B. Notices to Covered Employees.

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- 1. A licensee shall provide written notice of a professional employer services agreement to each covered employee that sets forth the general nature of the co-employment relationship, the name, mailing address, website, and telephone number of the Department, and a statement that unresolved complaints concerning a licensee or questions concerning the regulation of PEO services may be addressed to the Department.
- 2. A licensee shall notify each covered employee that a client company is solely obligated to pay any wages for which:
 - a. an obligation to pay is created by an agreement, contract, plan, or policy between the client company and the covered employee, and

b. the PEO has not contracted to pay.

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- 3. A licensee shall have each covered employee either sign a document or electronically acknowledge that the covered employee has received the notice set forth in this subsection. The signed document or electronic record shall be kept on file for two (2) years after employment is terminated. The signed document or electronic record may be included as part of the professional employer services agreement or other agreement with the covered employee or may be a separate document.
- C. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section, a PEO may process payments for wages that it has not contracted to pay at the request or direction of its clients.
- D. A licensee shall update the information provided to the Department as part of the original or renewal license application within forty-five (45) days after any change to the information.
- SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7510 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. Upon notification, the licensee shall allow the Insurance Commissioner or their designee to audit any records required by this act.
- B. All licensees shall maintain the following documents for two
 (2) years following the termination of a professional employer
 services agreement:

- 1. Insurance coverage documents which may be required for filing with the Oklahoma Insurance Department, or insurance coverage documents which the licensee may be required to retain by the Oklahoma Insurance Department;
 - 2. All documents pertaining to insurance claims;
 - 3. Workers' compensation coverage documents;

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- 4. All documents pertaining to workers' compensation claims;
- 5. Professional employer services agreements between the license holder and client companies;
- 6. Employee tax records that may be required to be retained by or filed with the Oklahoma Tax Commission;
- 7. Employee tax records that may be required to be retained by or filed with the Internal Revenue Service; and
 - 8. Employee tax records that may be required to be retained by or filed with the county or state.
 - C. A PEO that offers a self-funded health insurance plan shall deliver to the Department the following within forty-five (45) days of receiving approval from the Oklahoma Insurance Department:
 - 1. A copy of the written approval to offer the plan from the Oklahoma Insurance Department; and
- 2. A copy of proof that the PEO has appointed the Oklahoma

 22 Insurance Commissioner as its resident agent for purposes of service

 23 of process in this state.

- SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7511 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- 4 A. Application Fees.
- 5 | 1. All application fees are non-refundable.
- 6 2. The application fee is a required fee that is separate from 7 the required license fee.
- 8 3. The original application fee is One Hundred Fifty Dollars 9 (\$150.00).
- 4. The renewal application fee is One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).
- 5. The limited license original application fee is One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).
- 6. The limited license renewal application fee is One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).
 - B. License Fees.

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- 1. The license fee is a required fee that is separate from the required application fee.
 - 2. The original license fee is:
 - a. One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for zero to two hundred forty-nine assigned employees,
 - b. Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for two hundred fifty to seven hundred fifty assigned employees, and

c. Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) for more than seven hundred fifty assigned employees.

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- a. for zero to two hundred forty-nine assigned employees,

 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for licenses

 expiring before February 1, 2026, and One Hundred

 Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for licenses expiring on or

 after February 1, 2026,
- b. for two hundred fifty to seven hundred fifty assigned employees, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for licenses expiring before February 1, 2026, and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for licenses expiring on or after February 1, 2026, and
- c. for more than seven hundred fifty assigned employees,

 Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for licenses

 expiring before February 1, 2026, and Five Hundred

 Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) for licenses expiring on or

 after February 1, 2026.
- 4. The limited license original license fee is One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).
- 5. The limited license renewal license fee is Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for licenses expiring before February 1, 2026, and One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for licenses expiring on or after February 1, 2026.

C. Late renewal fees for licenses and limited licenses issued under this act.

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- 1. A person whose license has been expired for ninety (90) days or less may renew the license by paying a late renewal fee equal to one and one-half (1 1/2) times the renewal fee required for the license as prescribed in the program rules.
- 2. A person whose license has been expired for more than ninety (90) days but less than eighteen (18) months may renew the license by paying a late renewal fee equal to two times the renewal fee required for the license as prescribed in the program rules.
- 3. A person whose license has been expired for more than eighteen (18) months but less than three (3) years may request that the Insurance Commissioner approve the license renewal by:
 - a. submitting information sufficient to explain the need for the late renewal, and
 - b. paying to the Department a renewal fee equal to two times the renewal fee required for the license as prescribed in the program rules.
- 4. A person paying a late renewal fee is not required to pay the late renewal fee in addition to the renewal fee required for the license as prescribed in the program rules. The person is only required to pay the late renewal fee.
- D. If a person violates this act, proceedings may be instituted to impose administrative sanctions, administrative

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        B. All electronic filings made pursuant to this act shall be in
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