

## CHAPTER 206

## LIFE INSURANCE

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**206.01 Life insurance; definitions.** In any statute relating to life insurance, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases shall be understood in the sense herein set forth and defined:

(1) The "amount at risk," in any policy year, is the difference between the sum insured in such policy year and the terminal reserve for such policy year.

(2) "Beneficiary," is the person in whose favor a policy is written.

(3) "Company," includes all corporations, associations, partnerships or individuals, engaged as principals in the business of life insurance, except fraternal benefit societies, as defined in section 208.01.

(4) "Deposit," is the terminal reserve on a policy, discounted to the beginning of the policy year at the rate of interest assumed.

(6) "Insured," is the person upon whose life the contract of insurance is written.

(7) "Mortality charge," is the provision at the beginning of the policy year for the mortality on account of such policy year, according to the table of mortality adopted and the rate of interest assumed.

(8) "Policy," is the contract issued by the company to the insured.

(9) "Policy anniversary," is any anniversary of the date of the policy, unless otherwise specified in the policy.

(10) "Policy year," is the year beginning with the date of the policy or any anniversary thereof, unless otherwise specified in the policy.

(11) "Premium," is the payment stipulated in the policy to be made by the insured to the company during any one policy year.

(12) The "reserve," at any time within the policy year is the deposit for such year improved at the assumed rate of interest to said time, together with the proportional unused part of the mortality charge for such year.

(13) The "sum insured," in any policy year is the value of the guaranteed payments and benefits stipulated to be made or granted if the policy should mature within such year.

(14) The "terminal reserve," is the reserve at the end of the policy year, and is the sum sufficient, with the net premiums coming due, to provide for the future mortality charges, and to mature the policy according to its terms, all computed upon the table of mortality adopted and the rate of interest assumed.

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**206.02 Life companies.** (1) **SALE OF COMPANY, CONTROL.** Whenever a majority but not all of the shares of the capital stock of a company are sold, the commissioner shall examine into the conditions and details of such transaction, and shall not authorize the recording of such transfer until all requirements of law have been complied with and the interests of the

policyholders properly safeguarded; and whenever such sale involves the transfer or reinsurance of the business of the company, the policyholders of the company shall first be given an opportunity by a direct vote, under the supervision of the commissioner, to mutualize the company by the purchase of the shares of the capital stock by the company at the same price, before any transfer of shares of the capital stock shall be recorded by the commissioner, or a reinsurance of the business of the company permitted.

(2) **CONDITIONS FOR DOING BUSINESS.** No life insurer may do business in this state, nor may any person act as his agent in receiving or procuring applications for life insurance except as provided in s. 611.14 (2) (a), nor in any manner aid in transacting such business for any such corporation until it has first procured a license therefor from the commissioner and has paid the license fee required by s. 76.34 and the fees required by s. 601.31.

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**206.03 Disability insurance.** Any domestic life insurance company authorized by its charter or articles to write disability insurance may issue policies therefor either independently of or in conjunction with its life or endowment insurance policies. Any foreign life insurance company may be licensed to transact such business, if authorized so to do by its charter or articles of organization and by the state in which it is incorporated.

**206.13 Participating policies.** (1) No mutual life insurance company and no stock life insurance company issuing any participating policies, shall issue any participating policies in this state which do not, by their terms, give to the holders thereof full right to participate annually in the surplus accumulations from the participating business of such company, as provided by law of this state.

(2) This section shall not apply to paid-up or temporary and pure endowment insurance issued or granted in exchange for lapsed or surrendered policies or to annuities.

(3) Any company which issues both participating and nonparticipating policies, and keeps separate accounts between the two classes, may be licensed; provided, it shall, before being licensed, file with the commissioner an agreement that, in consideration of being permitted to issue both participating and nonparticipating policies, the accounts of each class will be kept separate, and that no part of the funds accumulated or belonging to the participating class shall ever be voluntarily transferred to

the nonparticipating class, except such as the existing charter of the company may require.

**206.17 Policies; prerequisites; approval of form.** (1) No policy of life or disability insurance as defined in section 201.04 (3) and (4) shall be issued or delivered in this state until the commissioner has approved the same or until there has been filed with him at least 30 days the form of such policy and a copy of any table of rates or statement of benefits furnished to agents or to the public in this state.

(2) No policy shall be issued or delivered after an order of disapproval by the commissioner giving reasons for the disapproval thereof, or of the form or statement required to be filed, and notice thereof shall have been given to the company.

**206.18 Policy, contents, exception.** (1) No policy (other than a policy of industrial insurance where the premiums are payable monthly or oftener) shall be issued or delivered in this state, unless it contains in substance the following provisions:

Provision 1, specifying the table of mortality and rate of interest and method upon which the reserve on such policy is to be computed; provided, that the method may be omitted if the policy be on the net level premium basis, and when no method is specified the policy shall be presumed to be on the net level premium basis.

Provision 2, specifying separately the premium charged for any benefit promised in the policy other than life or endowment insurance. Any company, required by the laws of the state wherein it is organized to issue a standard form of policy, may omit provisions 1 and 2 from its policy, and insert the same in the application, if a copy thereof shall be attached to the policy when issued.

Provision 3, that upon the nonpayment of any premium when due, after payment of premiums for (insert a number not exceeding three) full years, the same shall be paid by being charged as a loan against the policy at the same rate of interest as therein specified for other policy loans. Such loan shall be payable at any time at the option of the insured, and shall become due and payable only when the total of all loans and interest shall equal the reserve less the surrender charge specified in the policy. In such case each premium receipt shall show the total indebtedness on such policy to the company at the date of such receipt.

Provision 4, that upon the nonpayment of any premium when due, after payment of premiums for (insert a number not exceeding three) full years, the insured shall be granted, as specified in the policy, either extended insurance or paid-up insurance, the net single premium on which, computed on the mortality and interest assumptions of the policy, shall at any time equal the reserve less the surrender charge specified therein, and less any existing indebtedness to the company on or secured by the policy.

Provisions 3 and 4 shall not be required in term insurance of twenty years or less, and either may be automatic, and either may be omitted. The reserve to be used for calculating the benefits after the nonpayment of any premium when due, may exclude the reserve held by the company to provide for total and permanent disability benefits.

(2) Subsection (1), except provision 2 thereof, shall not apply to policies issued by a company after the date on which section 206.181 becomes applicable to such company.

**206.181 Standard nonforfeiture law. (1)**

On and after January 1, 1948, no policy of life insurance, except as stated in subsection (8), shall be issued or delivered in this state unless it shall contain in substance the following provisions, or corresponding provisions which in the opinion of the commissioner are at least as favorable to the defaulting or surrendering policyholder:

(a) In the event of default in any premium payment, the company will grant, upon proper request not later than 60 days after the due date of the premium in default, a paid-up nonforfeiture benefit on a plan stipulated in the policy, effective as of such due date, of such value as may be hereinafter specified.

(b) Upon surrender of the policy within 60 days after the due date of any premium payment in default after premiums have been paid for at least 3 full years in the case of ordinary insurance or 5 full years in the case of industrial insurance, the company will pay, in lieu of any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, a cash surrender value of such amount as may be hereinafter specified.

(c) A specified paid-up nonforfeiture benefit shall become effective as specified in the policy unless the person entitled to make such election elects another available option not later than 60 days after the due date of the premium in default.

(d) If the policy shall have become paid up by completion of all premium payments or if it is continued under any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit which became effective on or after the third policy anniversary in the case of ordinary insurance or the fifth policy anniversary in the case of industrial insurance, the company will pay, upon surrender of the policy within 30 days after any policy anniversary, a cash surrender value of such amount as may be hereinafter specified.

(e) A statement of the mortality table and interest rate used in calculating the cash surrender values and the paid-up nonforfeiture benefits available under the policy, together with a table showing the cash surrender value, if any, and paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, if any, available under the policy on each policy anniversary either during the first 20 policy years or during the term of the policy, whichever is shorter, such values and benefits to be calculated upon the assumption that there are no dividends or paid-up additions credited to the policy and that there is no indebtedness to the company on the policy.

(f) A statement that the cash surrender values and the paid-up nonforfeiture benefits available under the policy are not less than the minimum values and benefits required by or pursuant to the insurance law of the state in which the policy is delivered; an explanation of the manner in which the cash surrender values and the paid-up nonforfeiture benefits are altered by the existence of any paid-up additions credited to the policy or any indebtedness to the company on the policy; if a detailed statement of the method of computation of the values and benefits shown in the policy is not stated therein, a statement that such method of computation has been filed with the insurance supervisory official of the state in which the policy is delivered; and a statement of the method to be used in calculating the cash surrender value and paid-up nonforfeiture benefit available under the policy on any policy anniversary beyond the last anniversary for which such values and benefits are consecutively shown in the policy.

(g) The company shall reserve the right to defer the payment of any cash surrender value for a period of 6 months after demand therefor with surrender of the policy.

(h) Any of the foregoing provisions or portions thereof not applicable by reason of the plan of insurance may, to the extent inapplicable, be omitted from the policy.

(2) Any cash surrender value available under the policy in the event of default in a premium payment due on any policy anniversary, whether or not required by subsection (1), shall be an amount not less than the excess, if any, of the present value, on such anniversary, of the future guaranteed benefits which would have been provided for by the policy, including any existing paid-up additions, if there had been no default, over the sum of (a) the then present value of the adjusted premiums as defined in subsections (4), (5) and (6), corresponding to premiums which would have fallen due on and after such anniversary, and (b) the amount of any indebtedness to the company on the policy. Any cash surrender value available within 30 days after any policy anniversary under any policy paid-up by completion of all premium payments or any policy continued under any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, whether or not required by subsection (1), shall be an amount not less than the present value, on such anniversary, of the future guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy, including any existing paid-up additions, decreased by any indebtedness to the company on the policy.

(3) Any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit available under the policy in the event of default in a premium payment due on any policy anniversary shall be such that its present value as of such anniversary shall be at least equal to the cash surrender value then provided for by the policy or, if none is provided for, that cash surrender value which would have been required by this section in the absence of the condition that premiums shall have been paid for at least a specified period.

(4) Except as provided in sub. (5) (b), the adjusted premiums for any policy shall be calculated on an annual basis and shall be such uniform percentage of the respective premiums specified in the policy for each policy year, excluding any extra premiums charged because of impairments or special hazards, that the present value, at the date of issue of the policy, of all adjusted premiums shall be equal to the sum of (a) the then present value of the future guaranteed benefits provided for by the policy; (b) 2 per cent of the amount of insurance, if the insurance is uniform in amount, or of the equivalent uniform amount, as defined in sub. (5), if the amount of insurance varies with duration of the policy; (c) 40 per cent of the adjusted premium for the first policy year; (d) 25 per cent of either the adjusted premium for the first policy year or the adjusted premium for a whole life policy of the same uniform or equiv-

alent uniform amount with uniform premiums for the whole of life issued at the same age for the same amount of insurance, whichever is less; provided, that in applying the percentages specified in (c) and (d), no adjusted premium shall be deemed to exceed 4 per cent of the amount of insurance or uniform amount equivalent thereto. The date of issue of a policy for the purpose of this subsection and sub. (5) shall be the date as of which the rated age of the insured is determined.

(5) (a) In the case of a policy providing an amount of insurance varying with duration of the policy, the equivalent uniform amount thereof for the purpose of sub. (4) and this subsection shall be deemed to be the uniform amount of insurance provided by an otherwise similar policy, containing the same endowment benefits, if any, issued at the same age and for the same term, the amount of which does not vary with duration and the benefits under which have the same present value at the date of issue as the benefits under the policy; provided, that in the case of a policy providing a varying amount of insurance issued on the life of a child under age 10, the equivalent uniform amount may be computed as though the amount of insurance provided by the policy prior to the attainment of age 10 were the amount provided by such policy at age 10.

(b) The adjusted premiums for any policy providing term insurance benefits by rider or supplemental policy provision shall be equal to: A) the adjusted premiums for an otherwise similar policy issued at the same age without such term insurance benefits, increased, during the period for which premiums for such term insurance benefits are payable, by B) the adjusted premiums for such term insurance, the foregoing items A) and B) being calculated separately and as specified in par. (a) and sub. (4) except that, for the purposes of (b), (c) and (d) in sub. (4), the amount of insurance or equivalent uniform amount of insurance used in the calculation of the adjusted premiums referred to in B) shall be equal to the excess of the corresponding amount determined for the entire policy over the amount used in the calculation of the adjusted premiums in A).

(6) (a) Except as otherwise provided in par. (b) or (c), all adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this section shall for all policies of ordinary insurance be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1941 standard ordinary mortality table, except that for any category of ordinary insurance issued on female risks adjusted premiums and present values may be calculated according to an age not

more than 3 years younger than the actual age of the insured, and such calculations for all policies of industrial insurance shall be made on the basis of the 1941 standard industrial mortality table. All calculations shall be made on the basis of the rate of interest, not exceeding 3 1/2 per cent per annum, specified in the policy for calculating cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits; provided, that in calculating the present value of any paid-up term insurance with accompanying pure endowment, if any, offered as a nonforfeiture benefit, the rates of mortality assumed may not be more than 130 per cent of the rates of mortality according to such applicable table. For insurance issued on a substandard basis, the calculation of any such adjusted premiums and present values may be based on such other table of mortality as may be specified by the company and approved by the commissioner.

(b) In the case of ordinary policies issued on or after the operative date of this paragraph as defined herein, all adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this section shall be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1958 standard ordinary mortality table and the rate of interest, not exceeding 3 1/2 per cent per annum, specified in the policy for calculating cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits, provided that for any category of ordinary insurance issued on female risks adjusted premiums and present values may be calculated according to an age not more than 3 years younger than the actual age of the insured. In calculating the present value of any paid-up term insurance with accompanying pure endowment, if any, offered as a nonforfeiture benefit, the rates of mortality assumed may be not more than those shown in the commissioners 1958 extended term insurance table. For insurance issued on a substandard basis, the calculation of any such adjusted premiums and present values may be based on such other table of mortality as may be specified by the company and approved by the commissioner. After June 14, 1959, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election to comply with the provisions of this paragraph after a specified date before January 1, 1966. After the filing of such notice, then upon such specified date (which shall be the operative date of this paragraph for such company), this paragraph shall become operative with respect to the ordinary policies thereafter issued by such company. If a company makes no such election, the operative date of this paragraph for such company shall be January 1, 1966.

(c) In the case of industrial policies issued on or after the operative date of this paragraph as defined herein, all adjusted premiums and present values referred to in this section shall be calculated on the basis of the commissioners 1961 standard industrial mortality table and the rate of interest, not exceeding 3 1/2 per cent per annum, specified in the policy for calculating cash surrender values and paid-up nonforfeiture benefits; provided, that in calculating the present value of any paid-up term insurance with accompanying pure endowment, if any, offered as a nonforfeiture benefit, the rates of mortality assumed may be not more than those shown in the commissioners 1961 industrial extended term insurance table, and for insurance issued on a substandard basis, the calculations of any such adjusted premiums and present values may be based on such other table of mortality as is specified by the company and approved by the commissioner. After May 19, 1963, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its election to comply with this paragraph after a specified date before January 1, 1968. After the filing of such notice, then upon such specified date (which shall be the operative date of this paragraph for such company), this paragraph shall become operative with respect to the industrial policies thereafter issued by such company. If a company makes no such election, the operative date of this paragraph for such company shall be January 1, 1968.

(7) Any cash surrender value and any paid-up nonforfeiture benefit, available under the policy in the event of default in a premium payment due at any time other than on the policy anniversary, shall be calculated with allowance for the lapse of time and the payment of fractional premiums beyond the last preceding policy anniversary. All values referred to in subs. (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) may be calculated upon the assumption that any death benefit is payable at the end of the policy year of death. The net value of any paid-up additions, other than paid-up term additions, shall be not less than the dividends used to provide such additions. Notwithstanding the provisions of sub. (2), additional benefits payable: (a) in the event of death or dismemberment by accident or accidental means, (b) in the event of total and permanent disability, (c) as reversionary annuity or deferred reversionary annuity benefits, (d) as term insurance benefits provided by a rider or supplemental policy provision to which, if issued as a separate policy, this section would not apply, (e) as term insurance on the life of a child or on the lives of children

provided in a policy on the life of a parent of the child, if such term insurance expires before the child's age is 26, is uniform in amount after the child's age is one, and has not become paid up by reason of the death of a parent of the child, and (f) as other policy benefits additional to life insurance and endowment benefits, and premiums for all such additional benefits, shall be disregarded in ascertaining cash surrender values and nonforfeiture benefits required by this section, and no such additional benefits shall be required to be included in any paid-up nonforfeiture benefits.

(8) This section shall not apply to any reinsurance, group insurance, pure endowment, annuity or reversionary annuity contract, nor to any term policy of uniform amount, or renewal thereof, of 20 years or less expiring before age 66, for which uniform premiums are payable during the entire term of the policy, nor to any term policy of decreasing amount on which each adjusted premium, calculated as specified in subsections (4), (5) and (6), is less than the adjusted premium so calculated, on such 20 year term policy issued at the same age and for the same initial amount of insurance, nor to any policy which shall be delivered outside this state through an agent or other representative of the company issuing the policy.

(9) After May 22, 1943, any company may file with the commissioner a written notice of its intention to comply with the provisions hereof after a specified date before January 1, 1948. After the filing of such notice, then upon such specified date, this section shall become fully effective with respect to policies thereafter issued by such company and all previously existing provisions of law inconsistent with this section shall become inapplicable to such policies. Except as herein provided, this section shall become effective January 1, 1948, and shall from and after said date supersede all provisions of law inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

**206.19 Insolvent company, discontinue business.** Whenever the assets of any life insurance company do not equal its liabilities, the commissioner may issue an order to such company and its agents to discontinue issuing policies within this state until such time as its assets have become equal to its liabilities.

**206.20 Valuation of policies; basis; method; certification.** (1) Every life insurance company doing business or having policies in force in this state shall hold reserve funds properly and safely secured to cover its liability thereon

(over and above all other liabilities), which reserves shall be determined as in this section provided.

(2) Policies issued by a domestic company after the year 1909 shall be valued according to the expense charges assumed, the table of mortality adopted, and the rate of interest assumed.

(3) Policies issued by a foreign company after the year 1909 may be valued the same as those of domestic companies; provided, the aggregate liability shall not be less than that resulting from a valuation under the laws of the state or country where the company is incorporated.

(4) Policies issued before the year 1910 on any plan not providing in every year for full net level premium reserves may be valued upon such plan and on the basis of either the American Experience or the Actuaries Table of Mortality, and at a rate of interest not higher than that assumed nor higher than four and one-half per cent per annum.

(5) Policies for which no other method of valuation is provided shall be valued on a net level premium reserve basis computed on either the American Experience or Actuaries Table of Mortality and at a rate of interest for policies issued before the year 1910 not higher than that assumed nor higher than four and one-half per cent per annum, and for policies issued after the year 1909, not higher than that assumed nor higher than four per cent per annum.

(6) Policies mentioned in subsections (3), (4) and (5) may be valued to require aggregate reserves in excess of those required by said subsections, but not greater than such as would result from valuing the same on the basis of the table of mortality adopted with interest at 2 per cent per annum.

(7) The table of mortality adopted, if other than the American Men Ultimate, the American Experience, or the American Experience Select Table of Mortality, shall not exhibit at any age a lower death rate than that shown at the corresponding age by the Commissioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Mortality Table; and the rate of interest assumed in computing the premiums and reserves shall not be less than 2, nor more than 3 1/2 per cent per annum.

(8) Said American Experience Select Table is deducted by calculating the rates of mortality according to the following percentages of the rates shown by the American Experience Table of Mortality: First year of insurance fifty per cent thereof, second year of insurance sixty-five per cent thereof, third year of insurance

seventy-five per cent thereof, fourth year of insurance eighty-five per cent thereof, fifth year of insurance ninety-five per cent thereof, and for each year thereafter one hundred per cent thereof.

(9) The commissioner may vary the standards of interest and mortality in the case of corporations of foreign countries as to contracts issued outside of the United States; and in cases of invalid lives and other extra hazards; and may value policies in groups and use approximate averages for fractions of a year.

(10) The reserves for total and permanent disability provisions in policies of life or endowment insurance shall be calculated on the basis of Hunter's Disability Table, or on any table based upon disability experience approved by the commissioner with interest at not exceeding three and one-half per cent per annum; but the reserve in any policy year shall not be less than the proportional unused part of the net annual premium calculated by such table for the disability benefit.

(11) The reserve for accidental death benefits contained in or issued in conjunction with life insurance policies shall be on any basis approved by the commissioner; provided, that in no case shall the reserve be less than the proportional unused part of the net annual premium for such benefits.

(12) If the premium charge for insurance is less than the net premium required according to the table of mortality adopted and the rate of interest assumed, the company shall be charged with the present value of an annuity, the amount of which shall equal the deficiency by reason of the premium charged being less than the net premium required.

(13) If the premium stipulated in any policy shall provide for an expense charge exceeding in any year the provision for expenses in such year the valuation shall include a liability computed on the basis of the excess of such expense charge.

(14) The valuation annually made and accepted by the insurance department of any other state or country of policies of a company located therein, if such valuation shall be certified as true and correct by the insurance commissioner or like officer of such state or country, shall be accepted by the commissioner of this state, for the year for which such valuation shall be certified; provided, that the aggregate liability so determined shall not be less than the liability resulting from a valuation made under the laws of this state.

(15) The valuation by the department of commerce and labor of the United States, of policies of a foreign company, if conforming to the aforesaid provisions as to valuation by the commissioners or like officers of such other states, shall be received and accepted in like manner.

(16) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall annually make valuations of all outstanding policies, additions thereto, and other obligations of every company mentioned in subsection (1). Any valuation made by him shall, upon request, be certified to the commissioner or like officer of any other state or country.

(17) Each valuation shall indicate the tables of mortality used, the rates of interest assumed, and the method of computation employed.

**206.201 Standard valuation law.** (1) The commissioner shall annually value, or cause to be valued, the reserve liabilities (hereinafter called reserves) for all outstanding life insurance policies and annuity and pure endowment contracts of every life insurance company doing business in this state, except that in the case of an alien company, such valuation shall be limited to its United States business, and may certify the amount of any such reserves, specifying the mortality table or tables, rate or rates of interest and methods (net level premium method or other) used in the calculation of such reserves. In calculating such reserves, he may use group methods and approximate averages for fractions of a year or otherwise. In lieu of the valuation of the reserves herein required of any foreign or alien company, he may accept any valuation made, or caused to be made, by the insurance supervisory official of any state or other jurisdiction when such valuation complies with the minimum standard herein provided and if the official of such state or jurisdiction accepts as sufficient and valid for all legal purposes the certificate of valuation of the commissioner when such certificate states the valuation to have been made in a specified manner according to which the aggregate reserves would be at least as large as if they had been computed in the manner prescribed by the law of that state or jurisdiction.

(2) The minimum standard for the valuation of all such policies and contracts issued prior to the effective date of this section [see 206.201 (8) and 206.181 (9)] shall be that provided by the laws in effect immediately prior to such date. The minimum standard for the valuation of all such policies and contracts issued on or

after the effective date of this section shall be the Commissioners reserve valuation method defined in subsections (3) and (4), with 3 1/2 per cent interest, and the following tables:

(a) For all ordinary policies of life insurance issued on the standard basis, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies, the commissioners 1941 standard ordinary mortality table for such policies issued before the operative date of s. 206.181 (6) (b) as defined therein, and the commissioners 1958 standard ordinary mortality table for such policies issued on or after such operative date; provided that for any category of such policies issued on female risks all modified net premiums and present values referred to in this section may be calculated according to an age not more than 3 years younger than the actual age of the insured.

(b) For all industrial life insurance policies issued on the standard basis, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies the 1941 standard industrial mortality table for such policies issued prior to the operative date of s. 206.181 (6) (c), and the commissioners 1961 standard industrial mortality table for such policies issued on or after such operative date.

(c) For individual annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies—the 1937 standard annuity mortality table or, at the option of the company, the annuity mortality table for 1949, ultimate, or any modification of either of these tables approved by the commissioner.

(d) For group annuity and pure endowment contracts, excluding any disability and accidental death benefits in such policies—the group annuity mortality table for 1951, any modification of such table approved by the commissioner, or, at the option of the company, any of the tables or modifications of tables specified for individual annuity and pure endowment contracts.

(e) For total and permanent disability benefits in or supplementary to ordinary policies or contracts—for policies or contracts issued on or after January 1, 1966, the tables of Period 2 disablement rates and the 1930 to 1950 termination rates of the 1952 disability study of the society of actuaries, with due regard to the type of benefit; for policies or contracts issued on or after January 1, 1961 and prior to January 1, 1966, either such tables or, at the option of the company, the Class (3) disability table (1926); and for policies issued prior to January 1, 1961, the Class (3) disability table (1926).

Any such table shall, for active lives, be combined with a mortality table permitted for calculating the reserves for life insurance policies.

(f) For accidental death benefits in or supplementary to policies—for policies issued on or after January 1, 1966, the 1959 accidental death benefits table; for policies issued on or after January 1, 1961 and prior to January 1, 1966, either such table or, at the option of the company, the inter-company double indemnity mortality table; and for policies issued prior to January 1, 1961, the inter-company double indemnity mortality table. Either table shall be combined with a mortality table permitted for calculating the reserves for life insurance policies.

(g) For group life insurance, life insurance issued on the substandard basis and other special benefits, such tables as may be approved by the commissioner.

(3) Reserves according to the Commissioners reserve valuation method, for the life insurance and endowment benefits of policies providing for a uniform amount of insurance and requiring the payment of uniform premiums shall be the excess, if any, of the present value, at the date of valuation, of such future guaranteed benefits provided for by such policies, over the then present value of any future modified net premiums therefor. The modified net premiums for any such policy shall be such uniform percentage of the respective contract premiums for such benefits that the present value, at the date of issue of the policy, of all such modified net premiums shall be equal to the sum of the then present value of such benefits provided for by the policy and the excess of (a) over (b), as follows:

(a) A net level annual premium equal to the present value, at the date of issue, of such benefits provided for after the first policy year, divided by the present value, at the date of issue, of an annuity of one per annum payable on the first and each subsequent anniversary of such policy on which a premium falls due; provided, that such net level annual premium shall not exceed the net level annual premium on the 19-year premium whole life plan for insurance of the same amount at an age one year higher than the age at issue of such policy.

(b) A net one-year term premium for such benefits provided for in the first policy year.

(4) Reserves according to the commissioners reserve valuation method for (a) life insurance policies providing for a varying amount of insurance or requiring the payment of varying premiums, (b) annuity and pure endowment contracts, (c) disability and accidental death



benefits in all policies and contracts, and (d) all other benefits, except life insurance and endowment benefits in life insurance policies, shall be calculated by a method consistent with the principles of sub. (3), except that any extra premiums charged because of impairments or special hazards shall be disregarded in the determination of modified net premiums.

(5) In no event shall a company's aggregate reserves for all life insurance policies, excluding disability and accidental death benefits, issued on or after the effective date of this section, be less than the aggregate reserves calculated in accordance with the method set forth in subsections (3) and (4) and the mortality table or tables and rate or rates of interest used in calculating nonforfeiture benefits for such policies.

(6) Reserves for all policies and contracts issued prior to the effective date of this section may be calculated, at the option of the company, according to any standards which produce greater aggregate reserves for all such policies and contracts than the minimum reserves required by the laws in effect immediately prior to such date. Reserves for any category of policies, contracts or benefits as established by the commissioner, issued on or after the effective date of this section, may be calculated, at the option of the company, according to any standards which produce greater aggregate reserves for such category than those calculated according to the minimum standard herein provided, but the rate or rates of interest used shall not be higher than the corresponding rate or rates of interest used in calculating any nonforfeiture benefits provided for therein; provided, that reserves for participating life insurance policies issued on or after the effective date of this section may, with the consent of the commissioner, be calculated according to a rate of interest lower than the rate of interest used in calculating the nonforfeiture benefits in such policies, with the further proviso that if such lower rate differs from the rate used in the calculation of the nonforfeiture benefits by more than one-half per cent the company issuing such policies shall file with the commissioner a plan providing for such equitable increases, if any, in the cash surrender values and nonforfeiture benefits in such policies as the commissioner shall approve. Any such company which at any time shall have adopted any standard of valuation producing greater aggregate reserves than those calculated according to the minimum standard herein provided may, with the approval of the commissioner, adopt any lower standard of valuation, but not lower than the minimum herein provided.

(7) If the gross premium charged by any life insurance company on any policy or contract is less than the net premium for the policy or contract according to the mortality table, rate of interest and method used in calculating the reserve thereon, there shall be maintained on such policy or contract a deficiency reserve in addition to all other reserves required by law. For each such policy or contract the deficiency reserve shall be the present value, according to such standard, of an annuity of the difference between such net premium and the premium charged for such policy or contract, running for the remainder of the premium-paying period.

(8) This section shall become effective on the same date as does section 206.181. The provisions of this section shall supersede all provisions of law inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

**206.21 Valuation fee.** Every life insurance company shall pay to the commissioner for the valuation of its policies made by him the fee required by s. 601.31 (20).

**206.22 Alien companies; deposit.** Every life insurance company, organized under the laws of any foreign country, shall as one of the conditions of renewal of its license, maintain within the United States as trust deposits with public officials having supervision over insurers, or with trustees, public depositories, or trust institutions approved by the commissioner, assets available for discharge of its United States insurance obligations, which assets shall be in an amount not less than the outstanding reserves and other liabilities of the insurer arising out of its insurance transactions in the United States.

History: 1971 c 260 s. 45.

**206.24 Valuation of industrial policies; annuities; accident and disability; exceptions.** (1) Policies of industrial insurance on which the premiums are payable monthly or oftener shall be valued to produce reserves not less than those computed on the "Standard Industrial Mortality Table" and the "Substandard Industrial Mortality Table," with interest at three and one-half per centum per annum.

(2) Annuities shall be valued to produce reserves not less than those computed on "McClintock's Tables of Mortality Among Annuitants," with interest at three and one-half per centum per annum; any table not exhibiting at any age a higher death rate than that shown at the corresponding age and duration by the "British Offices Annuity Table

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1893," may be used. Annuities granted in any policy of life insurance may be valued in like manner, except that annuities deferred for ten years or more may be valued on the table used for computing the premiums.

(3) This section shall not apply to any policies issued prior to 1907.

**206.25 Assessment life companies.** No life insurance company which transacts business in this state shall issue policies, the performance of which is contingent upon the payment of assessments or calls made upon its members.

**206.26 Premium limit; expense charge.**

(1) No foreign life insurance company shall issue or deliver any policy in this state, and no domestic life insurance company shall issue or deliver any policy, wherein the premium stipulated to be paid shall exceed the sum of:

(a) The net premium which will mature the policy according to its terms (exclusive of the amount mentioned in paragraph (b)) computed on the basis of the American Experience Table of Mortality and 2 per cent interest, and

(b) An amount (for expenses and contingencies) the present value of which over the premium paying period will be equal to one-third of the net single premium on a whole life policy insuring the same sum and issued at the same age, such value and such single premium to be computed according to the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest at 3 per cent per annum. In the case of a policy providing for a sum insured varying with duration of the policy, the equivalent level amount thereof for the purpose of this paragraph shall be deemed to be the level amount of insurance provided by an otherwise similar policy, issued at the same age and for the same term, the amount of which does not vary with duration and the benefits under which have the same present value as the benefits under the policy.

(2) The amount provided for expenses and contingencies, otherwise designated as the "expense charge," for any policy year shall not exceed in the first year the sum of the maximum level provision for expenses and contingencies for such year permitted for the policy in question under sub. (1) (b), the excess of the first year's premium over the largest subsequent annual premium on the policy, and the net level premium computed for a 20 annual premium payment life policy insuring the same sum and issued at the same age and upon the table of mortality adopted and rate of interest assumed, less the mortality charge computed on the ba-

sis of no reserve for such year; provided, the first year's expense charge on any policy, other than a term policy, shall not exceed the difference between the premium allowable under sub. (1) and the said mortality charge, and in case of a term policy shall not exceed the difference between the premium and 50 per cent of the mortality charge for such year computed according to the commissioners 1958 standard ordinary mortality table.

(3) The expense charge in any one of the 4 succeeding years shall not exceed one and one-half times the amount which would be available under a level distribution of the maximum provision under sub. (1) (b), over the premium paying period of the policy, computed upon the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest at 3 per cent per annum.

(4) The expense charge in any year after the fifth year shall not exceed the amount which would be available under a level distribution of the remainder of the maximum provision under sub. (1) (b), over the premium paying period of the policy, computed according to the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest at 3 per cent per annum.

(5) The foregoing limitation permits the addition to any premium payable in instalments during the year of a sum not exceeding six per centum of the corresponding annual premium.

(6) The foregoing expense charges may be used irrespective of the method of loading or valuation adopted by the company. The expense charges shall be increased by 50 per cent for any company having in force at the end of the next preceding year less than one million dollars of life insurance; and for any other company, such limit shall be increased by 50 per cent less one-tenth of one per cent for each one million dollars of life insurance, in excess of one million dollars of life insurance, in force at the end of the next preceding calendar year.

(7) This section shall not apply to policies of industrial insurance.

**206.27 Life insurance companies to report expense charges and expenses annually; forms.**

Every foreign life insurance company doing business in this state or having in force any policies issued in this state, and every domestic life insurance company, shall, beginning with the first day of March, 1916, and on the first day of March each year thereafter, make a report in writing to the commissioner of insurance in such form as he may require, of the expense charges and expenses on all business transacted during the calendar year preceding, excluding industrial business, if any, stating:

(1) For the first year of insurance: (a) The total expense charges provided for the first year of insurance as defined in section 206.26; and (b) the actual expenses for (1) commissions on first year's premiums, (2) advances to agents, (3) the expenses of medical examinations and inspections of risks less the savings on mortality, and (4) the due proportion of all other expenses, properly chargeable to first year's business, exclusive of investment expenses, taxes, fees and licenses, which said other expenses shall be classified to show separately agency supervision, home office expenses and other items; provided, that in case a company make direct payment for agency supervision or the conduct of branch offices, or any part thereof, by salaries or otherwise instead of exclusively by commissions, a deduction may be made from such other expenses, corresponding to the smaller renewal commissions payable by such company, and the apportionment made by the company under this subsection shall be final, unless written notice of disapproval shall be given to the company by the commissioner of insurance within sixty days after the report is filed.

(2) For the total business: (c) The total expense charges becoming available during the calendar year, and (d) the total expenses, less expenses of medical examinations and inspections of risks not exceeding savings on mortality, and also less fees, licenses, taxes and investment expenses.

**206.28 First year expenses; application of sections limited.** (1) Subsection (2) and ss. 206.29 to 206.32 shall not apply to nonparticipating insurance operations of stock life insurance corporations nor to industrial insurance business.

(2) No company mentioned in s. 206.27, shall incur or expend or permit any person to incur or expend on its behalf, or under any agreement with it, during any calendar year, for the purposes specified in s. 206.27 (1) (b), an amount exceeding in the aggregate the total expense charges specified in s. 206.27 (1) (a).

**206.29 Total business; expenses not to exceed expense charges.** No company mentioned in s. 206.27 shall in any calendar year make or incur any expense, or permit any expenses to be made or incurred on its behalf or under any agreement with it, for all purposes (exclusive of such expenses for medical examinations and inspections of risks as are actually paid from the gains on mortality and of such investment expenses, taxes, fees and licenses as are actually paid from the savings on interest

and the contingency reserve), in an amount exceeding in the aggregate the total expense charges specified in s. 206.27 (2) (c).

**206.30 Agents; commissions and advances; limitation.** No company mentioned in section 206.27 shall in any calendar year, on account of any policy, make or incur any expense or permit any expense to be made or incurred on its behalf or under any agreement with it for commissions and advances to agents, greater than the expense charge becoming available on such policy in such calendar year.

**206.31 Compensation of agents.** No such company, nor any person, firm or corporation on its behalf, or under any agreements with it, shall pay or allow to any agent, broker or other person, firm or corporation, for procuring an application for life insurance, for collecting any premium thereon or for any other service performed in connection therewith, any compensation other than that which has been determined in advance.

**206.32 Bonuses and additional compensation prohibited; exceptions.** (1) With respect to life insurance business transacted in this state, no domestic, foreign or alien life insurance company shall pay or give any bonus, prize or award or like kind of additional compensation as a result of a contest or competition among its agents, except:

(a) Awards may be given in competition among agents, not primarily as compensation but as recognition of merit, if no such award has a cost in excess of \$150. The aggregate cost of all such awards given in any calendar year shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the total first year life insurance premium income, excluding single premium income, of such company during such calendar year.

(b) Payment may be made to cover expenses in connection with any convention or meeting of such company or at any other training course held for bona fide business or educational purposes.

(2) All expenses incurred under sub. (1) (a) and (b) shall be included within the expenses specified in s. 206.27.

**206.33 Discriminations.** (1) No life insurance company shall make or permit any unfair discrimination between individuals of the same class and equal expectation of life in the rates charged for any contract of life insurance or of life annuity or in the dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or in any other of the terms or conditions of such contract.

(2) Every insurance company, and its officers or agents, shall, upon written demand by the commissioner, furnish him the forms of all insurance policies and of any other papers pertaining to any contract of insurance, issued or used or authorized to be issued or used by said company or by its representatives in or about the business of life insurance. Upon the failure of such company or its agents to fully comply with such demand, within fifteen days after the service of the same, the commissioner shall revoke the authority of such company, or the license of such agent. Service of such demand upon an agent within this state or mailing the same registered and addressed to the home office of such company shall be sufficient service.

(3) No evidence of any violation of the provisions of this section or section 201.53 shall be received in any action brought against the company upon any policy after the death of the insured.

**206.36 Surplus returned on participating policies.** Every life insurance company doing business in this state, in which policyholders are entitled to share in the surplus, shall annually ascertain the surplus over required reserves and other liabilities. After setting aside such contingency reserve as may be deemed necessary, making provision for the payment of authorized dividends upon the capital stock, and such sums as are required to be held for account of deferred dividend policies, the remaining surplus shall be equitably apportioned and returned as a refund on participating life, accident, sickness and health insurance policies entitled to share therein; provided, that if a refund is declared payable on the first or second anniversary of the policy, the refund may be conditioned on the payment of the succeeding year's premium.

**206.385 Variable benefit contracts.** (1) Any contract issued under s. 611.25 which provides for payment of benefits in variable amounts shall contain a statement of the essential features of the procedure to be followed by the company in determining the dollar amount of the variable benefits and shall contain non-forfeiture provisions appropriate to such a contract in lieu of those under s. 206.181. Any individual contract and any group certificate issued under a group contract shall state that the dollar amount may decrease or increase and shall contain on its first page, in a prominent position, a statement that the benefits thereunder are on a variable basis. No person may sell variable benefit contracts in this state except a licensed life insurance agent whose qualification

to do so has been certified by the commissioner. The commissioner shall certify only those agents who pass a written examination prescribed by the commissioner.

(2) No domestic life insurance company, and no foreign or Canadian life insurance company admitted to transact business in this state, shall be authorized to deliver within this state any contract providing benefits in variable amounts until the company has satisfied the commissioner that its condition or methods of operation in connection with the issuance of such contracts will not be such as would render its operation hazardous to the public or its policyholders in this state. In determining the qualification of a company requesting authority to deliver such contracts within this state, the commissioner shall consider, among other things:

(a) The history and financial condition of the company;

(b) The character, responsibility and general fitness of the officers and directors of the company; and

(c) In the case of a foreign or Canadian company, whether the regulation provided by the state of its domicile or that province in which its head office is located provides a degree of protection to policyholders and the public which is substantially equal to that provided by this section and the rules issued thereunder.

(3) The commissioner shall have authority to issue such reasonable rules as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. The filing and approval of such contracts shall be subject to s. 206.17.

History: 1971 c. 260.

**206.39 Life company as trustee.** (1) Any life insurance company doing business in this state may hold the proceeds of any policy issued by it under a trust or other agreement upon such terms and restrictions as to revocation by the policyholder and control by the beneficiary and with such exemptions from the claims of creditors of the beneficiary as shall have been agreed to in writing by such company and the policyholder. The company may hold said proceeds as a part of its general corporate assets. To be held in like manner, such company may receive and collect premiums in advance upon policies issued by it in such amounts and upon such conditions, including the right of the policyholder to withdraw unused portions thereof, as shall have been agreed to in writing by such company and the policyholder.

(2) Any such company may, in connection with insurance or annuity contracts, accept funds remitted to it under an agreement for an accumulation of such funds for the purpose of providing annuities or other benefits, under such reasonable rules as are prescribed by the commissioner.

**206.40 Retirement plan for agents.** Any life insurance company organized under general law or special act of this state, doing business in this state, may establish retirement plans for agents on an actuarial basis approved by the office of the commissioner of insurance.

**206.41 Certificates of registration and licenses for life insurance agents.** (1) LIFE INSURANCE AGENT DEFINED. (a) The term "life insurance agent" means any natural person who acts as an agent as defined in s. 209.047.

(b) Any person having attained the age of 18 years or more may be licensed as a life insurance agent upon compliance with this section.

(3) ACTING AS AGENT WITHOUT LICENSE PROHIBITED; NO COMMISSION TO BE PAID TO UNLICENSED PERSONS. (a) No person shall act as a life insurance agent within this state until he has procured a certificate of registration and a license as required by law.

(b) No commission or other valuable consideration for services as a life insurance agent shall be paid directly or indirectly by an insurer or licensed life insurance agent to any person other than a person holding a currently valid license to act as a life insurance agent as required by the laws of this state. Nor shall any person other than a duly licensed life insurance agent accept any such commission or other valuable consideration, except that any duly licensed agent may direct that his commissions be paid to any partnership of which he is a member, employe or agent, or to any corporation of which he is an officer, employe or agent, if such corporation or partnership is engaged primarily in the insurance business or to a bank organized under ch. 221, a permittee under s. 138.07 (4), a licensee under s. 138.09 or 218.01, or a national bank, if such duly licensed agent is an officer, member, employe, or agent of any of the aforesaid agencies and the commissions are for the sale of credit life insurance; and except that this section shall not prevent the payment or receipt of renewal or other deferred commissions to or by any person solely because such person has ceased to hold a license to act as a life insurance agent.

Note: Par. (b) is amended by ch. 239, laws of 1971,

effective March 1, 1973, by deleting "a permittee under s. 138.07 (4)".

(4) APPLICATION; EXAMINATION; CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. (a) *Application.* Every natural person desiring to act as a life insurance agent for an authorized insurer in this state on or after June 1, 1964 shall apply to the commissioner for a certificate of registration as hereinafter prescribed. The applicant for such certificate shall submit to the commissioner his written application therefor and shall make a sworn statement on forms to be prepared by the commissioner giving his name, marital status, birth date, residence, place of business and occupation for the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of such application, and his contemplated insurance business address for the year to follow if a certificate is granted; whether he will devote all or part of his efforts to acting as an insurance agent, and, if part only, how much time he will devote to such work and in what business he is engaged or employed; whether he intends to comply with s. 201.53 (3) with reference to compensation for effecting insurance upon his own property or other risk; whether he has been refused or has had suspended or revoked a license to solicit insurance applications by the commissioner or other proper supervising officials of any state; what instruction in insurance, if any, he has had or expects to have; what insurance experience, if any, he has had; whether any insurer or general agent claims he is indebted to it or him under any agency contract or otherwise, and, if so, the name of the claimant, the nature of the claim and his defense thereto, if any; whether he has had an agency contract canceled and, if so, when, by what insurer or general agent and the reason for such action; whether, if married, his or her spouse has ever applied for or held a license to solicit insurance in this state and whether any such license has been refused, suspended or revoked; and such other information and references as the commissioner requires. Each agent shall promptly report to the commissioner any change in his business address.

(b) *Examination.* 1. Each applicant for a certificate of registration or agent's license (if no such certificate is required) shall pay an examination fee as required by s. 601.31 (17) and submit to a personal written examination to determine his competence with respect to life insurance and annuity contracts and his familiarity with the pertinent provisions of the laws of this state, and shall pass the same to the satisfaction of the commissioner, except that no such fee or written examination shall be required of an applicant unless a license has not

been issued to such applicant within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of filing his application. The commissioner may, upon showing just cause, require any applicant having previously held a certificate of registration to submit to a written examination and pass the same for any certificate before effecting the renewal of such certificate. The commissioner shall require further examination of a certificate holder whenever such person indicates intent to solicit, negotiate or effect kinds of insurance for which he has not been licensed for any insurer within the last 5 years. The commissioner shall establish rules with respect to the scope, frequency, grading of papers, announcements of the results of such written examination and the times and places within the state where they shall be held. Upon giving the commissioner 3 days' notice in writing of his intention to apply, any applicant shall be permitted to take the examination on any business day by appearing at the office of the commissioner in person. The commissioner shall cause examinations to be conducted throughout the state at places reasonably accessible to applicants at no less frequency than once each month. In advance of such examinations the commissioner shall cause notice to be given to all applicants. The commissioner may appoint representatives to conduct the examination and may pay a fee to each such representative.

2. No person who has taken and failed to pass 2 examinations given pursuant to this section shall be entitled to take any further examination until 6 months after the date of the last examination in which he failed. An examination fee as required by s. 601.31 (17) shall be paid for each examination.

3. The examination provided for under this subsection need not be taken by persons licensed for credit life insurance under sub. (5) (c).

(c) *Issuance or refusal of certificate of registration; fee.* If the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is intending in good faith to act as an insurance agent, is trustworthy and worthy of a certificate, the annual fee required by s. 601.31 (16m) for such certificate has been paid or tendered with the application and the applicant, if required, has passed a written examination, a certificate of registration shall be issued. If the applicant has not passed his written examination, the commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing that a certificate will not be issued.

(d) *Expiration and renewal of certificate.* The certificate of registration shall remain in force for one year or until the death of the

holder thereof, or until revocation in accordance with this section, whichever occurs first. The commissioner may promulgate rules permitting the issuance of certificates for periods other than annually for the purpose of assigning the applicant to a group of certificate holders having a common renewal date. Certificates may be renewed annually on the filing of an application containing such information as the commissioner deems necessary and payment of the fee required by s. 601.31 (16m).

(5) APPLICATION AND FEE FOR AGENT'S LICENSE (a) *Application.* Each applicant for a license to act as a life insurance agent for an authorized insurer in this state shall apply to the commissioner through the insurer for a license on forms prepared by the commissioner, which application shall include a notarized certificate signed by an officer or properly authorized representative of each insurer stating that the respective insurer has investigated the character and background of the applicant and is satisfied that he is trustworthy and qualified to act as its agent and intends to hold himself out in good faith to the general public as an insurance agent and that the respective insurer desires that the applicant be licensed as an agent to represent it in this state. The application for a license to act as an agent after June 1, 1964, shall include a sworn statement by the applicant that he holds a currently valid certificate of registration as required by this section unless exempt from such requirement by par. (d).

(b) *Issuance of license; fee.* If the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is intending in good faith to act as an insurance agent, is trustworthy and worthy of a license and is a resident of this state, unless application is for a nonresident agent's license, the annual fee required by s. 601.31 (15) for such license has been paid or tendered with the application and the applicant, if required, has passed a written examination and holds a currently valid certificate of registration, a license shall be issued forthwith, limited to the insurer by whom the agent is to be appointed.

(c) *Limited credit life insurance license.* The commissioner may issue licenses permitting the sale of credit life insurance only. Such licenses shall be designed and printed so that they can be clearly distinguished from other licenses issued under this section. For the purposes of this paragraph credit life insurance is nonrenewable, nonconvertible, term insurance. Such insurance may be sold under this paragraph only when:

1. The insurance is written upon the life of the debtor, and all or a portion of the insurance is payable to the creditor in satisfaction of the debt; and

2. The term of the insurance does not substantially exceed the term of the obligation; and

3. The amount of the insurance does not substantially exceed the amount of the original obligation.

4. The terms or amounts of the insurance issued do not violate ch. 424.

Note: Subd. 4 is printed as created by ch. 239, laws of 1971. It becomes effective March 1, 1973.

(d) *Nonresident agents.* 1. A person not a resident in this state may be licensed as an agent upon compliance with this section if the state in which such person resides will accord the same privilege to a resident of this state.

2. The commissioner may enter into reciprocal agreements with the appropriate official of any other state waiving the written examination, certificate of registration and fees therefor of any applicant resident in such other state, provided that if a written examination is required for the kind of insurance for which the applicant wishes to be licensed in this state, such other state also requires a written examination as a prerequisite for a license for the same kind of insurance and that such other state does not require a certificate of registration or similar form from residents of this state and that the appropriate official of such other state certifies on a form prepared by the commissioner that the applicant holds a currently valid license in such other state for the kind of insurance for which he makes application to be licensed in this state and either passed such written examination or was a holder of a license to act as an agent for such kind of insurance prior to the time such written examination was required.

(e) *Possession of licenses.* Each insurer shall forward the original copy of every license to the agent named thereon to act for such insurer and each agent shall retain possession of such license while it is in effect and shall return same to the company for which it was issued at such time as his appointment is terminated by that company for the line of insurance shown on such license.

(f) *License term.* The fee shall continue the license in force until the following November 1 unless sooner revoked or terminated or until the holder thereof fails to maintain in force a certificate of registration as required herein.

(g) *Expiration and renewal of agent's license.* 1. Each license issued to a life insurance agent shall expire on November 1 following the date of issue.

2. License renewals may be effected from year to year without further action on the part of the agent provided that annually, prior to November 1 of each year, the insurer submits to the commissioner a list of all agents appointed by it to act within the state together with the required annual license fees as provided in s. 601.31 (15). Such list shall show the name, license numbers, kinds of licenses and birth date for each agent whose license is to remain in effect. The commissioner may require such list to include the residence address and business address of each agent. No license shall be renewed after June 1, 1964, for any agent who does not hold a currently valid certificate of registration at the time said renewal is to be effected.

(6) **AUTHORITY UNDER LICENSE; STATEMENT ON TERMINATION.** Any license issued to an agent shall authorize him to act as such agent during the time for which the company appointing him is authorized to do an insurance business in this state and during the time for which the agent's license fee has been paid, a certificate of registration is maintained in force (if such certificate is required) and such agent is a bona fide resident of this state (if the license is for a resident agent). Every insurer shall, upon termination of the appointment of any insurance agent, promptly return such license, if available to such insurer, to the commissioner and immediately file with the commissioner a statement of the facts relative to the termination of the appointment and the date. The commissioner shall thereupon terminate the license of such agent to represent such insurer in this state.

(7) **CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS EXCLUDED AS AGENTS.** No corporation or partnership shall be licensed as an agent of any insurance company.

(9) **EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the proper exchange of business between lawfully licensed resident agents of this state.

(10) **REFUSAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.** (a) *Grounds.* A certificate of registration or license may be refused, suspended or revoked or the renewal thereof refused by the commissioner, if he finds that the applicant for, or holder:

1. Has wilfully violated any provisions of the insurance laws of this state; or
  2. Has intentionally made a material misstatement in the application for such certificate or license; or
  3. Has obtained, or attempted to obtain, such certificate or license by fraud or misrepresentation; or
  4. Has misappropriated or converted to his own use or illegally withheld money belonging to an insurer or an insured or beneficiary; or
  5. Has otherwise demonstrated lack of trustworthiness or competence to act as an insurance agent; or
  6. Has been guilty of fraudulent or dishonest practices; or
  7. Has materially misrepresented the terms and conditions of insurance policies or contracts; or
  8. Has made or issued, or caused to be made or issued, any statement misrepresenting or making misleading comparisons regarding the terms or conditions of any insurance or annuity contract legally issued by any insurer, for the purpose of inducing or attempting to induce the owner of such contract to forfeit or surrender such contract or allow it to lapse for the purpose of replacing such contract with another; or
  9. Has obtained or attempted to obtain such certificate or license, not for the purpose of holding himself out to the general public as an insurance agent, but primarily for the purpose of soliciting, negotiating or procuring insurance contracts under which he or members of his family are insured, or under which are insured the officers, directors, stockholders, partners or employes of a partnership, association or corporation of which he or a member of his family is an officer, director, stockholder, partner or employe except that the soliciting of credit life insurance by an officer or employe of a bank organized under ch. 221, a permittee under s. 138.07 (4), a licensee under s. 138.09 or 218.01, or a national bank shall not constitute grounds under this section for refusal of such license; or
- Note: Par. (a) 9 is amended by ch. 239, laws of 1971, effective March 1, 1973, by deleting "a permittee under s. 138.07 (4)".
10. Has discounted a note taken in payment of a premium before the issuance and delivery of the policy to the insured; or
  11. Has misrepresented the financial or other condition of the company; or
  12. Has violated any of the provisions of s. 134.10 or 134.11.

(b) *Unauthorized insurance.* The certificate of registration or license of any agent who does any unauthorized act of an insurance business as set forth in s. 201.42 (2) shall be suspended for a period of not less than 90 days and such agent shall not be permitted to do business until all liability for such violation is discharged. Whenever the commissioner receives notice of an unauthorized act of an insurance business he shall forthwith make an inspection of the books and records of such agent and upon his refusal to permit such inspection the commissioner shall revoke his license.

(d) *Application subsequent to revocation, refusal of renewal, or suspension.* 1. No person whose certificate or license has been revoked or the renewal thereof refused hereunder shall be entitled to file another application for a license within 2 years from the effective date of such revocation or refused renewal or if judicial review of such revocation or refused renewal is sought, within 2 years from the date of final court order or decree affirming such revocation or refusal of renewal. Such application, when filed, may be refused by the commissioner unless the applicant shows good cause why the revocation or refused renewal of his license shall not be deemed a bar to the issuance of a new license.

2. No agent whose license has been suspended shall be entitled to file another application for a license during such period of suspension.

(11) **EFFECT OF LICENSE ON FOREIGN COMPANY.** A foreign company shall be bound by the acts of its licensed agent within the scope of his apparent authority while his license remains in force.

History: 1971 c. 213 s. 5; 1971 c. 239.

**206.45 Life policy applications; holders' demand for copies.** (1) Every person within the state holding a policy of insurance issued by any life insurance company doing business in this state, shall be furnished by such company with a copy of the application upon which policy was issued, upon demand made for such copy by the holder of such policy or by any person upon whose life such policy was issued.

(2) If such company wilfully neglect or fail for thirty days from the time of such demand, to furnish such person a copy of such application, it shall be forever barred from setting up by way of defense to any suit on such policy of insurance, any error, incorrectness, fraud or misrepresentation of the person making the same, or any mistake therein; and such application shall thereafter be taken and held, so far as the same may affect any claim under such



policy, or any gain secured thereby, to be in all respects true and correct.

**206.46 Life insurance; political contributions; statements precedent to license.** As a condition precedent to a license to transact life insurance business, every company shall file with the commissioner a statement verified by its president and secretary, showing in detail, the consideration if any paid or contributed, directly or indirectly, or used or offered or agreed to be paid in aid of any political party or organization, or for and in aid of any corporation or other organization organized or maintained for political purposes or for or in aid of any candidates for public office or for nomination for such office, or for the reimbursement or indemnification of any person for property so used; the names and addresses of parties, companies or organizations to whom paid, the time and place of payment and amount paid and that such disbursements have been truly entered upon the books of the company, together with such other information in relation thereto as the commissioner may require.

**206.47 Life companies; lobbying expenses; statements precedent to license.** As a condition precedent to a license to transact life insurance business, every life insurance company shall file with the commissioner a statement verified by its president and secretary, showing in detail the bills opposed or promoted by it during the preceding year; the state in which such legislation was pending; the names and addresses of persons engaged as counsel or otherwise; the consideration paid each of them; the expenses of advertising, traveling, etc., and to whom paid; and that such disbursements and expenses have been truly entered upon the books of the company, together with such other information in relation thereto, as the commissioner may require.

**206.49 Burial insurance.** (1) Every person, association or corporation before engaging in the business of burial insurance shall comply with all of the laws of this state governing the organization, qualification and conduct of a legal reserve life insurance company, except that the amount of cash or securities deposited with the state treasurer by any such person, association or corporation shall be not less than ten thousand dollars, and if the maximum amount of all of the policies or certificates outstanding at the end of any year shall exceed twenty thousand dollars such deposit shall be increased five thousand dollars for each ten thousand dollars of certificates above twenty thousand dollars.

(2) Any person, association or corporation now engaged in the business of burial insurance of any kind whatever, by contract, by virtue of the provisions of any by-law or regulation of any such association or corporation, or otherwise, shall, within thirty days after the taking effect of this section comply with the provisions of subsection (1).

(3) All benefits in policies of burial insurance shall be payable in cash to the beneficiary. No person, firm, corporation or association engaged in the business of providing for the payment of the funeral, burial or other expenses of deceased members, or certificate holders therein or engaged in the business of providing any other kind of insurance shall contract to pay or pay such insurance or its benefits or any part of either to any official undertaker or to any designated undertaker or undertaking concern or to any particular tradesman or business man, so as to deprive the representative or family of the deceased from, or in any way to control them in, procuring and purchasing such supplies and services, in the open market with the advantages of competition, unless expressly authorized by the laws of this state and all laws regulating such insurance or applicable thereto have been complied with.

(5) "Burial insurance," as this term is used in this section, includes all contracts in which the insurer agrees to pay for any or all of the incidents of the burial of the body of a named person.

(6) This section shall not apply to fraternal organizations operating under the lodge system.

**206.51 False pretenses, libel.** (1) No life insurance company, and no officer or agent thereof, shall issue or circulate, or permit to be issued or circulated, any estimate, illustration, circular or statement misrepresenting the terms of any policy issued by it, or advantages promised thereby, or the dividends or share of surplus to be received thereon, or shall use any title of any policy or class of policies, misrepresenting the true nature thereof; or shall issue or circulate or permit to be issued or circulated, any statement, wilfully misrepresenting any other company, the nature or terms of its policies, its premium charge or dividends allowed or returned by such other company.

(2) No figures used in any statement or illustration of future dividends or of future net cost shall be issued or used by any company or agent, unless the same shall be a mathematical calculation based upon assumptions of the pol-

icy and dividend scale in actual use, nor unless each edition thereof shall be numbered serially and a copy thereof has been filed with the commissioner.

(4) This section shall apply to mutual benefit societies.

**206.54 Age erroneously stated; effect on liability.** If the age of the insured has been misstated in an application for a policy of life insurance and the error shall not have been adjusted during the lifetime of the insured the amount payable under the policy shall be such as the premium paid would have purchased at his correct age, except that if the insured at the time the insurance was applied for shall have been beyond the maximum age limit designated by the insurer, the insurer may, at its option, admit a minimum liability equal to the amount of premiums collected under the policy. This section shall apply to fraternal benefit societies.

**206.59 Group annuities.** Any insurance company authorized to write life insurance in this state may issue all forms of group annuities, including all forms of deposit administration group annuities. The filing and approval of such annuities shall be subject to s. 206.17. The commissioner shall have authority to issue such reasonable rules as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

**206.60 Group life insurance, definitions, requirements.** No policy of group life insurance shall be delivered in this state unless it conforms to one of the following descriptions:

(1) A policy issued to an employer, or to the trustees of a fund established by an employer, which employer or trustees shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure employees of the employer for the benefit of persons other than the employer, subject to the following requirements:

(a) The employees eligible for insurance under the policy shall be all of the employees of the employer, or all of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to their employment. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall include the employees of one or more subsidiary corporations, and the employees, individual proprietors and partners of one or more affiliated corporations, proprietors or partnerships if the business of the employer and of such affiliated corporations, proprietors or partnerships is under common control through stock ownership or contract. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall include the individual proprietor or partners if the employer is an individu-

al proprietor or a partnership. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall include retired employees. No director of a corporate employer shall be eligible for insurance under the policy unless such person is otherwise eligible as a bona fide employe of the corporation by performing services other than the usual duties of a director. No individual proprietor or partner shall be eligible for insurance under the policy unless he is actively engaged in and devotes a substantial part of his time to the conduct of the business of the proprietor or partnership.

(b) The premium for the policy shall be paid by the policyholder, either wholly from the employer's funds or funds contributed by him, or partly from such funds and partly from funds contributed by the insured employees. No policy may be issued on which the entire premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured employees. A policy on which part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured employees may be placed in force only if at least 75 per cent of the then eligible employees, excluding any as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer, elect to make the required contributions. A policy on which no part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured employees must insure all eligible employees, or all except any as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer.

(c) The policy must cover at least 10 employees at date of issue.

(d) The amounts of insurance under the policy shall be based upon some plan precluding individual selection either by the employees or by the employer or trustees but this paragraph shall not apply to policies covering groups of at least 5,000 employees.

(2) A policy issued to a creditor, who shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure debtors of the creditor, subject to the following requirements:

(a) The debtors eligible for insurance under the policy shall be all of the debtors of the creditor whose indebtedness is repayable either 1. in instalments or 2. in one sum at the end of a period not in excess of 18 months from the initial date of the debt, or all of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to the indebtedness or to the purchase giving rise to the indebtedness. The policy may provide that the term "debtors" shall include the debtors of one or more subsidiary corporations, and the debtors of one or more affiliated corporations, proprietors or partnerships if the

business of the policyholder and of such affiliated corporations, proprietors or partnerships is under common control through stock ownership, contract or otherwise. No debtor shall be eligible unless the indebtedness constitutes an irrevocable obligation to repay which is binding upon him during his lifetime, at and from the date the insurance becomes effective upon his life.

(b) The premium for the policy shall be paid by the policyholder, either from the creditor's funds, or from charges collected from the insured debtors, or from both. A policy on which part or all of the premium is to be derived from the collection from the insured debtors of identifiable charges not required of uninsured debtors shall not include, in the class or classes of debtors eligible for insurance, debtors under obligations outstanding at its date of issue without evidence of individual insurability unless at least 75 per cent of the then eligible debtors elect to pay the required charges. A policy on which no part of the premium is to be derived from the collection of such identifiable charges must insure all eligible debtors, or all except any as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer.

(c) The policy may be issued only if the group of eligible debtors is then receiving new entrants at the rate of at least 100 persons yearly, or may reasonably be expected to receive at least 100 new entrants during the first policy year, and only if the policy reserves to the insurer the right to require evidence of individual insurability if less than 75 per cent of the new entrants become insured. The policy may exclude from the classes eligible for insurance classes of debtors determined by age.

(d) The amount of insurance on the life of any debtor shall at no time exceed the amount owed by him which is repayable in instalments to the creditor, or \$10,000, whichever is less. Where the indebtedness is repayable in one sum to the creditor, the insurance on the life of any debtor shall in no instance be in effect for a period in excess of 18 months except that such insurance may be continued for an additional period not exceeding 6 months in the case of default, extension or recasting of the loan. The amount of the insurance on the life of any debtor shall at no time exceed the amount of the unpaid indebtedness, or \$10,000, whichever is less.

(e) The insurance shall be payable to the policyholder. Such payment shall reduce or extinguish the unpaid indebtedness of the debtor to the extent of such payment.

(3) A policy issued to a labor union, which shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure members of such union for the benefit of persons other than the union or any of its officials, representatives or agents, subject to the following requirements:

(a) The members eligible for insurance under the policy shall be all of the members of the union, or all of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to their employment, or to membership in the union, or both.

(b) The premium for the policy shall be paid by the policyholder, either wholly from the union's funds, or partly from such funds and partly from funds contributed by the insured members specifically for their insurance. No policy may be issued on which the entire premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured members specifically for their insurance. A policy on which part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured members specifically for their insurance may be placed in force only if at least 75 per cent of the then eligible members, excluding any as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer, elect to make the required contributions. A policy on which no part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured members specifically for their insurance must insure all eligible members, or all except any as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer.

(c) The policy must cover at least 25 members at date of issue.

(d) The amounts of insurance under the policy must be based upon some plan precluding individual selection either by the members or by the union.

(4) A policy issued to the trustees of a fund established by 2 or more employers in the same industry or by one or more labor unions or by one or more employers and one or more labor unions, which trustees shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure employees of the employers or members of the unions for the benefit of persons other than the employers or the unions, subject to the following requirements:

(a) The persons eligible for insurance shall be all of the employees of the employers or all of the members of the unions, or all of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to their employment, or to membership in the unions, or to both. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall include retired employees, and the individual proprietor or partners if an employer is an

individual proprietor or a partnership. No director of a corporate employer shall be eligible for insurance under the policy unless such person is otherwise eligible as a bona fide employe of the corporation by performing services other than the usual duties of a director. No individual proprietor or partner shall be eligible for insurance under the policy unless he is actively engaged in and devotes a substantial part of his time to the conduct of the business of the proprietor or partnership. The policy may provide that the term "employes" shall include the trustees or their employes, or both, if their duties are principally connected with such trusteeship.

(b) The premium for the policy shall be paid by the trustees either wholly from funds contributed by the employers of the insured persons, or by the union or unions or partly from such funds and partly from funds contributed by the insured persons specifically for their insurance. A policy on which part of the premium is contributed by the insured persons specifically for their insurance may be placed in force only if at least 75 per cent of the employes of the employers or of the members of the unions who remit funds for premium payments to the trustee, excluding any as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer, elect to make the required contributions. A policy on which no part of the premium is to be contributed by the insured persons specifically for their insurance may be placed in force only if all eligible persons, excluding any as to whom evidence of insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer, are insured.

(c) The policy must cover at date of issue at least 25 persons and not less than an average of 3 persons per employer unit; and if the fund is established by the members of an association of employers the policy may be issued only if 1. either a. the participating employers constitute at date of issue at least 60 per cent of those employer members whose employes are not already covered for group life insurance or b. the total number of persons covered at date of issue exceeds 150; and 2. the policy shall not require that, if a participating employer discontinues membership in the association, the insurance of his employes shall cease solely by reason of such discontinuance.

(d) The amounts of insurance under the policy must be based upon some plan precluding individual selection either by the insured persons or by the policyholders, employers or unions.

(5) Life insurance covering the members of any credit union, co-operatives or any association of public employes, written under a policy issued to such organization which shall be deemed to be the policyholder for the purposes of this chapter, the premium on which is to be paid by the organization or by the organization and its members jointly, and insuring all of its eligible members for amounts of insurance based upon some plan which will preclude individual selection, for the benefit of persons other than the organization or its officials; provided that all eligible members of a credit union, co-operatives or any association of public employes may be insured; provided also that when the premium is to be paid by the organization and its members jointly and the benefits are offered to all eligible members, not less than 75 per cent of such members may be so insured. Provisions of subsections (6) to (10) of section 206 61 shall not be required as to policies issued under this subsection.

(6) Life insurance covering the lives of members of a group of persons who become borrowers from one credit union under agreement to repay the sum borrowed in instalments over a period of not more than 20 years, to the extent of their indebtedness to said credit union but not to exceed \$10,000 on any one life, written under a policy which may be issued upon the application of and made payable to the credit union as beneficiary, the premium on such policy to be payable by the credit union, the borrower, or jointly by the credit union and borrower, except that such limitation as to amount shall not apply to any group policy existing on July 15, 1949 nor to any amount thereafter written pursuant to such policy. Section 206 61 (6) to (11) shall not be required as to policies issued under this subsection. The insurance specified in s. 201.04 (4) may be written in any such policy with or without separate premium charge notwithstanding s. 201.05 (1).

(7) No such policy of group life insurance may be issued to an employer or labor union, or to the trustees of a fund established in whole or in part by an employer or a labor union, which provides term insurance on any person which, together with any other term insurance under any group life insurance policy issued to the employer of such person or to a labor union of which such person is a member or to the trustees of a fund established in whole or in part by such employer or such labor union, exceeds \$50,000, unless 200% of the annual compensation of such person from his employer or employers exceeds \$50,000, in which event all such term insurance shall not

exceed \$75,000 or 200% of such annual compensation, whichever is the lesser. These limitations as to amount shall not apply to any such group policy existing on July 15, 1949, or to any amount thereafter written under the policy or any amendments or substitution thereof.

(8) Any group life policy issued under sub. (1), (3), (4) or (5) may be extended to insure the employes or members against loss due to death of their spouses and minor children, or one or more classes thereof, subject to the following requirements:

(a) The premiums for the insurance shall be paid by the policyholder either from the policyholder's funds or from funds contributed by the insured employes or members, or from both. If any part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured employes or members, the insurance with respect to spouses and children may be placed in force only if at least 75% of the then eligible employes or members of the organization or the association, excluding any as to whose family members evidence of insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer, elect to make the required contribution. If no part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured employes or members, all such eligible employes or members of the organization or the association, excluding any as to whose family members evidence of insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer, must be insured with respect to their spouses and children.

(b) The amounts of insurance under the policy must be based upon some plan precluding individual selection either by the insured employes or members or by the policyholder, and shall not exceed, with respect to any spouse, 50% of the insurance on the life of such insured person, or \$5,000, whichever is the lesser amount or with respect to any dependent child \$2,500.

(c) Upon termination of the insurance with respect to the members of the family of any employe or member by reason of the employe's or member's termination of employment, termination of membership in the classes eligible for coverage under the policy or death, the spouse shall be entitled to have issued by the insurer, without evidence of insurability, an individual policy of life insurance, without disability or other supplementary benefits, provided application for the individual policy is made, and the first premium paid to the insurer, within 31 days after such termination, subject to the requirements of s. 206.61 (8). If any group policy terminates or is amended so as to

terminate the insurance of any class of employes or members and the employe or member is entitled to have issued an individual policy under s. 206.61 (9), the spouse shall also be entitled to have issued by the insurer an individual policy, subject to the same such conditions and limitations. If the spouse dies within the period during which he would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued in accordance with this subsection and before such an individual policy becomes effective, the amount of life insurance which he would have been entitled to have issued under such individual policy shall be payable as a claim under the group policy, whether or not application for the individual policy or the payment of the first premium therefor has been made.

(d) Notwithstanding s. 206.61 (7), only one certificate need be issued for delivery to an insured person if a statement concerning any dependents' coverage is included in such certificate.

History: 1971 c. 260 s. 92 (1).

**206.61 Group life insurance standard provisions.** No policy of group life insurance shall be delivered in this state unless it contains in substance the following provisions, or provisions which in the opinion of the commissioner are more favorable to the persons insured, or at least as favorable to the persons insured and more favorable to the policyholder, provided (a) that provisions of subs. (6), (8), (9) and (10) shall not apply to policies issued to a creditor to insure debtors of such creditor and subs. (7) and (11) also shall not apply to such policies issued under s. 206.60 (6); (b) that the standard provisions required for individual life insurance policies shall not apply to group life insurance policies; (c) that if the group life insurance policy is on a plan of insurance other than the term plan, it shall contain nonforfeiture provisions which in the opinion of the commissioner are equitable to the insured persons and to the policyholder, but nothing herein shall be construed to require that group life insurance policies contain the same nonforfeiture provisions as are required for individual life insurance policies; and (d) that the premium rate applicable to an individual policy issued pursuant to sub. (8) or (9) shall be determined without taking into account any extra rate of mortality expected among the general class of persons exercising the rights afforded by such subsections:

(1) A provision that the policyholder is entitled to a grace period of 31 days for the payment of any premium due except the first, during which grace period the death benefit coverage shall continue in force, unless the

policyholder shall have given the insurer written notice of discontinuance in advance of the date of discontinuance and in accordance with the terms of the policy. The policy may provide that the policyholder shall be liable to the insurer for the payment of a pro rata premium for the time the policy was in force during such grace period.

(2) A provision that the validity of the policy shall not be contested, except for nonpayment of premiums, after it has been in force for 2 years from its date of issue; and that no statement made by any person insured under the policy relating to his insurability shall be used in contesting the validity of the insurance with respect to which such statement was made after such insurance has been in force prior to the contest for a period of 2 years during such person's lifetime nor unless it is contained in a written instrument signed by him.

(3) A provision that a copy of the application, if any, of the policyholder shall be attached to the policy when issued, that all statements made by the policyholder or by the persons insured shall be deemed representations and not warranties, and that no statement made by any person insured shall be used in any contest unless a copy of the instrument containing the statement is or has been furnished to such person or to his beneficiary.

(4) A provision setting forth the conditions, if any, under which the insurer reserves the right to require a person eligible for insurance to furnish evidence of individual insurability satisfactory to the insurer as a condition to part or all of his coverage.

(5) A provision specifying an equitable adjustment of premiums or of benefits or of both to be made in the event the age of a person insured has been misstated, such provision to contain a clear statement of the method of adjustment to be used.

(6) A provision that any sum becoming due by reason of the death of the person insured shall be payable to the beneficiary designated by the person insured, subject to the provisions of the policy in the event there is no designated beneficiary as to all or any part of such sum owing at the death of the person insured, and subject to any right reserved by the insurer in the policy and set forth in the certificate to pay at its option a part of such sum not exceeding \$500 to any person appearing to the insurer to be equitably entitled thereto by reason of having incurred funeral or other expenses incident to the last illness or death of the person insured.

(7) A provision that the insurer will issue to the policyholder for delivery to each person insured an individual certificate setting forth a statement as to the insurance protection to which he is entitled, to whom the insurance benefits are payable, and the rights and conditions set forth in subsections (8), (9) and (10).

(8) A provision that if the insurance, or any portion of it, on a person covered under the policy ceases because of termination of employment or of membership in the class or classes eligible for coverage under the policy, such person shall be entitled to have issued to him by the insurer, without evidence of insurability, an individual policy of life insurance without disability or other supplementary benefits, provided application for the individual policy shall be made, and the first premium paid to the insurer, within 31 days after such termination, and provided that:

(a) The individual policy shall, at the option of such person, be on any one of the forms, except term insurance, then customarily issued by the insurer at the age and for the amount applied for;

(b) The individual policy shall be in an amount not in excess of the amount of life insurance which ceases because of such termination, provided that any amount of insurance which shall have matured on or before the date of such termination as an endowment payable to the person insured, whether in one sum or in instalments or in the form of an annuity, shall not, for the purposes of this provision, be included in the amount which is considered to cease because of such termination; and

(c) The premium on the individual policy shall be at the insurer's then customary rate applicable to the form and amount of the individual policy, to the class of risk to which such person then belongs, and to his age attained on the effective date of the individual policy.

(9) A provision that if the group policy terminates or is amended so as to terminate the insurance of any class of insured persons, every person insured thereunder at the date of such termination whose insurance terminates and who has been so insured for at least 5 years prior to such termination date shall be entitled to have issued to him by the insurer an individual policy of life insurance, subject to the same conditions and limitations as are provided by subsection (8), except that the group policy may provide that the amount of such individual policy shall not exceed the smaller of (a) the amount of the person's life insurance protection ceasing because of the termination or amendment of the group policy, less the

amount of any life insurance for which he is or becomes eligible under any group policy issued or reinstated by the same or another insurer within 31 days after such termination, and (b) \$2,000.

(10) A provision that if a person insured under the group policy dies during the period within which he would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued to him in accordance with subsection (8) or (9) and before such an individual policy shall have become effective, the amount of life insurance which he would have been entitled to have issued to him under such individual policy shall be payable as a claim under the group policy, whether or not application for the individual policy or the payment of the first premium therefor has been made.

(11) In the case of a policy issued to a creditor to insure debtors of such creditor, a provision that the insurer will furnish to the policyholder for delivery to each debtor insured under the policy a form which will contain a statement that the life of the debtor is insured under the policy and that any death benefit paid thereunder by reason of his death shall be applied to reduce or extinguish the indebtedness.

**206.63 Credit life insurance requirements.** Credit life insurance may be written as follows:

(1) (a) Except as required by this section and except as provided in s. 206.60 (6), group credit life insurance shall be subject to the conditions and restrictions of s. 206.60 (2).

(b) Individual credit life insurance policies shall be for nonrenewable, nonconvertible, term insurance.

(2) (a) The amount of insurance on the life of any debtor shall at no time exceed the amount owed by him which is repayable in instalments to the creditor, or \$10,000, whichever is less. Where the indebtedness is repayable in one sum to the creditor, the insurance on the life of any debtor shall in no instance be in effect for a period in excess of 18 months except that such insurance may be continued for an additional period not exceeding 6 months in the case of default, extension or recasting of the loan. The amount of the insurance on the life of any debtor shall at no time exceed the amount of the unpaid indebtedness, or \$10,000, whichever is less.

(b) The conditions and restrictions imposed upon individual credit life insurance policies shall not apply to policies issued by a life insurance company in connection with specific

loans or credit transactions when evidence of insurability is required in connection therewith; nor shall the restrictions imposed on individual credit life policies or group credit life policies apply to policies issued by a life insurance company in connection with a loan or other credit transaction of more than 5 years.

(c) This section shall not be construed to authorize licenses under s. 138.09 to require or accept insurance not permitted under s. 138.09 (7) (f).

(3) (a) A certificate or policy showing the amount and term of insurance shall be delivered to the insured debtor within 30 days of the date upon which indebtedness is incurred.

(b) When the insured debtor has paid or has obligated himself to pay all or any part of the premium, the total premium shall be shown in the certificate or policy issued to the insured debtor. Such certificate or policy shall contain in addition to all other requirements a provision for cancellation of insurance upon termination of indebtedness through prepayment by refinancing or otherwise and shall provide for a refund of any unearned premium which shall be computed on a formula which has been filed with the commissioner of insurance. However, in the case of insurance written in connection with a loan or credit transaction where the indebtedness is variable from period to period and the interest or charge is computed periodically on the outstanding balance, the certificate or individual policy may show the premium rate in lieu of the total amount of the premium.

(4) The insurer shall fully control and be responsible for the settlement or adjustment of all claims.

(5) In addition to all other requirements applicable to the filing of life insurance policy forms and rates, the provisions of s. 204.31 (3) (g) shall apply to all policies of credit life insurance.

**206.64 Franchise life insurance.** (1) DEFINITIONS. As used in this section:

(a) "Franchise life insurance" is that form of life insurance described in s. 201.04 (3) covering 3 or more members of any franchise unit where such members are covered under individual policies of insurance, under an arrangement whereby the premiums on such policies are to be paid to the insurer periodically by the franchise unit, with or without payroll deductions, or by some designated person acting on behalf of such franchise unit or of such members. Such policies may be extended to insure the lives of the spouse and dependent children

of the insured member. The amount of insurance on the life of the spouse shall not exceed 50% of the amount of insurance on the life of the insured member or \$5,000, whichever is less, and the amount of insurance on the life of each dependent child shall not exceed \$1,000.

(b) "Franchise unit" means any of the following:

1. Any governmental corporation, unit, agency or department thereof.

2. Any employer, whether a corporation, partnership or individual.

3. Any association, including a labor union, having a constitution or bylaws, having existed for at least 2 years and having been formed in good faith for purposes other than of obtaining insurance.

4. A processing plant to which raw materials are supplied by individuals.

(c) "Member" means an employe of a franchise unit specified in par. (b) 1, an employe, officer, manager, partner or proprietor of a franchise unit specified in par. (b) 2, a member of a franchise unit specified in par. (b) 3, or a supplier to a franchise unit specified in par. (b) 4.

(2) No policy of franchise life insurance

shall be delivered in this state after January 8, 1964, unless it conforms to this section.

(3) Any insurance company authorized to write life insurance in this state may issue franchise life insurance policies, but no such policy issued in connection with a franchise unit shall, together with any other franchise life insurance issued to a member in connection with such franchise unit, exceed \$50,000, unless 200% of the annual compensation of such member from a franchise unit specified in sub. (1) (b) 1 or 2 exceeds \$50,000, in which event all such franchise life insurance shall not exceed \$75,000, or 200% of such annual compensation, whichever is the lesser.

(4) Insurers may be permitted to file, for use in connection with franchise life insurance, rate schedules which reflect a differential from the rates charged for identical policies issued on the individual basis, provided the rates charged under such rate schedules do not unfairly discriminate between franchise groups.

(5) If a policy used to provide franchise life insurance provides term life insurance renewable only while the individual continues to be a member of the franchise unit, then it shall also provide for conversion to a level premium life policy substantially in accordance with s. 206.61 (8), (9) and (10).