

CHAPTER 79

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

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79.34 CREATION OF REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Subdivision 1. **Conditions requiring membership.** The nonprofit association known as the workers' compensation reinsurance association may be incorporated under chapter 317A with all the powers of a corporation formed under that chapter, except that if the provisions of that chapter are inconsistent with sections 79.34 to 79.40, sections 79.34 to 79.40 govern. Each insurer as defined by section 79.01, subdivision 2, shall, as a condition of its authority to transact workers' compensation insurance in this state, be a member of the reinsurance association and is bound by the plan of operation of the reinsurance association; provided, that all affiliated insurers within a holding company system as defined in chapter 60D are considered a single entity for purposes of the exercise of all rights and duties of membership in the reinsurance association. Each self-insurer approved under section 176.181 and each political subdivision that self-insures shall, as a condition of its authority to self-insure workers' compensation liability in this state, be a member of the reinsurance association and is bound by its plan of operation; provided that:

(1) all affiliated companies within a holding company system, as determined by the commissioner of labor and industry in a manner consistent with the standards and definitions in chapter 60D, are considered a single entity for purposes of the exercise of all rights and duties of membership in the reinsurance association; and

(2) all group self-insurers granted authority to self-insure pursuant to section 176.181 are considered single entities for purposes of the exercise of all the rights and duties of membership in the reinsurance association. As a condition of its authority to self-insure workers' compensation liability, and for losses incurred after December 31, 1983, the state is a member of the reinsurance association and is bound by its plan of operation. The commissioner of employee relations represents the state in the exercise of all the rights and duties of membership in the reinsurance association. The amounts necessary to pay the state's premiums required for coverage by the workers' compensation reinsurance association are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employee relations. The University of Minnesota shall pay its portion of workers' compensation reinsurance premiums directly to the workers' compensation reinsurance association. For the purposes of this section, "state" means the administrative branch of state government, the legislative branch, the judicial branch, the University of Minnesota, and any other entity whose workers' compensation liability is paid from the state revolving fund. The commissioner of finance may calculate, prorate, and charge a department or agency the portion of premiums paid to the reinsurance association for employees who are paid wholly or in part by federal funds, dedicated funds, or special revenue funds. The reinsurance association is not a state agency. Actions of the reinsurance association and its board of directors and actions of the commissioner of labor and industry with respect to the reinsurance association are not subject to chapters 13 and 15. All property owned by the association is exempt from taxation. The reinsurance association is not obligated to make any payments or pay any assessments to any funds or pools established pursuant to this chapter or chapter 176 or any other law.

[For text of subs 1a to 7, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 10 art 2 s 52

79.371 [Repealed, 1993 c 228 s 4; 2001 c 63 s 2]

79.56 FILING RATES AND RATING INFORMATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** (a) Any insurer using a rate or a rating plan which has not been filed shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100 for each day the failure to file continues. The commissioner may, after a hearing on the record, find that the failure is willful. A willful failure to meet filing requirements shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for each day during which a willful failure continues. These penalties shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

(b) Notwithstanding this subdivision, an employer that generates \$250,000 in annual written workers' compensation premium under the rates and rating plan of an insurer before the application of any large-deductible rating plans, may be written by that insurer using rates or rating plans that are not subject to disapproval but which have been filed.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.2000]

History: 2001 c 131 s 16