

60A.198 TRANSACTION OF SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE.

Subdivision 1. **License required.** A person, as defined in section 60A.02, subdivision 7, shall not act in any other manner as an agent or broker in the transaction of surplus lines insurance unless licensed under sections 60A.195 to 60A.209. A surplus lines license is not required for a licensed agent who assists in the placement of surplus lines insurance with a surplus lines licensee pursuant to sections 60A.195 to 60A.209.

Subd. 2. **Compliance with statutory provisions.** A person shall not offer, solicit, make a quotation on, sell, or issue a policy of insurance, binder, or any other evidence of insurance with an eligible or ineligible surplus lines insurer, except in compliance with sections 60A.195 to 60A.209.

Subd. 3. **Procedure for obtaining license.** A person licensed as an agent in this state pursuant to other law may obtain a surplus lines license by doing the following:

(a) filing an application in the form and with the information the commissioner may reasonably require to determine the ability of the applicant to act in accordance with sections 60A.195 to 60A.209;

(b) maintaining an agent's license in this state;

(c) registering with the association created pursuant to section 60A.2085;

(d) agreeing to file with the commissioner of revenue all returns required by chapter 297I and paying to the commissioner of revenue all amounts required under chapter 297I;

(e) agreeing to file all documents required pursuant to section 60A.2086 and to pay the stamping fee assessed pursuant to section 60A.2085, subdivision 7; and

(f) paying a fee as prescribed by section 60K.55.

Subd. 4. **Licensee's powers.** A surplus lines licensee may do any or all of the following:

(a) place insurance on risks in this state with eligible surplus lines insurers;

(b) place insurance on risks in this state with ineligible surplus lines insurers in strict compliance with section 60A.209. If the insurance is provided through the participation of several surplus lines insurers and the licensee has reason to believe that a substantial portion of the insurance would be assumed by eligible surplus lines insurers, then with respect to the ineligible surplus lines insurers, the insured or the insured's representative shall be informed as provided in section 60A.209, subdivision 1, clause (a); or

(c) engage in any other acts expressly or implicitly authorized by sections 60A.195 to 60A.209 and the other insurance laws.

Subd. 5. **Disclosures.** Before placement of insurance with an eligible surplus lines insurer, a surplus lines licensee shall inform an insured or the insured's representative that coverage may be placed in conformance with sections 60A.195 to 60A.209 with an insurer not licensed in this state and that payment of loss is not guaranteed in the event of insolvency of the eligible surplus lines insurer.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2000 c 394 art 2 s 28]

History: 1981 c 221 s 4; 1983 c 328 s 7; 1984 c 592 s 40; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 337 s 12; 1989 c 260 s 6; 1990 c 480 art 6 s 2; 1993 c 375 art 10 s 4; 1994 c 632 art 4 s 25; 2000 c 394 art 2 s 6; 2001 c 12 s 1; 2001 c 117 art 2 s 6; 2009 c 178 art 1 s 7,8