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2	Introduced by Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Botzow of Pownal,
3	Kupersmith of South Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, and
4	Young of Glover
5	Referred to Committee on
6	Date:
7	Subject: Insurance; commercial; closed block; nonadmitted; transfer
8	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to regulate the
9	receipt and management by Vermont companies of closed blocks of
10	nonadmitted commercial insurance policies and reinsurance agreements.
11	An act relating to the Legacy Insurance Management Act
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	Sec. 1. TITLE
14	This act shall be known as the "Legacy Insurance Management Act."
15	Sec. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE
16	(a) The Vermont General Assembly finds:
17	(1) The creation of jobs and investment in the state of Vermont through
18	business expansion and recruitment is of the highest importance.

1	(2) Vermont has created a thriving alternative risk financing industry,
2	which has provided Vermonters with well-paying jobs and has created
3	significant premium tax revenue for the state.
4	(b) The purpose of this act is to regulate the receipt and management by
5	solvent Vermont companies of closed blocks of nonadmitted commercial
6	insurance policies and reinsurance agreements.
7	Sec. 3. 8 V.S.A. chapter 147 is added to read:
8	CHAPTER 147. LEGACY INSURANCE TRANSFERS
9	§ 7111. DEFINITIONS
10	As used in this chapter:
11	(1) "Assuming company" means a Vermont-domiciled company
12	established specifically to acquire a closed block under a legacy insurance
13	transfer plan approved by the Commissioner.
14	(2) "Closed block" means a block, line, or group of commercial
15	nonadmitted insurance policies or reinsurance agreements or both:
16	(A) which a transferring insurer has ceased to offer, write, or sell to
17	new applicants;
18	(B) for which all policy periods have been fully expired for not less
19	than 60 months;

(C) for which active premiums are no longer being paid; and

1	(D) which is not workers' compensation, health, life, or any other
2	personal line of insurance.
3	(3) "Comment period" means the 60-day period starting on the date
4	notice is issued by an assuming company under subsection 7112(h) of this
5	chapter. For good cause, the comment period may be extended by the
6	Commissioner up to an additional 30 days.
7	(4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Financial Regulation.
8	(5) "Controlling party" means a person having "control" of an assuming
9	company or transferring insurer. "Control" shall have the same meaning as in
10	section 3681 of this title.
11	(6) "Department" means the Department of Financial Regulation.
12	(7) "Domicile regulator" means the primary insurance regulatory
13	authority of the domicile jurisdiction of a transferring insurer.
14	(8) "Inward reinsurance agreement" means a contract of reinsurance
15	between a transferring insurer and another insurance company with respect to
16	which a transferring insurer is a party as the reinsurer.
17	(9) "Inward reinsurance counterparty" means an insurance company,
18	other than the transferring insurer, that is a party to an inward reinsurance
19	agreement.
20	(10) "Legacy insurance transfer" means the transfer of a closed block in
21	accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

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1	(11) "Legacy insurance transfer plan" or "plan" means a plan that sets
2	forth all provisions and includes all documentation regarding a legacy
3	insurance transfer required under subsection 7112(b) of this chapter.
4	(12) "Nonadmitted insurance" means any property and casualty
5	insurance permitted to be placed directly or through a surplus lines broker with
6	a nonadmitted insurer eligible to accept such insurance.
7	(13) "Nonadmitted insurer" means, with respect to a state, an insurer not
8	licensed to engage in the business of insurance in such state. The term does
9	not include a risk retention group.
10	(14) "Outward reinsurance agreement" means a contract of reinsurance
11	between a transferring insurer and another insurance company with respect to
12	which a transferring insurer is a party as the reinsured.
13	(15) "Party" means:
14	(A) the assuming company;
15	(B) the transferring insurer;
16	(C) with respect to any policy to be transferred under a plan, each
17	policyholder;
18	(D) with respect to any inward reinsurance agreement to be
19	transferred under a plan, each inward reinsurance counterparty; and
20	(E) any other person the Commissioner approves as a party with
21	respect to such proceeding.

1	(16) "Plan summary" means a written statement of the key terms and
2	provisions of a plan as required under subdivision 7112(b)(18) of this chapter.
3	(17) "Policy" means a contract of property and casualty insurance that is
4	not a contract of reinsurance or a personal lines insurance policy.
5	(18) "Policyholder" means the person identified as the policyholder or
6	first named in a policy.
7	(19) "Outward reinsurance agreement" means a contract of reinsurance
8	between a transferring insurer and another insurance company or companies
9	with respect to which the transferring insurer is a party as the reinsured.
10	(20) "Outward reinsurance counterparty" means an insurance company,
11	other than the transferring insurer, that is a party to an outward reinsurance
12	agreement.
13	(21) "Reinsurance agreement" means an inward reinsurance agreement
14	or an outward reinsurance agreement.
15	(22) "Reinsurance agreement counterparty" means an inward
16	reinsurance agreement counterparty or an outward reinsurance counterparty.
17	(23) "Transferring insurer" means a nonadmitted insurer that is
18	transferring a closed block to an assuming company under a legacy insurance
19	transfer plan.

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1	§ 7112. APPLICATION; FEE; PLAN
2	(a) An assuming company shall file a plan with the Commissioner and, at
3	the time of filing, shall pay to the Commissioner the fee described in
4	subdivision 7116(a)(1) of this chapter.
5	(b) A plan shall include the following:
6	(1) a list of all policies and inward reinsurance agreements in the closed
7	block to be transferred under the plan;
8	(2) a list of all outward reinsurance agreements attaching to the closed
9	block;
10	(3) a list of all policyholders and inward reinsurance counterparties to
11	policies and inward reinsurance agreements in the closed block to be
12	transferred under the plan;
13	(4) the identities of the transferring insurer and the assuming company
14	and their respective controlling parties, if any;
15	(5) certificates issued by the domicile regulator of the transferring
16	insurer and, if applicable, by any controlling party that is a regulated insurance
17	company attesting to the good standing of the transferring insurer and the
18	controlling party under the insurance regulatory laws of the jurisdiction of their
19	respective domiciles; or, if any such certificate is not obtainable under the laws
20	or practices of a domicile regulator, a certificate of an officer of the

1	transferring insurer or the controlling party, as applicable, attesting to the
2	foregoing;
3	(6) a letter of no objection, or the equivalent, from the domicile
4	regulator of the transferring insurer confirming that the regulator has no
5	objection to the transfer of the closed block under the plan; or, if any such
6	certificate is not obtainable under the laws or practices of a domicile regulator,
7	a certificate of an officer of the transferring insurer or the controlling party, as
8	applicable, attesting to the foregoing;
9	(7) a statement describing the terms and conditions, if any, of any policy
10	or inward reinsurance agreement in the closed block prohibiting assignment
11	and assumption of the rights, liabilities, and obligations of the transferring
12	insurer without the prior written consent of the respective policyholder or
13	inward reinsurance counterparty;
14	(8) the most recent audited financial statements and annual reports of
15	the transferring insurer filed with its domicile regulator and such other
16	financial information as the Commissioner may reasonably require with
17	respect to a controlling party, if any;
18	(9) an actuarial study or opinion in a form satisfactory to the
19	Commissioner that quantifies the liabilities to be transferred to the assuming
20	company under the policies or inward reinsurance agreements in the closed
21	block;

1	(10) a statement of outward reinsurance agreement assets attaching to
2	the closed block;
3	(11) three years of pro-forma financial statements demonstrating the
4	solvency of the assuming company;
5	(12) officer's certificates of the transferring insurer and the assuming
6	company attesting that each has obtained all required internal approvals and
7	authorizations regarding the plan and completed all necessary and appropriate
8	actions relating thereto;
9	(13) the form of notice to be provided under the plan to any policyholder
10	or inward reinsurance counterparty in the closed block and how such notice
11	shall be provided;
12	(14) the form of notice to be provided under the plan to any outward
13	reinsurance counterparty attaching to the closed block and how such notice
14	shall be provided;
15	(15) a statement describing any pending dispute between the transferring
16	insurer and any policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty or any
17	disputed claim by a third party with respect to any policy or inward reinsurance
18	agreement in the closed block;
19	(16) a statement describing the assuming company's proposed
20	investment policies, officers, directors, key employees, and other arrangements
21	regarding matters such as:

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1	(A) any contemplated third-party claims management and
2	administration arrangements;
3	(B) operations, management, and solvency relating to the closed
4	block; and
5	(C) a detailed plan for annual or other periodic financial reporting to
6	the Commissioner, including an annual financial audit with actuarial opinion;
7	(17) a statement from the assuming company consenting to the
8	jurisdiction of the Commissioner with regard to ongoing oversight of
9	operations, management, and solvency relating to the closed block, including
10	the authority of the Commissioner to conduct examinations under section 7117
11	of this chapter and to set reasonable standards for oversight of the assuming
12	company, including:
13	(A) material transactions with affiliates;
14	(B) adequacy of surplus; and
15	(C) dividends and other distributions, including limitations on
16	extraordinary dividends.
17	(18) a statement from the assuming company submitting to the
18	jurisdiction and authority of the Commissioner of Insurance, or the equivalent
19	regulatory authority, in states in which policyholders or reinsurance
20	counterparties reside, for the purposes of implementing each such state's
21	Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act, or its equivalent, if any, in such state's

market conduct statutory framework. Notwithstanding any provision to the
contrary in such act, the submission under this subdivision shall not confer a
private cause of action upon any policyholder or reinsurance counterparty
against the assuming company, even if the applicable Unfair Claims Settlement
Practices Act, or equivalent, purports to provide a private cause of action;
(19) a plan summary which includes all information regarding the plan
as reasonably required by the Commissioner;
(20) the statement described in subsection (c) of this section regarding
the information and documents submitted as part of or with respect to a plan
which are confidential; and
(21) any other information the Commissioner may reasonably require
with respect to the plan in the exercise of his or her discretion.
(c) The plan shall include a statement of the information and
documentation included in the plan that the assuming company or the
transferring insurer may request be given confidential treatment, which in all
cases shall include all information identifying policyholders and reinsurance
counterparties and which may include any information that qualifies as a trade
secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information
of the transferring insurer or the assuming company. The Commissioner,
subject to the exercise of his or her reasonable discretion, shall determine
whether the information designated in such statement qualifies for confidential

treatment and therefore shall be exempt from public inspection and copying
under the Public Records Act. Any information qualifying for confidential
treatment shall not be subject to subpoena and shall not be made public by the
Commissioner or by any other person; provided, however, the Commissioner
may in his or her discretion grant access to such information to public officers
having jurisdiction over the regulation of insurance in any other state or
country, to public officers of a foreign or alien financial regulatory authority,
or to state or federal law enforcement officers pursuant to a validly issued
subpoena or search warrant; provided that such officers receiving the
information agree in writing to hold it in a manner consistent with this section.
(d) Within 10 business days of the date the application is filed and the fee
payable under subsection (a) of this section is paid in full, the Commissioner
shall notify the assuming company whether the plan is complete. In his or her
discretion, the Commissioner may extend the 10-business-day application
review period for an additional 10 business days. With the written consent of
the assuming company, the application review period may be extended beyond
20 business days.
(e) Upon submission of a plan, the assuming company shall have a
continuing obligation to notify the Commissioner promptly and in a full and
accurate manner of any material change to information in the plan.

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(f) If the Commissioner notifies the assuming company that the plan is not
complete, the Commissioner shall specify any modifications, supplements, or
amendments to the plan that are required, and any additional information or
documentation with respect to the plan that must be provided to the
Commissioner before the Commissioner issues the notice referenced in
subsection (d) of this section.
(g) If the Commissioner notifies the assuming company that the plan is
complete, the Commissioner shall set a date, time, and place for a hearing on
the plan as required under subsection (l) of this section.
(h) Within 30 days of the date the Commissioner notifies the assuming
company under subsection (g) of this section that the plan is complete, the
assuming company shall cause notice to be provided, in the form and manner
specified in the plan, to all policyholders and reinsurance counterparties listed
in the plan. The notice shall:
(1) comply with the plan and the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 809(b);
(2) include the plan summary;
(3) describe the effect of the plan and the transfer on each policyholder
and reinsurance counterparty and on his or her respective policy or reinsurance
agreement, as applicable;
(4) state the right of each policyholder or inward reinsurance
counterparty to:

1	(A) accept or object to the plan, together with a description of the
2	means by which a policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty may
3	expressly accept or object to the plan and the effect of such acceptance or
4	objection;
5	(B) file written comments on the plan with the Commissioner; and
6	(C) appear and present evidence on the plan at the hearing;
7	(5) describe the terms and conditions under which a policyholder or
8	inward reinsurance counterparty shall be deemed to have accepted the plan;
9	(6) specify the date, time, and place of the hearing on the plan;
10	(7) include all other information reasonably required by the
11	Commissioner; and
12	(8) be published in two newspapers of general nationwide circulation on
13	two separate occasions, as determined by the Commissioner.
14	(i) During the comment period:
15	(1) any party may file written comments on the plan with the
16	Commissioner;
17	(2) any policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty may, by
18	delivery of such notice in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plan
19	and prior to the expiration of the comment period, provide an express written
20	notice that he or she accepts or objects to the plan; and

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1	(3) the assuming company shall file with the Commissioner such
2	additional documentation and information regarding the plan as the
3	Commissioner may reasonably require.
4	(j) In the event that, prior to the expiration of the comment period, any
5	policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty provides express written
6	notice that he or she objects to the plan, the assuming company shall, not later
7	than 15 days after the end of the comment period, submit to the Commissioner
8	either:
9	(1) an amended list of policies and reinsurance agreements, excluding
10	such policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty and its respective policy
11	or inward reinsurance agreement from the plan; or
12	(2) an express written notice from such policyholder or inward
13	reinsurance counterparty accepting the plan and consenting to the transfer
14	having the full force and effect of a statutory novation of its respective policy
15	or reinsurance agreement, as applicable, and withdrawing and rescinding its
16	prior notice of objection.
17	(k) Any policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty that, prior to the
18	expiration of the comment period, has not provided express written notice
19	objecting to the plan shall be deemed to have accepted the plan and the transfer
20	shall have the full force and effect of a statutory novation of his or her
21	respective policy or inward reinsurance agreement, as applicable.

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1	(1) The hearing on the plan shall be held not later than 60 days after the end
2	of the comment period. In his or her discretion, the Commissioner may
3	postpone the hearing for an additional 10 days. With the written consent of the
4	assuming company, the hearing may be postponed beyond 70 days. Each
5	person participating in the hearing shall bear his or her own costs and
6	attorney's fees.
7	§ 7113. PLAN REVIEW
8	(a) The Commissioner may retain an actuary to conduct an actuarial study
9	quantifying the liabilities under insurance policies and reinsurance agreements
10	to be transferred to the assuming company under the plan and is authorized to
11	retain any other legal, financial, and examination services from outside the
12	Department necessary to assist in plan review.
13	(b) In reviewing the plan, the Commissioner shall take into account all
14	written comments filed with respect to the plan, all evidence taken at the
15	hearing, and any other factors the Commissioner reasonably deems relevant
16	with respect to the plan. In all cases, the Commissioner shall make findings
17	with respect to each of the following:
18	(1) the solvency of the assuming company before and after the
19	implementation of the proposed plan;
20	(2) the adequacy of the assuming company's proposals described in the
21	statement required under 7112(b)(15) of this chapter;

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1	(3) the adequacy of the assuming company's consent to jurisdiction
2	required under subdivision 7112(b)(16) of this chapter;
3	(4) the ability of the assuming company to comply with all requirements
4	of the policies and inward reinsurance agreements, including the capacity of
5	the assuming company regarding the administration of claims in process on or
6	after the effective date of the transfer;
7	(5) whether any outward reinsurance agreement relating to any policy or
8	policies in the closed block will be adversely effected by the transfer;
9	(6) whether the plan materially adversely affects either the interests of
10	objecting parties or the interests of policyholders or inward reinsurance
11	counterparties who have accepted or been deemed to have accepted the plan;
12	(7) whether policyholders or inward reinsurance counterparties
13	objecting to the plan and not withdrawing such objections, together with their
14	respective insurance policies and inward reinsurance agreements, have been
15	excluded from the plan as required under subsection 7114(f) of this
16	chapter; and
17	(8) the fairness of the plan to all parties.
18	<u>§ 7114. ORDER</u>
19	(a) Within 30 days of the date the hearing is held on the plan, the
20	Commissioner shall issue an order setting forth the amount of fees payable by
21	the assuming company under subdivision 7116(a)(2) of this chapter, payable

not later than 14 days after the date of such order. Upon receipt of such	
payment, the Commissioner shall within five days issue an order approvir	ıg or
disapproving the plan in whole or in part. Whenever it is not practicable to	<u>:0</u>
issue an order within 30 days, the Commissioner may extend such time up	<u>o to</u>
an additional 30 days. If the order approves the plan, the order shall:	
(1) include the terms and conditions of the Commissioner's oversig	<u>;ht</u>
with regard to ongoing oversight of the operations, management, and solv	ency
relating to the closed block and any specific standards that the assuming	
company will be required to comply with, including standards relating to:	
(A) material transactions with affiliates;	
(B) adequacy of surplus; and	
(C) dividends and other distributions, including limitations on	
dividends;	
(2) set forth the fee payable by the assuming company under subsection	ction
7116(b) of this chapter, which fee shall be payable not later than 14 days	<u>after</u>
the date of such order;	
(3) not be effective until such time as the fees described in this	
subsection have been paid in full.	
(b) The Commissioner shall not approve a plan unless the Commission	<u>ner</u>
finds that the assuming company:	
(1) has sufficient assets to meet its liabilities:	

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(2) has sufficient procedures in place for the handling of claims; and
(3) has provided for sufficient regulatory oversight by the Department.
(c) An order issued under subsection (a) of this section approving the plan
shall have the full force and effect of a statutory novation with respect to all
policyholders and reinsurance counterparties and their respective policies and
reinsurance agreements under the plan and shall provide that the transferring
insurer shall have no further rights, obligations, or liabilities with respect to
such policies and reinsurance agreements, and that the assuming company shall
have all such rights, obligations, and liabilities as if it, instead of the
transferring insurer, were the original party to such policies and reinsurance
agreements.
(d) The Commissioner may issue any other orders he or she reasonably
deems necessary to fully implement an order issued under subsection (a) of
this section.
(e) No order issued under subsection (a) or (d) of this section shall be
construed to modify or amend the terms of a policy or reinsurance agreement,
other than with respect to matters specifically subject to modification or
amendment under this chapter.
(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, if a policy
or inward reinsurance agreement contains a provision prohibiting the transfer
of the policy or inward reinsurance agreement without the consent of the

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policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty, then such policy or inward
reinsurance agreement shall not be transferred under this chapter unless the
applicable policyholder or inward reinsurance counterparty provides written
consent to the proposed transfer.
(g) If a party objects to a plan, the Commissioner may not approve the plan
with respect to such party unless the Commissioner determines that the plan:
(1) does not materially adversely affect the objecting party; and
(2) otherwise complies with the requirements of this chapter.
(h) At any time before the Commissioner issues the order described in
subsection (a) of this section, the assuming company may file an amendment to
the plan, subject to the Commissioner's approval.
(i) At any time before the Commissioner issues the order described in
subsection (a) of this section, the assuming company may withdraw the plan
without prejudice. Upon such withdrawal, however, the Commissioner shall
issue an order setting forth the amount of fees payable by the assuming
company under subdivision 7116(a)(2) of this chapter, payable not later than
14 days after the date of such order.
§ 7115. JURISDICTION; APPEALS
(a) The Commissioner shall have exclusive jurisdiction with respect to the
review and approval or denial of any plan

1	(b) Any party aggrieved by a final order of the Commissioner may appeal
2	that order to the Vermont Supreme Court under 3 V.S.A. § 815.
3	§ 7116. FEES AND COSTS
4	(a) To cover the costs of processing and reviewing a plan under this
5	chapter, the assuming company shall pay to the Commissioner the following
6	nonrefundable fees at the times set forth in subsections 7112(a) and 7114(a) of
7	this chapter:
8	(1) an administrative fee in the amount of \$30,000.00; and
9	(2) the reasonable costs of persons retained by the Commissioner under
10	subsection 7113(a) of this chapter.
11	(b) When a plan is approved, the assuming company shall pay the
12	Commissioner a transfer fee equal to the sum of:
13	(1) one percent of the first \$100,000,000.00 of the gross liabilities
14	transferred, including direct and assumed unpaid claims, losses, and loss
15	adjustment expenses with no reductions for amounts ceded; and
16	(2) 0.5 percent of the gross liabilities transferred that exceed
17	\$100,000,000.00, including direct and assumed unpaid claims, losses, and loss

adjustment expenses with no reductions for amounts ceded.

(c) All fees and payments received by the Department under subsection (a)

of this section and 10 percent of the transfer fee under subsection (b) of this

section shall be credited to the insurance regulatory and supervision fund under

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1	section 80 of this title. The remaining 90 percent of the transfer fee shall be
2	deposited directly into the general fund.
3	§ 7117. EXAMINATIONS
4	(a) The Commissioner has the authority to order any assuming company to
5	produce any records, books, and papers in the possession of the assuming
6	company or its affiliates necessary to ascertain the financial condition or
7	legality of conduct of the assuming company.
8	(b) The Commissioner shall exercise his or her authority under subsection
9	(a) of this section only if he or she has reason to believe the interests of the
10	assuming company's policyholders may be adversely affected under the plan.
11	(c) The Commissioner may retain, at the assuming company's expense,
12	attorneys, actuaries, accountants, and other experts not otherwise a part of the
13	Commissioner's staff reasonably necessary to assist with an examination under
14	this section. Any persons so retained shall be under the direction and control
15	of the Commissioner and shall act in a purely advisory capacity.
16	(d) Each assuming company that produces records, books, and papers for
17	examination under this section shall pay the expense of such examination.
18	§ 7118. APPLICABLE LAWS
19	(a) Chapter 157 (transfer and novation of insurance contracts) of this title

shall not apply to any legacy insurance transfer under this chapter.

1	(b) In the event of any conflict between a provision of this chapter and any
2	other provision of this title, such provision of this chapter shall control.
3	(c) A proposed legacy insurance transfer shall be a "contested case" under
4	chapter 25 of Title 3, except that a "party" shall be limited as defined in
5	subdivision 7111(15) of this chapter.
6	§ 7119. ASSUMING COMPANY; BOARD; PRINCIPAL PLACE OF
7	BUSINESS; REGISTERED AGENT
8	No assuming company shall be a party to a legacy insurance transfer under
9	this chapter unless:
10	(1) its board of directors or committee of managers holds at least one
11	meeting each year in this State;
12	(2) it maintains its principal place of business in this State; and
13	(3) it appoints a registered agent to accept service of process and to
14	otherwise act on its behalf in this State; provided that whenever such registered
15	agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office of the
16	assuming company, the Secretary of State shall be an agent of such assuming
17	company upon whom any process, notice, or demand may be served.
18	§ 7120. POSTING OF PLANS ON WEBSITE
19	The Commissioner shall require that all plans filed with the Department are
20	posted on the Department's website, along with any other notice or other

1	information the Commissioner deems appropriate, excluding any information
2	designated as confidential under subsection 7112(c) of this chapter.
3	§ 7121. REGULATION OF ASSUMING COMPANIES AND SERVICE
4	<u>PROVIDERS</u>
5	(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an assuming
6	company shall be subject to all rules and standards adopted by the
7	Commissioner under this subchapter and also shall be subject to all Vermont
8	rules, regulations, and standards governing market conduct and unfair trade
9	practices.
10	(b) The Commissioner may adopt rules regarding the provision of services
11	to an assuming company by persons other than any director, officer, or
12	employee of the assuming company with respect to the administration of
13	policies and reinsurance agreements assumed by the assuming company under
14	a legacy insurance transfer, including licensing or other requirements.
15	(c) The Commissioner may adopt any other rules necessary or appropriate
16	to carry out the provisions of this chapter.
17	Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
18	This act shall take effect on passage.