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Act No. 57 (S.131). Insurance; innovation waivers; property and casualty; the Vermont Financial Services Education and Victim Restitution Fund

An act relating to insurance and securities

This act makes changes to Vermont law as it pertains to the regulation of insurance companies. For example, it gives the Commissioner of Financial Regulation authority to grant innovation waivers to insurance products and services that otherwise would be prohibited under Vermont law; it specifies that the capital and surplus requirements of foreign and alien insurance companies are for the benefit of Vermonters; it permits “domestic surplus lines insurers” to offer and sell surplus lines insurance to Vermonters; it establishes a three percent premium tax on all surplus lines insurance regardless of where the risk is located; and it makes HIV testing requirements applicable to life insurance policies consistent with federal standards. In addition, with respect to securities law, it exempts from paying a filing fee persons who file a registration statement in connection with the New England Crowdfunding Initiative, and it establishes a new special fund, the Vermont Financial Services Education and Victim Restitution Fund, for the purpose of carrying out the goals of the existing Financial Services Education and Training Special Fund (which the act repeals), as well as funding restitution awards to victims of securities fraud.

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