HOUSE BILL No. 1322

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-1-42.

Synopsis: Certificates of insurance. Specifies requirements related to a certificate of insurance issued in connection with property, operations, or risks located in Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 17, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2013)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 27-1-42 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]:

Chapter 42. Certificates of Insurance

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a certificate of insurance that is issued in connection with a contract related to property, operations, or risks located in Indiana, regardless of the location of the policyholder, insurer, insurance producer, or person that requests or requires the issuance of the certificate of insurance.

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "certificate of insurance" means a document prepared by an insurer or insurance producer as evidence of property or casualty insurance coverage.

(b) The term does not include a policy of insurance, an insurance binder, a policy endorsement, or a motor vehicle insurance identification or information card.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "commissioner" refers to the insurance commissioner appointed under IC 27-1-1-2.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the department of insurance created by IC 27-1-1-1.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "insurance producer" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-15.6-2.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "insurer" refers to an insurer (as defined in IC 27-1-2-3) that issues a policy of property or casualty insurance.

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "person" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-1-2-3.

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "property or casualty insurance" means one (1) or more of the kinds of insurance described in Class 2 and Class 3 of IC 27-1-5-1.

Sec. 9. (a) A person may not prepare or issue, or request or require the issuance of, a certificate of insurance covering property, operations, or risks located in Indiana unless the certificate of insurance form:

(1) has:

(A) been filed with; and

(B) not been prohibited under subsection (b) by;

the commissioner;

(2) contains the specific content and wording established by federal law or Indiana law; or

(3) is a current standard certificate of insurance form that has been adopted, and filed with the commissioner, by any of the following:

(A) The Association for Cooperative Operations Research and Development.

(B) The American Association of Insurance Services.

(C) The Insurance Services office.

(b) The commissioner shall prohibit the use of a certificate of insurance form filed as described in subsection (a)(1) if the form:

(1) is unfair, misleading, or deceptive; or

(2) violates any law.

Sec. 10. A certificate of insurance does not:

(1) amend, extend, or alter the coverage provided under; or

(2) confer to a person any rights in addition to the rights expressly provided in;

the policy of property or casualty insurance to which the certificate of insurance refers.

Sec. 11. A person may not do any of the following:

(1) Alter a certificate of insurance form that has been filed with the commissioner.

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(2) Prepare or issue, or request or require the issuance of, a certificate of insurance that:

(A) contains false or misleading information concerning; or

(B) alters, amends, or extends the coverage provided by;

the policy of property or casualty insurance to which the certificate of insurance refers.

Sec. 12. (a) A certificate of insurance must not contain a warranty that the policy of property or casualty insurance to which the certificate of insurance refers complies with the insurance or indemnification requirements of a contract related to property, operations, or risks.

(b) The inclusion of a contract number or contract description in a certificate of insurance does not warrant that the policy of property or casualty insurance to which the certificate of insurance refers complies with the insurance or indemnification requirements of the contract.

Sec. 13. (a) A person is not entitled to notice of:

(1) cancellation of;

(2) nonrenewal of; or

(3) a material change in;

a policy of property or casualty insurance unless the person has notice rights under the terms of the policy of property or casualty insurance or an endorsement to the policy.

(b) The terms and conditions of notice described in subsection (a) are governed by the policy of property or casualty insurance or an endorsement to the policy and are not altered by a certificate of insurance.

Sec. 14. A certificate of insurance or any other document that is prepared, issued, requested, or required in violation of this chapter is void.

Sec. 15. (a) The commissioner may examine and investigate the activities of a person that the commissioner reasonably believes has violated this chapter.

(b) The commissioner may issue a cease and desist order or impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) for each violation of this chapter.

Sec. 16. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

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