Chapter 1100

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1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to certain authorized investments for domestic life,
- 3 health, and accident insurers.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 425.118, Insurance Code, is amended by
- 6 amending Subsections (c), (d), and (e) and adding Subsections (d-1)
- 7 and (e-1) to read as follows:
- 8 (c) The term of an obligation secured by a first lien on a
- 9 leasehold estate in real property may not, as of the date the
- 10 obligation is acquired, exceed a period equal to four-fifths of the
- 11 unexpired term of the leasehold estate, including any renewal
- 12 options exercisable by the lessee, and the obligation must fully
- 13 amortize during that period. The term of the leasehold estate,
- 14 including any renewal options exercisable by the lessee, may not
- 15 expire sooner than the 10th anniversary of the expiration date of
- 16 the term of the obligation.
- 17 (d) An obligation secured by a first lien on a leasehold
- 18 estate in real property must be payable in one or more installments
- 19 of an amount or amounts sufficient to ensure that, at any time
- 20 <u>during</u> [after the expiration of two-thirds of] the original term of
- 21 the obligation, the principal balance on the obligation is not
- 22 greater than the principal balance would have been if the
- 23 obligation had been amortized over the original term of the
- 24 obligation in equal monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual

- 1 payments of principal and interest with payments of interest only
- 2 for the first five years of the original term of the obligation.
- 3 (d-1) Subsection (d) does not apply to an obligation secured
- 4 by a first lien on a leasehold estate in real property if:
- 5 (1) the amount of the obligation does not, as of the
- 6 date the obligation is acquired, exceed 75 percent of the value of
- 7 the leasehold estate;
- 8 (2) the lease agreement provides that the fee simple
- 9 estate in the real property transfers automatically to the lessee
- 10 on or before the expiration of the term of the leasehold estate,
- 11 including any renewal options exercisable by the lessee; or
- 12 (3) the lease agreement provides that the lessee has
- an option to purchase the fee simple estate in the real property on
- 14 or before the expiration of the term of the leasehold estate,
- 15 including any renewal options exercisable by the lessee, for an
- 16 amount that is less than 10 percent of the appraised value of the
- 17 real property, and the insurance company has a contractual right if
- 18 the lessee does not exercise that option to acquire the fee simple
- 19 estate in the real property for that same amount, by assignment from
- 20 the lessee or otherwise.
- 21 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (e-1), if [If] any part
- 22 of the value of buildings is to be included in the value of real
- 23 property or a leasehold estate in real property to secure an
- 24 obligation under this section:
- 25 (1) the buildings must be covered by adequate property
- 26 insurance, including fire and extended coverage insurance, issued
- 27 by:

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an insurer authorized to engage in business

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    in this state; or
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                     (B)
                          an insurer recognized as acceptable to issue
    that coverage by the insurance regulatory official of the state in
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    which the real property is located;
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               (2)
                    the amount of insurance provided by one or more
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    policies may not be less than the lesser of:
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                          the unpaid balance of the obligation; or
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                          the insurable value of the buildings; and
                    the loss clause under each policy must be payable
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    to the insurance company as the company's interest may appear.
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          (e-1) The property insurance otherwise required under
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    Subsection (e) is not required if the borrower maintains a net worth
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    as indicated in the borrower's audited financial statements for the
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    most recent fiscal year of at least the greater of five times the
    amount of the indebtedness or $100 million and:
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               (1) the insurance company has recourse against the
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    borrower or the borrower's guarantor; or
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               (2) for an obligation secured by a leasehold estate:
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                    (A) the tenant assigned the lease to the
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    insurance company; and
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                     (B) the lease agreement is in writing and
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   provides that if a building on the property is damaged or destroyed,
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   the tenant or the tenant's guarantor is obligated to rebuild or
   restore the damaged or destroyed building to the building's
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   condition immediately before the damage or destruction occurred or
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   compensate the owner for the loss arising from the damage or
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1 <u>destruction</u>.

- 2 SECTION 2. Section 425.118, Insurance Code, as amended by
- 3 this Act, applies only to an investment made on or after the
- 4 effective date of this Act. An investment made before the effective
- 5 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately
- 6 before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that
- 7 purpose.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3803 was passed by the House on May 2, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3803 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 19.

Secretary of the Senate

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 2017

TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3803 by Faircloth (Relating to certain authorized investments for domestic life, health,

and accident insurers.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code relating to certain authorized investments for domestic life, health, and accident insurers. Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, this analysis assumes the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance

LBB Staff: UP, CL, CP, AG

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 20, 2017

TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3803 by Faircloth (Relating to certain authorized investments for domestic life, health,

and accident insurers.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

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April 7, 2017

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FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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