

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.431 Definitions.

Sec. 431.

As used in sections 432 through 434:

(a) "Claimant" means any person or entity, supervisor, receiver, liquidator, rehabilitator, or conservator appointed for an alien insurer, and any guaranty association responsible for the payment of claims against the insurer, who has claims for costs and expenses of investigation or supervision pursuant to section 8109(11) or for receivership, liquidation, or payments of policyholders' claims.

(b) "Policy" means either of the following:

(i) Any contract of insurance or any agreement containing a covenant to insure that an alien insurer may be authorized to issue in any state and that is made by an alien insurer and delivered in or issued for delivery in the United States to any person resident in the United States at the time of issue, including any life insurance contract, annuity contract, disability insurance contract, guaranteed investment contract, reinsurance contract, and any contract issued on the maturity of and pursuant to any of the previously listed contracts, but excluding any contract, agreement, or portion of a contract or agreement either not guaranteed by an alien insurer or under which the risk is borne by the policyholder or claimant or where the recourse of policyholders or claimants for claims is limited to separate accounts.

(ii) For separate accounts, any group annuity or deposit contract or any other contract that an alien insurer is authorized to issue in any state, made by an alien insurer and delivered in or issued for delivery in the United States to any person resident in the United States at the time of issue that provides the right to allocate amounts to a particular trust as a separate account, including any contract issued on the maturity of and pursuant to a group annuity or deposit contract or any other contract that an alien insurer is authorized to issue in any state.

(c) "Policyholder" means the owner of, the certificate holder under, or the beneficiary under, a policy, including any other insurer if an alien insurer has issued to that insurer a reinsurance contract, and any pledgee, assignee, or other creditor having a security interest in the obligation arising out of a policy.

(d) "Qualified United States financial institution" means a state or nationally chartered bank or trust company, organized under the laws of any state or of the United States that has been granted authority to operate with fiduciary powers.

(e) "U.S. branch" means the business unit through which insurance is transacted within the United States by an alien insurer and the assets and liabilities of the insurer within the United States.

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