

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

**500.1101 "Qualified United States financial institution" defined.**

Sec. 1101. For purposes of this chapter, a "qualified United States financial institution" means an institution that meets either subdivision (a) or (b):

(a) Is organized, or in the case of a United States office of a foreign banking organization, is licensed, under the laws of the United States or any state in the United States, is regulated, supervised, and examined by federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies, and has been determined by the commissioner to meet such standards of financial condition and standing as are considered necessary and appropriate to regulate the quality of financial institutions whose letters of credit will be acceptable to the commissioner.

(b) For those institutions that are eligible to act as a fiduciary of a trust, is organized, or in the case of a United States branch or agency office of a foreign banking organization, is licensed, under the laws of the United States or any state in the United States, has been granted authority to operate with fiduciary powers, and is regulated, supervised, and examined by federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies.

**History:** Add. 1994, Act 226, Imd. Eff. June 27, 1994;—Am. 2000, Act 283, Imd. Eff. July 10, 2000.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 1 of Act 283 of 2000 provides:

"Enacting section 1. The legislature declares that the provisions of this amendatory act are fundamental to the business of insurance as provided in sections 1 and 2 of chapter 20, popularly known as the McCarran-Ferguson act, 59 Stat. 33 and 34, 15 U.S.C. 1011 and 1012. It is the intent of this amendatory act that upon the insolvency of an alien insurer or reinsurer that provides security to fund its United States obligations under the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302, the assets representing the security shall be maintained in the United States and claims shall be filed with and valued by the state insurance commissioner with regulatory oversight, and the assets shall be distributed under the insurance laws of the state where the trust is domiciled that are applicable to the liquidation of domestic United States insurance companies."

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