CHAPTER 2007-148

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2198

An act relating to insurer financial statements; amending s. 626.89, F.S.; revising certain requirements for annual statements; amending s. 626.9913, F.S.; revising certain requirements for an annual audited financial statement; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 626.89, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

626.89 Annual financial statement and filing fee; notice of change of ownership.—

(2) Each authorized administrator shall also file an audited financial statement performed by an independent certified public accountant. The audited financial statement shall be filed with the office on or before June 1 for the preceding calendar year ending December 31. An administrator with an established fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 whose sole stock-holder is an association representing health care providers which is not an affiliate of an insurer may submit the preceding fiscal year's audited financial statement prepared on a consolidated basis must include a columnar consolidating or combining worksheet that must be filed with the statement and must comply with the following:

(a) Amounts shown on the consolidated audited financial statement must be shown on the worksheet;

(b) Amounts for each entity must be stated separately; and

 $(c) \;\; Explanations of consolidating and eliminating entries must be included.$

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 626.9913, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

626.9913~ Viatical settlement provider license continuance; annual report; fees; deposit.—

(2) Annually, on or before March 1, the viatical settlement provider licensee shall file a statement containing information the commission requires and shall pay to the office a license fee in the amount of \$500. After December 31, 2007, the annual statement shall include <u>an annual</u> audited financial <u>statement of the viatical settlement provider</u> statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles by an independent certified public accountant <u>covering a 12-month period ending on a day falling during as of the last 6 months day of the preceding calendar year. If the audited financial statement has not been completed, however, the licensee shall include in its annual statement an unaudited financial statement for the preceding calendar year and an affidavit from an officer of the</u>

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licensee stating that the audit has not been completed. In this event, the licensee shall submit the audited statement on or before June 1. The annual statement, due on or before March 1 each year, shall also provide the office with a report of all life expectancy providers who have provided life expectancies directly or indirectly to the viatical settlement provider for use in connection with a viatical settlement contract or a viatical settlement investment. A viatical settlement provider shall include in all statements filed with the office all information requested by the office regarding a related provider trust established by the viatical settlement provider. The office may require more frequent reporting. Failure to timely file the annual statement or the audited financial statement or to timely pay the license fee is grounds for immediate suspension of the license. The commission may by rule require all or part of the statements or filings required under this section to be submitted by electronic means in a computer-readable form compatible with the electronic data format specified by the commission.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor June 15, 2007.

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