

STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES

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Section 1. Title

This Act shall be known as the Standard Nonforfeiture Law for Individual Deferred Annuities.

Section 2. Applicability

- A. This Act shall not apply to any reinsurance, group annuity purchased under a retirement plan or plan of deferred compensation established or maintained by an employer (including a partnership or sole proprietorship) or by an employee organization, or by both, other than a plan providing individual retirement accounts or individual retirement annuities under Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code, as now or hereafter amended, premium deposit fund, variable annuity, investment annuity, immediate annuity, any deferred annuity contract after annuity payments have commenced, or reversionary annuity, nor to any contract which shall be delivered outside this state through an agent or other representative of the company issuing the contract.
- B. Sections 3 through 8 shall not apply to contingent deferred annuities.
- C. Notwithstanding Subsection B, the commissioner shall have the authority to prescribe, by regulation, nonforfeiture benefits for contingent deferred annuities that are, in the opinion of the commissioner, equitable to the policyholder, appropriate given the risks insured, and to the extent possible, consistent with general intent of this law.

Drafting Note: It is expected that any regulation prescribing specific nonforfeiture requirements for the CDAs and promulgated by the commissioner under Subsection C above would apply only to the CDA contracts issued subsequent to the effective date of such regulation.

Section 3. Nonforfeiture Requirements

- A. In the case of contracts issued on or after the operative date of this Act as defined in Section 13, no contract of annuity, except as stated in Section 2, shall be delivered or issued for delivery in this state unless it contains in substance the following provisions, or corresponding provisions which in the opinion of the commissioner are at least as favorable to the contractholder, upon cessation of payment of considerations under the contract:
 - (1) That upon cessation of payment of considerations under a contract, or upon the written request of the contract owner, the company shall grant a paid-up annuity benefit on a plan stipulated in the contract of such value as is specified in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10;

- (2) If a contract provides for a lump sum settlement at maturity, or at any other time, that upon surrender of the contract at or prior to the commencement of any annuity payments, the company shall pay in lieu of a paid-up annuity benefit a cash surrender benefit of such amount as is specified in Sections 5, 6, 8 and 10. The company may reserve the right to defer the payment of the cash surrender benefit for a period not to exceed six (6) months after demand therefor with surrender of the contract after making written request and receiving written approval of the commissioner. The request shall address the necessity and equitability to all policyholders of the deferral;
 - (3) A statement of the mortality table, if any, and interest rates used in calculating any minimum paid-up annuity, cash surrender or death benefits that are guaranteed under the contract, together with sufficient information to determine the amounts of the benefits; and
 - (4) A statement that any paid-up annuity, cash surrender or death benefits that may be available under the contract are not less than the minimum benefits required by any statute of the state in which the contract is delivered and an explanation of the manner in which the benefits are altered by the existence of any additional amounts credited by the company to the contract, any indebtedness to the company on the contract or any prior withdrawals from or partial surrenders of the contract.
- B. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, a deferred annuity contract may provide that if no considerations have been received under a contract for a period of two (2) full years and the portion of the paid-up annuity benefit at maturity on the plan stipulated in the contract arising from prior considerations paid would be less than \$20 monthly, the company may at its option terminate the contract by payment in cash of the then present value of the portion of the paid-up annuity benefit, calculated on the basis on the mortality table, if any, and interest rate specified in the contract for determining the paid-up annuity benefit, and by this payment shall be relieved of any further obligation under the contract.

Section 4. Minimum Values

The minimum values as specified in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of any paid-up annuity, cash surrender or death benefits available under an annuity contract shall be based upon minimum nonforfeiture amounts as defined in this section.

- A. (1) The minimum nonforfeiture amount at any time at or prior to the commencement of any annuity payments shall be equal to an accumulation up to such time at rates of interest as indicated in Subsection B of the net considerations (as hereinafter defined) paid prior to such time, decreased by the sum of Paragraphs (a) through (d) below:
- (a) Any prior withdrawals from or partial surrenders of the contract accumulated at rates of interest as indicated in Subsection B;
 - (b) An annual contract charge of \$50, accumulated at rates of interest as indicated in Subsection B;
 - (c) Any premium tax paid by the company for the contract, accumulated at rates of interest as indicated in Subsection B; and
- (2) The amount of any indebtedness to the company on the contract, including interest due and accrued.
- (2) The net considerations for a given contract year used to define the minimum nonforfeiture amount shall be an amount equal to eighty-seven and one-half percent (87.5%) of the gross considerations credited to the contract during that contract year.

- B. The interest rate used in determining minimum nonforfeiture amounts shall be an annual rate of interest determined as the lesser of three percent (3%) per annum and the following, which shall be specified in the contract if the interest rate will be reset:

- (1) The five-year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate reported by the Federal Reserve as of a date, or average over a period, rounded to the nearest 1/20th of one percent, specified in the contract no longer than fifteen (15) months prior to the contract issue date or redetermination date under Section 4B(4);
 - (2) Reduced by 125 basis points;
 - (3) Where the resulting interest rate is not less than 15 basis points (0.15%); and
 - (4) The interest rate shall apply for an initial period and may be redetermined for additional periods. The redetermination date, basis and period, if any, shall be stated in the contract. The basis is the date or average over a specified period that produces the value of the five-year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate to be used at each redetermination date.
- C. During the period or term that a contract provides substantive participation in an equity indexed benefit, it may increase the reduction described in Subsection B(2) above by up to an additional 100 basis points to reflect the value of the equity index benefit. The present value at the contract issue date, and at each redetermination date thereafter, of the additional reduction shall not exceed the market value of the benefit. The commissioner may require a demonstration that the present value of the additional reduction does not exceed the market value of the benefit. Lacking such a demonstration that is acceptable to the commissioner, the commissioner may disallow or limit the additional reduction.
- D. The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the provisions of Section 4C and to provide for further adjustments to the calculation of minimum nonforfeiture amounts for contracts that provide substantive participation in an equity index benefit and for other contracts that the commissioner determines adjustments are justified.

Section 5. Computation of Present Value

Any paid-up annuity benefit available under a contract shall be such that its present value on the date annuity payments are to commence is at least equal to the minimum nonforfeiture amount on that date. Present value shall be computed using the mortality table, if any, and the interest rates specified in the contract for determining the minimum paid-up annuity benefits guaranteed in the contract.

Section 6. Calculation of Cash Surrender Value

For contracts that provide cash surrender benefits, the cash surrender benefits available prior to maturity shall not be less than the present value as of the date of surrender of that portion of the maturity value of the paid-up annuity benefit that would be provided under the contract at maturity arising from considerations paid prior to the time of cash surrender reduced by the amount appropriate to reflect any prior withdrawals from or partial surrenders of the contract, such present value being calculated on the basis of an interest rate not more than one percent (1%) higher than the interest rate specified in the contract for accumulating the net considerations to determine maturity value, decreased by the amount of any indebtedness to the company on the contract, including interest due and accrued, and increased by any existing additional amounts credited by the company to the contract. In no event shall any cash surrender benefit be less than the minimum nonforfeiture amount at that time. The death benefit under such contracts shall be at least equal to the cash surrender benefit.

Section 7. Calculation of Paid-up Annuity Benefits

For contracts that do not provide cash surrender benefits, the present value of any paid-up annuity benefit available as a nonforfeiture option at any time prior to maturity shall not be less than the present value of that portion of the maturity value of the paid-up annuity benefit provided under the contract arising from considerations paid prior to the time the contract is surrendered in exchange for, or changed to, a deferred paid-up annuity, such present value being calculated for the period prior to the maturity date on the basis of the interest rate specified in the contract for accumulating the net considerations to determine maturity value, and increased by any additional amounts credited by the company to the contract. For contracts that do not provide any death benefits prior to the commencement of any annuity payments, present values shall be calculated on the basis of such interest rate and the mortality table specified in the contract for determining the maturity value of the paid-up annuity benefit. However, in no event shall the present value of a paid-up annuity benefit be less than the minimum nonforfeiture amount at that time.

Section 8. Maturity Date

For the purpose of determining the benefits calculated under Sections 6 and 7, in the case of annuity contracts under which an election may be made to have annuity payments commence at optional maturity dates, the maturity date shall be deemed to be the latest date for which election shall be permitted by the contract, but shall not be deemed to be later than the anniversary of the contract next following the annuitant's seventieth birthday or the tenth anniversary of the contract, whichever is later.

Section 9. Disclosure of Limited Death Benefits

A contract that does not provide cash surrender benefits or does not provide death benefits at least equal to the minimum nonforfeiture amount prior to the commencement of any annuity payments shall include a statement in a prominent place in the contract that such benefits are not provided.

Section 10. Inclusion of Lapse of Time Considerations

Any paid-up annuity, cash surrender or death benefits available at any time, other than on the contract anniversary under any contract with fixed scheduled considerations, shall be calculated with allowance for the lapse of time and the payment of any scheduled considerations beyond the beginning of the contract year in which cessation of payment of considerations under the contract occurs.

Section 11. Proration of Values; Additional Benefits

For a contract which provides, within the same contract by rider or supplemental contract provision, both annuity benefits and life insurance benefits that are in excess of the greater of cash surrender benefits or a return of the gross considerations with interest, the minimum nonforfeiture benefits shall be equal to the sum of the minimum nonforfeiture benefits for the annuity portion and the minimum nonforfeiture benefits, if any, for the life insurance portion computed as if each portion were a separate contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10, additional benefits payable in the event of total and permanent disability, as reversionary annuity or deferred reversionary annuity benefits, or as other policy benefits additional to life insurance, endowment and annuity benefits, and considerations for all such additional benefits, shall be disregarded in ascertaining the minimum nonforfeiture amounts, paid-up annuity, cash surrender and death benefits that may be required by this Act. The inclusion of such benefits shall not be required in any paid-up benefits, unless the additional benefits separately would require minimum nonforfeiture amounts, paid-up annuity, cash surrender and death benefits.

Section 12. Rules

The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 13. Effective Date

After the effective date of this Act, a company may elect to apply its provisions to annuity contracts on a contract form-by-contract form basis before the second anniversary of the effective date of this Act. In all other instances, this Act shall become operative with respect to annuity contracts issued by the company after the second anniversary of this Act.

Chronological Summary of Actions (all references are to the Proceedings of the NAIC).

1977 Proc. I 26, 28, 317, 479, 484-487 (adopted).

1977 Proc. II 555-557 (corrected).

2003 Proc. 1st Quarter 15-17, 113-114, 965, 970-973 (amended and reprinted).

2017 3rd Quarter (amended).

Fall 2020 (amended).

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This chart is intended to provide readers with additional information to more easily access state statutes, regulations, bulletins or administrative rulings related to the NAIC model. Such guidance provides readers with a starting point from which they may review how each state has addressed the model and the topic being covered. The NAIC Legal Division has reviewed each state’s activity in this area and has determined whether the citation most appropriately fits in the Model Adoption column or Related State Activity column based on the definitions listed below. The NAIC’s interpretation may or may not be shared by the individual states or by interested readers.

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NO CURRENT ACTIVITY: No state activity on the topic as of the date of the most recent update. This includes states that have repealed legislation as well as states that have never adopted legislation.

NAIC MEMBER	MODEL ADOPTION	RELATED STATE ACTIVITY
Alabama		ALA. CODE §§ 27-15-28.1 to 27-15-28.2 (1981/2004) (previous version of model).
Alaska		ALASKA STAT. § 21.45.305 (1966/2006) (previous version of model).
American Samoa	NO CURRENT ACTIVITY	
Arizona		ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 20-1232 (1977/2007) (previous version of model).
Arkansas		ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 23-81-301 to 23-81-313 (1981/2005) (previous version of model).
California		CAL. INS. CODE §§ 10168 to 10168.10 (1979/2018) (previous version of model).
Colorado		COLO. REV. STAT. §§ 10-7-501 to 10-7-511 (1977/2004) (previous version of model).
Connecticut		CONN. GEN. STAT. § 38a-440 (1978/2018) (previous version of model).
Delaware		DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 18, § 2929A (1980/2004) (previous version of model).
District of Columbia		D.C. CODE § 31-4705.03 (1978/2003); D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 26, § 5100 (2004) (previous version of model).

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Florida	NO CURRENT ACTIVITY	
Georgia		GA. CODE ANN. § 33-28-3 (1979/2019) (previous version of model).
Guam	NO CURRENT ACTIVITY	
Hawaii		HAW. REV. STAT. § 431:10D-107 (1988/2004) (previous version of model).
Idaho		IDAHO CODE ANN. § 41-1927A (1977/2004) (previous version of model).
Illinois		215 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/229.4(a) (2004/2006) (previous version of model).
Indiana		IND. CODE §§ 27-1-12.5-1 to 27-1-12.5-11 (1977/2011) (previous version of model).
Iowa		IOWA CODE § 508.38 (1979/2016) (previous version of model).
Kansas		KAN. STAT. ANN. §§ 40-4,101 to 40-4,113 (1978/2004) (previous version of model).
Kentucky		KY. REV. STAT. § 304.15-315 (1978/2010) (previous version of model).
Louisiana		LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 22:952 (1979/2012) (previous version of model).
Maine		ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 24-A §§ 2541 to 2551 (1979/2018) (previous version of model).
Maryland		MD. ANN. CODE INS. §§ 16-501 to 16-510 (1980/2006) (previous version of model).
Massachusetts		MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 175, § 144A 1/2 (2004) (previous version of model).
Michigan		MICH. COMP. LAWS § 500.4072 (1980/2003) (previous version of model).
Minnesota		MINN. STAT. § 61A.245 (1978/2011) (previous version of model).
Mississippi	NO CURRENT ACTIVITY	

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Missouri		MO. REV. STAT. §§ 376.669 to 376.671 (1979/2015) (previous version of model).
Montana		MONT. CODE ANN. §§ 33-20-501 to 33-20-513 (1979/2005) (previous version of model).
Nebraska		NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 44-407.10 to 44-407.23 (1979/2014) (previous version of model).
Nevada		NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 688A.361 to 688A.369 (1977/2011) (includes authority to adopt indexed rate by regulation); NEV. ADMIN. CODE §§ 688A.200 to 688A.210 (2003) (previous version of model); BULLETIN 2011-007 (2011).
New Hampshire		N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 409-A:1 to 409-A:10 (1979/2004) (previous version of model).
New Jersey		N.J. REV. STAT. §§ 17B:25-20 to 17B:25-33 (1981/2006) (previous version of model); BULLETIN 2002-10 (2002); BULLETIN 2003-22.
New Mexico		N.M. STAT. ANN. § 59A-20-33 (1985/2019).
New York		N.Y. INS. LAW § 4223 (1984/2008) (previous version of model); N. Y. ADMIN. CODE tit. 11 §§ 44.0 to 44.12 (REGULATION 127) (1986/2013).
North Carolina		N.C. GEN. STAT. § 58-58-61 (2003); BULLETIN 2003-B-4 (1979/2003) (previous version of model).
North Dakota		N.D. CENT. CODE §§ 26.1-34-01 to 26.1-34-11 (1985/2003) (previous version of model).
Northern Marianas	NO CURRENT ACTIVITY	
Ohio		OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3915.073 (1983/2004) (previous version of model).
Oklahoma		OKLA. STAT. tit. 36 §§ 4030.2 to 4030.13 (2000/2014) (previous version of model).
Oregon		OR. REV. STAT. §§ 743.275 to 743.298 (1977/2016) (previous version of model).
Pennsylvania		40 PA. CONS. STAT. § 510b (1980/2004).

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Puerto Rico	NO CURRENT ACTIVITY	
Rhode Island		R.I. GEN. LAWS §§ 27-4.4-1 to 27-4.4-12 (1994/2008) (previous version of model).
South Carolina		S.C. CODE ANN. §§ 38-69-210 to 38-69-330 (1988/2005).
South Dakota		S. D. CODIFIED LAWS ANN. §§ 58-15-83 to 58-15-93 (2004/2006) (previous version of model).
Tennessee		TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 56-36-101 to 56-36-113 (1978/2016) (previous version of model).
Texas		TEX. CODE ANN. INS. §§ 1107.001 to 1107.108 (1977/2015) (previous version of model).
Utah		UTAH CODE ANN § 31A-22-409 (1986/2008) (previous version of model).
Vermont		VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 8, § 3750 (1981/2003) (previous version of model).
Virgin Islands		V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 22, §§ 970 to 975 (1968).
Virginia		VA. CODE § 38.2-3220 to 38.2-3229 (1986/2004) (previous version of model).
Washington		WASH. REV. CODE ANN. §§ 48.23.410 to 48.23.520 (1982/20017) (previous version of model).
West Virginia		W. VA. CODE § 33-13-30A (1977/2004) (previous version of model).
Wisconsin		WIS. STAT. § 632.435 (1977/2004) (previous version of model).
Wyoming		WYO. STAT. §§ 26-16-401 to 26-16-411 (1981/2006) (previous version of model).