

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

500.1283 Definitions.

Sec. 1283.

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Aggregator site" means a website that provides access to information regarding insurance products from more than 1 insurer, including product and insurer information, for use in comparison shopping.

(b) "Blanket travel insurance" means a policy of travel insurance issued to any eligible group providing coverage for specific classes of persons defined in the policy with coverage provided to all members of the eligible group without a separate charge to individual members of the eligible group.

(c) "Cancellation fee waiver" means a contractual agreement between a supplier of travel services and its customer to waive some or all of the nonrefundable cancellation fee provisions of the supplier's underlying travel contract with or without regard to the reason for the cancellation or form of reimbursement. A cancellation fee waiver is not insurance.

(d) "Eligible group" means 2 or more persons that are engaged in a common enterprise, or have an economic, educational, or social affinity or relationship, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(i) Persons engaged in the business of providing travel or travel services, including, but not limited to, tour operators, lodging providers, vacation property owners, hotels and resorts, travel clubs, travel agencies, property managers, cultural exchange programs, and common carriers or the operators, owners, or lessors of a means of transportation of passengers, including, but not limited to, airlines, cruise lines, railroads, steamship companies, and public bus carriers, in which, with regard to any particular travel or type of travel or travelers, all members or customers of the group must have a common exposure to risk attendant to the travel.

(ii) Colleges, schools, or other institutions of learning covering students, teachers or employees, or volunteers.

(iii) Employers covering a group of employees, volunteers, contractors, board of directors, dependents, or guests.

(iv) Sports teams, camps, or sponsors of sports teams or camps covering participants, members, campers, employees, officials, supervisors, or volunteers.

(v) Religious, charitable, recreational, educational, or civic organizations or branches of religious, charitable, recreational, educational, or civic organizations covering any group of members, participants, or volunteers.

(vi) Financial institutions or financial institution vendors, or parent holding company, trustee, or agent of or designated by 1 or more financial institutions or financial institution vendors, including account holders, credit card holders, debtors, guarantors, or purchasers.

(vii) Incorporated or unincorporated associations, including labor unions, having a common interest, constitution, and bylaws, and organized and maintained in good faith for purposes other than obtaining insurance for members or participants of the association covering its members.

(viii) A trust or the trustees of a fund established, created, or maintained for the benefit of and covering members, employees, or customers, subject to the director's permitting the use of a trust and the premium tax under section 1285, of 1 or more associations described in subparagraph (vii).

(ix) Entertainment production companies covering a group of participants, volunteers, audience members, contestants, or workers.

(x) Volunteer fire departments, ambulance, rescue, police, or court, or any first aid, civil defense, or other volunteer groups.

(xi) Preschools, daycare institutions for children or adults, and senior citizen clubs.

(xii) Automobile or truck rental or leasing companies covering a group of individuals who may become renters, lessees, or passengers defined by their travel status on the rented or leased vehicles. The common carrier, the operator, owner, or lessor of a means of transportation, or the automobile or truck rental or leasing company is the policyholder under a policy to which this subparagraph applies.

(xiii) Any other group as to which the director has determined that the members are engaged in a common enterprise, or have an economic, educational, or social affinity or relationship, and that issuance of the policy would not be contrary to the public interest.

(e) "Fulfillment materials" means documentation sent to the purchaser of a travel protection plan confirming the purchase and providing the travel protection plan's coverage and assistance details.

(f) "Group travel insurance" means travel insurance issued to any eligible group.

(g) "Primary certificate holder" means an individual who elects and purchases travel insurance under a group policy.

(h) "Primary policyholder" means an individual who elects and purchases individual travel insurance.

(i) "Travel assistance services" means noninsurance services for which the consumer is not indemnified based on

a fortuitous event, and as to which providing the service does not result in the transfer or shifting of risk that would constitute the business of insurance. Travel assistance services include, but are not limited to, security advisories, destination information, vaccination and immunization information services, travel reservation services, entertainment, activity and event planning, translation assistance, emergency messaging, international legal and medical referrals, medical case monitoring, coordination of transportation arrangements, emergency cash transfer assistance, medical prescription replacement assistance, passport and travel document replacement assistance, lost luggage assistance, concierge services, and any other service that is furnished in connection with planned travel.

Travel assistance services are not insurance and not related to insurance.

(j) "Travel insurance" means that term as defined in section 1202.

(k) "Travel protection plans" means plans that provide 1 or more of the following:

(i) Travel insurance.

(ii) Travel assistance services.

(iii) Cancellation fee waivers.

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