

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

500.5224 Corporate life; expiration, liquidation.

Sec. 5224.

In case the stockholders or members thereof shall not, before the expiration of the corporate existence of a domestic insurer organize a new corporation for the same purposes, on the basis of receiving the assets of the old corporation, and assuming the performance of all its existing contracts and policies, the officers of such corporation, at the expiration of its corporate life, shall be trustees for the purpose of keeping its funds invested for the security of policyholders, settling its affairs, and fulfilling and discharging its obligations, and as such, shall be under the control and direction of the proper circuit court in chancery, or other equity court, as in the case of other trustees; but the officers of such corporation shall not, at the time of the termination of the corporate existence, or in anticipation thereof, make or declare any dividend, or, except in satisfaction of the demands of creditors or policyholders, make any other disposition of the assets of the corporation, or any part thereof, which shall leave the available amount of such assets below the amount of existing debts and of the net value of outstanding policies, to be determined as hereinbefore provided; and any such attempted dividend or distribution shall be void, and may be enjoined on the application of the commissioner; and such officers, before entering upon their duties as such trustees, shall give bond to the people of the state to the satisfaction of the commissioner and to be filed with him, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties as such; and they shall be at all times subject to the supervision of the commissioner, in the same manner that corporations are under the provisions of this code; but such trustees shall not make dividends among stockholders, nor to members, unless in reduction of premiums on outstanding policies, except under the order of the proper court of equity; nor shall such court order any such dividends as shall at any time reduce the available assets of the company below the amount of existing debts and the net value of outstanding policies, to be determined as hereinbefore provided.

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