

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

**500.8158 Controlling order of distribution; equal priority of payment; priority against special deposits; deficiency; deferred sharing; surrender of security and filing claim as general creditor; discharge of claim.**

Sec. 8158.

(1) In a liquidation proceeding in this state involving 1 or more reciprocal states, the order of distribution of the domiciliary state shall control as to all claims of residents of this and reciprocal states. All claims of residents of reciprocal states shall be given equal priority of payment from general assets regardless of where the assets are located.

(2) The owners of special deposit claims against an insurer for which a liquidator is appointed in this or any other state shall be given priority against the special deposits in accordance with the statutes governing the creation and maintenance of the deposits. If there is a deficiency in any deposit so that the claims secured by it are not fully discharged from it, the claimants may claim against a security fund or share in the general assets, but the sharing shall be deferred until general creditors having the same priority, and also claimants against other special deposits having the same priority who have received smaller percentages from their respective special deposits, have been paid percentages of their claims equal to the percentage paid from the special deposit.

(3) The owner of a secured claim against an insurer for which a liquidator has been appointed in this or any other state may surrender his or her security for the claim and file his or her claim as a general creditor, or the claim may be discharged by resort to the security in accordance with section 8141, in which case the deficiency, if any, shall be treated as a claim against the general assets of the insurer or the appropriate security fund on the same basis as claims of unsecured creditors having the same priority.

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