1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to insurer-members of federal home 3 loan banks; amending s. 631.011, F.S.; defining the terms "federal home loan bank" and "insurer-member"; 4 5 amending s. 631.041, F.S.; providing that automatic 6 stays in delinquency proceedings initiated by the 7 Department of Financial Services against federal home 8 loan bank insurer-members prohibit the bank from being 9 stayed or from being precluded from certain rights; providing duties of such banks; requiring such banks 10 11 to provide specified processes and to establish 12 specified timelines under certain circumstances; 13 amending s. 631.261, F.S.; prohibiting receivers for federal home loan bank insurer-members from voiding 14 15 specified transfers or obligations to make specified 16 transfers relating to federal home loan security 17 agreements made under certain circumstances; providing 18 exceptions; providing construction; amending ss. 19 626.9541, 631.025, 631.041, and 817.2341, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective 20 21 date. 22 23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 24 25 Section 1. Subsections (9) through (15) and (16) through Page 1 of 9

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26	(23) of section 631.011, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
27	subsections (10) through (16) and (18) through (25),
28	respectively, present subsections (14) and (16) are amended, and
29	new subsections (9) and (17) are added to that section, to read:
30	631.011 DefinitionsFor the purpose of this part, the
31	term:
32	(9) "Federal home loan bank" means a bank established
33	under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. ss. 1421 et seq.
34	(14) "Insolvency" means that all the assets of the
35	insurer, if made immediately available, would not be sufficient
36	to discharge all its liabilities or that the insurer is unable
37	to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of
38	business. When the context of any provision of this code so
39	indicates, insolvency also includes and is defined as
40	"impairment of surplus," as defined in subsection (14) (13), and
41	"impairment of capital," as defined in subsection (13) (12).
42	(17) "Insurer-member" means an insurer who is a member of
43	a federal home loan bank.
44	(18) <mark>(16)</mark> "Liabilities," as used in subsections (13) (12)
45	and (15) (14) , means all liabilities, including those
46	specifically required in s. 625.041.
47	Section 2. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (1) of
48	section 631.041, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
49	(g) is added to that subsection, to read:
50	631.041 Automatic stay; relief from stay; injunctions
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51 An application or petition under s. 631.031 operates (1)52 as a matter of law as an automatic stay applicable to all 53 persons and entities, other than the receiver and the office, which shall be permanent and survive the entry of an order of 54 55 conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation, and which shall 56 prohibit: 57 (e) Any act to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the insurer, except claims as provided for under this chapter; 58 59 and (f) The setoff or offset of any debt owing to the insurer, 60 61 except offsets as provided in s. 631.281; and (g) A federal home loan bank, 7 days after the 62 department's filing of a delinquency proceeding against the 63 64 bank's insurer-member, from being stayed or from being precluded 65 from exercising its rights regarding collateral pledged by the 66 insurer-member. 67 1. If a federal home loan bank exercises its rights 68 regarding collateral pledged by an insurer-member who is subject 69 to a delinquency proceeding, the federal home loan bank shall 70 repurchase any outstanding capital stock that is in excess of that amount of federal home loan bank stock that the insurer-71 72 member is required to hold as a minimum investment to the extent 73 that the federal home loan bank in good faith determines the 74 repurchase to be permissible under applicable laws, regulations, 75 and regulatory obligations and the federal home loan bank's

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76	capital plan and consistent with the federal home loan bank's
77	current capital stock practices applicable to its entire
78	membership.
79	2. After the appointment of a receiver for the insurer-
80	member, the federal home loan bank shall, within 10 business
81	days after a request from the receiver, provide a process and
82	establish a timeline for all of the following:
83	a. The release of collateral that exceeds the amount
84	required to support secured obligations remaining after any
85	repayment of loans as determined in accordance with the
86	applicable agreements between the federal home loan bank and the
87	insurer-member.
88	b. The release of any of the insurer-member's collateral
89	remaining in the federal home loan bank's possession after
90	repayment in full of all outstanding secured obligations of the
91	insurer-member.
92	c. The payment of fees owed by the insurer-member and the
93	operation of deposits and other accounts of the insurer-member
94	with the federal home loan bank.
95	d. The possible redemption or repurchase of federal home
96	loan bank stock or excess stock of any class that the insurer-
97	member is required to own.
98	3. Upon request of the receiver, the federal home loan
99	bank shall provide any available option for the insurer-member
100	subject to the delinquency proceeding to renew or restructure a
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101 loan to defer associated prepayment fees, subject to market 102 conditions; the terms of any loans outstanding to the insurer-103 member; the applicable policies of the federal home loan bank; 104 and the federal home loan bank's compliance with federal laws 105 and regulations. 106 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 631.261, 107 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5), 108 respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, 109 to read: 631.261 Voidable transfers.-110 111 (3) The receiver for an insurer-member may not void any 112 transfer of, or any obligation to transfer, money or any other property arising under or in connection with any federal home 113 114 loan bank security agreement; any pledge, security, collateral, 115 or quarantee agreement; or any other similar arrangement or 116 credit enhancement relating to a federal home loan bank security 117 agreement made in the ordinary course of business and in 118 compliance with the applicable federal home loan bank agreement. 119 However, a transfer may be voided under this section if the 120 transfer was made with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud the insurer-member, the receiver for the insurer-member, or 121 existing or future creditors. This subsection does not affect a 122 123 receiver's rights regarding advances to an insurer-member in a 124 delinquency proceeding pursuant to 12 C.F.R. s. 1266.4. 125 Section 4. Paragraph (w) of subsection (1) of section

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126 626.9541, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 127 626.9541 Unfair methods of competition and unfair or 128 deceptive acts or practices defined.-UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION AND UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE 129 (1)130 ACTS.-The following are defined as unfair methods of competition 131 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices: 132 (w) Soliciting or accepting new or renewal insurance risks 133 by insolvent or impaired insurer prohibited; penalty.-134 1. Whether or not delinquency proceedings as to the 135 insurer have been or are to be initiated, but while such 136 insolvency or impairment exists, no director or officer of an 137 insurer, except with the written permission of the office, shall 138 authorize or permit the insurer to solicit or accept new or 139 renewal insurance risks in this state after such director or 140 officer knew, or reasonably should have known, that the insurer 141 was insolvent or impaired. "Impaired" includes impairment of capital or impairment of surplus, as those terms are defined in 142 143 s. 631.011 s. 631.011(12) and (13). 2. Any such director or officer, upon conviction of a 144 145 violation of this paragraph, is guilty of a felony of the third 146 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 147 775.084. 148 Section 5. Section 631.025, Florida Statutes, is amended 149 to read:

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631.025 Persons subject to this part.-Delinquency

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proceedings authorized by this part may be initiated against any insurer, as defined in <u>s. 631.011</u> s. 631.011(15), if the statutory grounds are present as to that insurer, and the court may exercise jurisdiction over any person required to cooperate with the department and office pursuant to s. 631.391 and over all persons made subject to the court's jurisdiction by other provisions of law. Such persons include, but are not limited to:

(1) A person transacting, or that has transacted,
insurance business in or from this state and against whom claims
arising from that business may exist now or in the future.

161 (2) A person purporting to transact an insurance business 162 in this state and any person who acts as an insurer, transacts 163 insurance, or otherwise engages in insurance activities in or 164 from this state, with or without a certificate of authority or 165 proper authority from the department or office, against whom 166 claims arising from that business may exist now or in the 167 future.

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(3) An insurer with policyholders resident in this state.

(4) All other persons organized or in the process of
organizing with the intent to transact an insurance business in
this state.

Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section631.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

174631.041Automatic stay; relief from stay; injunctions.-175(1)An application or petition under s. 631.031 operates

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176 as a matter of law as an automatic stay applicable to all 177 persons and entities, other than the receiver and the office, 178 which shall be permanent and survive the entry of an order of 179 conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation, and which shall 180 prohibit: Any act to create, perfect, or enforce a lien against 181 (d) 182 property of the insurer, except that a secured claim as defined 183 in s. 631.011 s. 631.011(21) may proceed under s. 631.191 after 184 the order of liquidation is entered; 185 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph 186 (b) of subsection (3) of section 817.2341, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 187 817.2341 False or misleading statements or supporting 188 189 documents; penalty.-190 (2) 191 (b) If the false entry of a material fact is made with the 192 intent to deceive any person as to the impairment of capital, as 193 defined in s. 631.011 s. 631.011(12), of the insurer or entity 194 or is the significant cause of the insurer or entity being 195 placed in conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation by a 196 court, the person commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 197 198 (3) 199 (b) If the material false statement or report or the material overvaluation is made with the intent to deceive any 200 Page 8 of 9

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201 person as to the impairment of capital, as defined in <u>s. 631.011</u> 202 <u>s. 631.011(12)</u>, of an insurer or entity organized pursuant to 203 chapter 624 or chapter 641, or is the significant cause of the 204 insurer or entity being placed in receivership by a court, the 205 person commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as 206 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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