500.602 "Life" insurance, "transaction of life insurance," and "life insurance companies" defined.

Sec. 602. (1) "Life" insurance is insurance upon the lives and health of persons and every insurance pertaining thereto, and to grant, purchase, or dispose of annuities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, life insurance includes insurance upon the lives of persons which insurance prepays the death benefit.

(2) Transaction of life insurance includes the issuance of policies of life and endowment insurance and contracts for the payment of annuities and pure endowments, and contracts supplemental to those that contain only those provisions relating to accident and sickness insurance as provide additional benefits for death or dismemberment or loss of sight by accident or as operate to safeguard those policies or contracts against lapse or to give a special surrender value or special benefit or an annuity if the insured or annuitant shall become totally and permanently disabled, as defined by the contract or supplemental contract.

(3) All corporations, associations, partnerships, or individuals, doing business in this state under any charter, compact, agreement, or statute of this or any other state, involving an insurance, guaranty, contract, or pledge, for the payment of annuities or endowments, or for the payment of money to families, or representatives of policy or certificate holders or members, are considered life insurance companies within the meaning of the laws relating to life insurance within this state.


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