

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

***** 500.838.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2015 *****

500.838.amended Definitions; use of NAIC accounting practices and procedures manual; mortality table; separate rates for smokers and nonsmokers; determining minimum reserve liabilities, minimum cash surrender values, and amounts of paid-up nonforfeiture benefits; actuarial opinion; application of accounting practices and procedural manual; rates and charges based on gender; blended tables; basis as sex-distinct and sex-neutral.

Sec. 838. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "2001 CSO mortality table" means that mortality table, consisting of separate rates of mortality for male and female lives, developed by the American academy of actuaries CSO task force from the valuation basic mortality table developed by the society of actuaries individual life insurance valuation mortality task force and adopted by the NAIC in December 2002. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the 2001 CSO mortality table includes both the ultimate form of that table and the select and ultimate form of that table and includes both the smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables and the composite mortality tables. It also includes both the age-nearest-birthday and age-last-birthday bases of the mortality tables.

(b) "2001 CSO mortality table (F)" means that mortality table consisting of the rates of mortality for female lives from the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(c) "2001 CSO mortality table (M)" means that mortality table consisting of the rates of mortality for male lives from the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(d) "Composite mortality tables" means mortality tables with rates of mortality that do not distinguish between smokers and nonsmokers.

(e) "NAIC" means the national association of insurance commissioners.

(f) "Smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables" means mortality tables with separate rates of mortality for smokers and nonsmokers.

(2) In addition to the other requirements of this act, a life insurer shall use appendix A-830 of the NAIC accounting practices and procedures manual for the valuation of life insurance policies. Any supplements, replacements, or changes to appendix A-830 of the NAIC accounting practices and procedures manual that are adopted by the NAIC only take effect if adopted by the director by rules promulgated under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328. This section does not expand the applicability of appendix A-830 of the NAIC accounting practices and procedures manual to include life insurance policies otherwise exempt under appendix A-830 of the NAIC accounting practices and procedures manual.

(3) At the election of an insurer for each plan of insurance and subject to this section, the 2001 CSO mortality table may be used as the minimum standard for policies issued on or after July 1, 2004 and before January 1, 2009 to which sections 834(1)(a) and 4060(5)(f) and (g) are applicable. If an insurer elects to use the 2001 CSO mortality table, it shall do so for both valuation and nonforfeiture purposes. Subject to this section, the 2001 CSO mortality table must be used in determining minimum standards for policies issued on or after January 1, 2009 to which sections 834(1)(a) and 4060(5)(f) and (g) are applicable.

(4) For plans of insurance without separate rates for smokers and nonsmokers, the composite mortality tables must be used. For each plan of insurance with separate rates for smokers and nonsmokers, an insurer may use any of the following:

(a) Composite mortality tables to determine minimum reserve liabilities, minimum cash surrender values, and amounts of paid-up nonforfeiture benefits.

(b) Smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables to determine the valuation net premiums and additional minimum reserves, if any, required by section 834 and composite mortality tables to determine the basic minimum reserve liabilities, minimum cash surrender values, and amounts of paid-up nonforfeiture benefits.

(c) Smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables to determine minimum reserve liabilities, minimum cash surrender values, and amounts of paid-up nonforfeiture benefits.

(5) An insurer may, at the option of the insurer for each plan of insurance, use the 2001 CSO mortality table in its ultimate or select and ultimate form for the purpose of determining minimum reserve liabilities, minimum cash surrender values, and amounts of paid-up nonforfeiture benefits for each plan of insurance.

(6) If the 2001 CSO mortality table is the minimum reserve standard for any plan for an insurer, the actuarial opinion in the annual statement filed with the director must be completed under section 830a. The director may exempt an insurer that does business in this state and in no other state from this subsection.

(7) In valuing life insurance policies pursuant to appendix A-830 of the NAIC accounting practices and

procedures manual, all of the following apply:

(a) In determining the applicability to any universal life policy, the net level reserve premium for the secondary guarantee period is based on the ultimate mortality rates in the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(b) All calculations under the contract segmentation method are made using the 2001 CSO mortality rate, and, if elected, the optional minimum mortality standard for deficiency reserves. The value of " $q_{x+k+t-1}$ " is the valuation mortality rate for deficiency reserves in policy year $k+t$, but using the unmodified select mortality rates if modified select mortality rates are used in the computation of deficiency reserves.

(c) For purposes of general calculation requirements for basic reserves and premium deficiency reserves, the 2001 CSO mortality table is the minimum standard for basic reserves.

(d) For purposes of general calculation requirements for basic reserves and premium deficiency reserves, the 2001 CSO mortality table is the minimum standard for deficiency reserves. If select mortality rates are used, they may be multiplied by X percent for durations in the first segment, subject to the conditions set forth in appendix A-830 of the NAIC accounting practices and procedures manual. In demonstrating compliance with those conditions, the demonstrations may not combine the results of tests that utilize the 1980 CSO mortality table with those tests that utilize the 2001 CSO mortality table, unless the combination is explicitly required by regulation or is necessary to be in compliance with relevant actuarial standards of practice.

(e) When determining minimum value for policies with guaranteed nonlevel gross premiums or guaranteed nonlevel benefits, other than universal life policies, the valuation mortality table used in determining the tabular cost of insurance is the ultimate mortality rates in the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(f) When determining the optional exemption for yearly renewable term reinsurance for policies with guaranteed nonlevel gross premiums or guaranteed nonlevel benefits, other than universal life policies, the calculations must use the maximum valuation interest rate and the ultimate mortality rates in the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(g) When determining the optional exemption for attained-age-based yearly renewable term life insurance policies with guaranteed nonlevel gross premiums or guaranteed nonlevel benefits, other than universal life policies, the calculations must use the maximum valuation interest rate and the ultimate mortality rates in the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(h) When determining the exemption from unitary reserves for certain n -year renewable term life insurance policies with guaranteed nonlevel gross premiums or guaranteed nonlevel benefits, other than universal life policies, the calculations must use the ultimate mortality rates in the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(i) For flexible premium and fixed premium universal life insurance policies that contain provisions resulting in the ability of a policyowner to keep a policy in force over a secondary guarantee period, the 1-year valuation premium for purposes of identifying policies with a secondary guarantee is calculated using the ultimate mortality rates in the 2001 CSO mortality table.

(8) For any ordinary life insurance policy delivered or issued for delivery in this state on or after July 1, 2004 that uses the same premium rates and charges for male and female lives or is issued in circumstances where applicable law does not permit distinctions on the basis of gender, a mortality table that is a blend of the 2001 CSO mortality table (M) and the 2001 CSO mortality table (F) may, at the option of the insurer for each plan of insurance, be substituted for the 2001 CSO mortality table for use in determining minimum cash surrender value and amounts of paid-up nonforfeiture benefits. No change in minimum valuation standards is implied by this subsection.

(9) In determining minimum reserve liabilities and nonforfeiture benefits, an insurer may choose from among the blended tables developed by the American academy of actuaries CSO task force and adopted by the NAIC in December 2002.

(10) It is not, by itself, a violation of chapter 20 for an insurer to issue the same kind of policy of life insurance on both a sex-distinct and sex-neutral basis.

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Compiler's note: Former MCL 500.838, which pertained to valuation of group life insurance policies, was repealed by Act 318 of 1969, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970.

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