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An Act relating to insurance; creating the Protected Cell Companies Act; declaring purpose; providing
definitions; providing for establishment of protective cell; requiring plan of operation; requiring approval of the Insurance Commissioner;
providing for attributions of assets and liabilities; providing for legal status of protected cell;
permitting right to contract; directing protected cell company to establish administrative and
accounting procedures; prohibiting certain liabilities for protected cell assets; providing for
valuation of assets; authorizing a protected cell company to engage in insurance securitization;
requiring certain provisions be included in contracts or other documentation effecting the transaction; providing for close-out of protected cell account at
the cessation of business; prohibiting issuance of certain contracts directly to policyholders or
reinsureds; precluding availability of assets to certain creditors; precluding availability of assets
to certain persons; providing for obligations relating solely to the general account; providing
exception; providing for applicability and procedures during administrative supervision; providing for
orders of rehabilitation or conservation; providing for challenge of an order of rehabilitation,
conservation or liquidation; requiring permission of the Insurance Commissioner for voluntary winding up
of a protected cell company; providing for payment from assets during rehabilitation, conservation or
liquidation; providing for fines and penalties; providing exceptions for certain persons; authorizing
the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate rules;

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providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

5 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1691 of Title 36, unless there 7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protected Cell 9 Companies Act".

10 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1692 of Title 36, unless there 12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 The Protected Cell Companies Act is adopted to provide a basis 14 for the creation of protected cells by a domestic insurer as a means 15 of accessing alternative sources of capital and achieving the 16 benefits of insurance securitization or effectuating insurance 17 business transfers in accordance with the Insurance Business 18 Transfer Act. Investors in fully funded insurance securitization 19 transactions provide funds that are available to pay the insurer's 20 insurance obligations or to repay investors or both. The creation 21 of protected cells is intended to be a means to achieve more 22 efficiencies in conducting insurance securitizations or insurance 23 business transfers.

1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1693 of Title 36, unless there 3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 4 As used in the Protected Cell Companies Act: 5 1. "Commissioner" means the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner; "Domestic insurer" means an insurance or reinsurance company 6 2. 7 domiciled in the State of Oklahoma or a captive insurance or reinsurance company domiciled in the State of Oklahoma; 8 9 3. "Fair value" of an asset or liability means the amount at 10 which that asset or liability could be bought, incurred, sold or 11 settled in a current transaction between willing parties other than 12 in a forced or liquidation sale. Quoted market prices in active 13 markets are the best evidence of fair value and shall be used as the 14 basis for the measurement, if available. If a quoted market price 15 is available, the fair value is the product of the number of trading 16 units times market price. If quoted market prices are not 17 available, the estimate of fair value shall be based on the best 18 information available. The estimate of fair value shall consider 19 prices for similar assets and liabilities and the results of 20 valuation techniques to the extent available in the circumstances. 21 Examples of valuation techniques include the present value of 22 estimated expected future cash flows using a discount rate 23 commensurate with the risks involved, option pricing models, matrix 24 pricing, option-adjusted spread models and fundamental analysis.

1 Valuation techniques for measuring financial assets and liabilities 2 and servicing assets and liabilities shall be consistent with the objective of measuring fair value. Those techniques shall 3 4 incorporate assumptions that market participants would use in their 5 estimates of values, future revenues and future expenses, including assumptions about interest rates, default, prepayment and 6 7 volatility. When measuring financial liabilities and servicing 8 liabilities at fair value by discounting estimated future cash 9 flows, the objective is to use discount rates at which those 10 liabilities could be settled in an arm's-length transaction. 11 Estimates of expected future cash flows, if used to estimate fair 12 value, shall be the best estimate based on reasonable and 13 supportable assumptions and projections. All available evidence 14 shall be considered in developing estimates of expected future cash 15 flows. The weight given to the evidence shall be commensurate with 16 the extent to which the evidence can be verified objectively. If a 17 range is estimated for the amount or timing of possible cash flows, 18 the likelihood of possible outcomes shall be considered in 19 determining the best estimate of future cash flows;

4. "Fully funded" means that, with respect to any exposure
attributed to a protected cell, the fair value of the protected cell
assets, on the date on which the insurance securitization is
effected, equals or exceeds the maximum possible exposure
attributable to the protected cell with respect to those exposures;

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5. "General account" means the assets and liabilities of a
 protected cell company other than protected cell assets and
 protected cell liabilities;

6. "Indemnity trigger" means a transaction term by which relief
of the issuer's obligation to repay investors is triggered by its
incurring a specified level of losses under its insurance or
reinsurance contracts;

8 7. "Nonindemnity trigger" means a transaction term by which 9 relief of the issuer's obligation to repay investors is triggered 10 solely by some event or condition other than the individual 11 protected cell company incurring a specified level of losses under 12 its insurance or reinsurance contracts;

13 8. "Protected cell" means an identified pool of assets and 14 liabilities of a protected cell company segregated and insulated by 15 means of this act from the remainder of the protected cell company's 16 assets and liabilities;

9. "Protected cell account" means a specifically identified bank or custodial account established by a protected cell company for the purpose of segregating the protected cell assets of one protected cell from the protected cell assets of other protected cells and from the assets of the protected cell company's general account;

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10. "Protected cell assets" means all assets, contract rights
 and general intangibles identified with and attributable to a
 specific protected cell of a protected cell company;

4 11. "Protected cell company" means a domestic insurer that has
5 one or more protected cells;

6 "Protected cell company insurance securitization" means the 12. 7 issuance of debt instruments, the proceeds from which support the exposures attributed to the protected cell, by a protected cell 8 9 company, where repayment of principal and/or interest to investors 10 pursuant to the transaction terms is contingent upon the occurrence 11 or nonoccurrence of an event with respect to which the protected 12 cell company is exposed to loss under insurance or reinsurance 13 contracts it has issued;

14 13. "Protected cell liabilities" means all liabilities and 15 other obligations identified with and attributable to a specific 16 protected cell of a protected cell company; and

17 14. "Receiver" means the Commissioner, where the Commissioner 18 is acting as a rehabilitator, liquidator or administrative 19 supervisor of a company, or any person appointed to carry out an 20 order of rehabilitation or liquidation of a company.

21 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1694 of Title 36, unless there 23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. A protected cell company may establish one or more protected 2 cells, with the prior written approval of the Insurance Commissioner 3 of a plan of operation or amendments to a plan of operation 4 submitted by the protected cell company with respect to each 5 protected cell. Upon the written approval of the Commissioner of the plan of operation or amendments to a plan of operation, which 6 shall include, but not be limited to, the specific business 7 objectives and investment guidelines of the protected cell, the 8 9 protected cell company may, in accordance with the approved plan of 10 operations, attribute to the protected cell amounts both reflective 11 of insurance obligations with respect to its insurance business and 12 obligations relating to the insurance securitization and assets to 13 fund the obligations. Each protected cell of a protected cell 14 company shall have its own distinct name or designation, which shall 15 include the words "protected cell". The protected cell company 16 shall transfer all assets attributable to each protected cell to one 17 or more separately established and identified protected cell 18 accounts bearing the name or designation of that protected cell. 19 Protected cell assets shall be held in the protected cell accounts 20 for the purpose of satisfying the obligations of that protected 21 cell.

B. All attributions of assets and liabilities between a
protected cell and the general account shall be in accordance with
the plan of operation approved by the Commissioner or shall be

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1 otherwise approved by the Commissioner. Unless otherwise approved 2 by the Commissioner, no other attribution of assets or liabilities 3 shall be made by a protected cell company between the protected cell 4 company's general account and one or more of its protected cells. 5 Any attribution of assets and liabilities between the general account and a protected cell, or from investors in the form of 6 7 principal on a debt instrument issued by a protected cell company in 8 connection with a protected cell company securitization, shall be in 9 cash or readily marketable securities with established market values 10 unless otherwise approved in advance in writing by the Commissioner.

11 С. The creation of a protected cell does not create, in respect 12 of that protected cell, a legal person separate from the protected 13 cell company. Amounts attributed to a protected cell under this 14 act, including assets transferred to a protected cell account, are 15 owned by the protected cell company and the protected cell company 16 may not be, nor hold itself out to be, a trustee with respect to 17 those protected cell assets of that protected cell account. 18 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the protected cell company may allow 19 for a security interest to attach to protected cell assets or a 20 protected cell account when in favor of a creditor of the protected 21 cell and otherwise allowed under applicable law.

D. Nothing in the Protected Cell Companies Act shall be construed to prohibit the protected cell company from contracting with or arranging for an investment advisor, commodity trading

1 advisor or other third party to manage the protected cell assets of 2 a protected cell, provided that all remuneration, expenses and other compensation of the third-party advisor or manager are payable from 3 4 the protected cell assets of that protected cell and not from the 5 protected cell assets of other protected cells or the assets of the protected cell company's general account. The contract shall 6 7 clearly reference the protected cell or cells for which the contract has been arranged and shall contain a nonrecourse provision in favor 8 9 of the company that prohibits the contracting party from seeking 10 recourse against, or attaching, the assets of the general account, 11 or the assets of another protected cell, to satisfy the obligations 12 of any one or more protected cells which are the subject of the 13 contract.

E. A protected cell company shall establish any administrative and accounting procedures that are necessary to properly identify the one or more protected cells of the protected cell company and the protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities attributable to the protected cells. It shall be the duty of the directors of a protected cell company to:

Keep protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities
 separate and separately identifiable from the assets and liabilities
 of the protected cell company's general account; and

23 2. Keep protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities
24 attributable to one protected cell separated and separately

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identifiable from protected cell assets and protected cell
 liabilities attributable to other protected cells.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, and subject to the provisions of Section 10 of this act, if this section is violated, the remedy of tracing shall be applicable to protected cell assets when commingled with protected cell assets of other protected cells or the assets of the protected cell company's general account. The remedy of tracing shall not be construed as an exclusive remedy.

F. Unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner, the protected cell company shall, when establishing a protected cell, attribute the protected cell assets a value at least equal to the reserves and other insurance liabilities attributed to that protected cell.

14 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1695 of Title 36, unless there 16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The protected cell assets of any protected cell shall not be charged with liabilities arising out of any other business the protected cell company may conduct. All contracts or other documentation reflecting protected cell liabilities shall clearly indicate that only the protected cell assets are available for the satisfaction of those protected cell liabilities.

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B. Unless otherwise approved by the Insurance Commissioner,
 assets attributed to a protected cell shall be valued at their fair
 value on the date of valuation.

The income, gains and losses, realized or unrealized, from 4 С. 5 protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities shall be credited to or charged against the protected cell without regard to 6 7 other income, gains or losses of the protected cell company, including income, gains or losses of other protected cells. Amounts 8 9 attributed to any protected cell and accumulations on the attributed 10 amounts may be invested and reinvested without regard to any 11 requirements or limitations imposed on investments of insurance 12 companies domiciled in this state and the investments in any 13 protected cell or cells may not be taken into account in applying 14 the investment limitations otherwise applicable to the investments 15 of the protected cell company, subject to any restrictions that may 16 be imposed by the Commissioner in accordance with Section 12 of this 17 act.

D. As permitted by the Commissioner, a protected cell company may, in respect of any of its protected cells, engage in fully funded indemnity triggered and/or fully funded nonindemnity triggered insurance securitization to support in full the protected cell exposures attributable to that protected cell. A protected cell company insurance securitization that is nonindemnity triggered shall qualify as an insurance securitization under the terms of this

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1 section only after the Commissioner, in accordance with the 2 authority granted under Section 12 of this act, adopts regulations addressing the methods of funding of the portion of the risk that is 3 4 not indemnity-based, accounting, disclosure, risk-based capital 5 treatment, and assessing risks associated with those securitizations. A protected cell company insurance securitization 6 7 that is not fully funded, whether indemnity triggered or nonindemnity triggered, is prohibited. Protected cell assets may be 8 9 used to pay interest or other consideration on any outstanding debt 10 or other obligation attributable to that protected cell, and nothing 11 in this section shall be construed or interpreted as preventing a 12 protected cell company from entering into a swap agreement or other 13 transaction for the account of the protected cell that has the 14 effect of guaranteeing that interest or other consideration.

15 Ε. In all protected cell company insurance securitizations, the 16 contracts or other documentation effecting the transaction shall 17 contain provisions identifying the protected cell to which the 18 transaction will be attributed. In addition, the contracts or other 19 documentation shall clearly disclose that the assets of that 20 protected cell, and only those assets, are available to pay the 21 obligations of that protected cell. Notwithstanding the foregoing, 22 and subject to the provisions of this title and any other applicable 23 law or rules, the failure to include that language in the contracts 24 or other documentation shall not be used as the sole basis by

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creditors, reinsurers or other claimants to circumvent the
 provisions of this section.

F. At the cessation of business of a protected cell, and in absence of any placement under administrative supervision or order of conservation, rehabilitation or liquidation attributable to that protected cell or the protected cell company, the protected cell company shall voluntarily close out the protected cell account in accordance with a plan approved by the Commissioner.

G. A protected cell company shall only be authorized to
attribute to a protected cell account the insurance obligations
relating to the protected cell company's general account. Under no
circumstances shall a protected cell be authorized to issue
insurance or reinsurance contracts directly to policyholders or
reinsureds or have any obligation to the policyholders or reinsureds
of the protected cell company's general account.

16 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1696 of Title 36, unless there 18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. Protected cell assets shall only be available to the creditors of the protected cell company that are creditors in respect to that protected cell and shall be entitled, in conformity with the provisions of the Protected Cell Companies Act, to have recourse to the protected cell assets attributable to that protected cell, and shall be absolutely protected from the creditors of the

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protected cell company that are not creditors in respect of that protected cell and, who accordingly, shall not be entitled to have recourse to the protected cell assets attributable to that protected cell. Creditors with respect to a protected cell shall not be entitled to have recourse against the protected cell assets of other protected cells or the assets of the protected cell company's general account.

8 2. Protected cell assets shall only be available to creditors 9 of a protected cell company after all protected cell liabilities 10 have been extinguished or provided for in accordance with the plan 11 of operation relating to that protected cell.

B. When an obligation of a protected cell company to a person arises from a transaction, or is imposed, in respect of a protected cell:

That obligation of the protected cell company shall extend
 only to the protected cell assets attributable to that protected
 cell, and the person shall, with respect to that obligation, be
 entitled to have recourse only to the protected cell assets
 attributable to that protected cell; and

20 2. That obligation of the company shall not extend to the 21 protected cell assets of any other protected cell or the assets of 22 the protected cell company's general account, and that person shall 23 not, with respect to that obligation, be entitled to have recourse

1 to the protected cell assets of any other protected cell or the 2 assets of the protected cell company's general account.

C. When an obligation of a protected cell company relates solely to the general account, the obligation of the protected cell company shall extend only to, and that creditor shall, with respect to that obligation, be entitled to have recourse only to, the assets of the protected cell company's general account.

D. Other than with regard to the application of this section, 8 9 the activities, assets and obligations relating to a protected cell 10 are not subject to the provisions of Articles 20A and 20B of Title 11 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes and neither a protected cell nor a 12 protected cell company shall be assessed by or be required to 13 contribute to any guaranty fund or guaranty association in this 14 state with respect to the activities, assets or obligations of a 15 protected cell. Nothing in this section shall affect the activities 16 or obligations of an insurer's general account.

E. In no event shall the establishment of one or more protected cells alone constitute or be deemed to be a fraudulent conveyance, an intent by the protected cell company to defraud creditors, or the carrying out of business by the protected cell company for any other fraudulent purpose.

22 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1697 of Title 36, unless there 24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 A. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Oklahoma 2 Insurance Code, the rules promulgated under the Oklahoma Insurance Code or any other applicable law or rule, upon placement under 3 4 administrative supervision or upon any order of conservation, 5 rehabilitation or liquidation of a protected cell company, the receiver shall be bound to deal with the protected cell company's 6 7 assets and liabilities, including protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities, in accordance with the requirements set 8 9 forth in the Protected Cell Companies Act.

10 B. With respect to amounts recoverable under a protected cell company insurance securitization, the amount recoverable by the 11 12 receiver shall not be reduced or diminished as a result of the 13 placement under administrative supervision or entry of an order of 14 conservation, rehabilitation or liquidation with respect to the 15 protected cell company or any of its protected cells, 16 notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the contracts or 17 other documentation governing the protected cell company insurance 18 securitization.

SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. If in relation to one or more protected cells of a protected cell company, the Insurance Commissioner is satisfied that the protected cell assets attributable to that protected cell are

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1 insufficient to discharge the claims of creditors or other claimants 2 with respect to that protected cell, the Commissioner may place 3 under administrative supervision or apply for an order of 4 conservation, rehabilitation or liquidation with respect to that 5 protected cell. In carrying out the administrative supervision, conservation, rehabilitation or liquidation of a protected cell, the 6 7 receiver shall follow generally the provisions of Articles 1, 6, 18 and 19 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, as applicable, and any 8 9 rules and regulations promulgated under those articles, except that 10 at all times the receiver shall be bound to deal with the protected 11 cell assets and protected cell liabilities in accordance with the 12 requirements of the Protected Cell Companies Act.

An order of rehabilitation or conservation shall not be 13 Β. 14 requested or made with respect to any protected cell of a protected 15 cell company if a receiver has been appointed to act in respect of a 16 protected cell company and the Commissioner may still apply for an 17 order of liquidation with respect to that protected cell. Any prior 18 order of rehabilitation or conservation with respect to a protected 19 cell shall cease to be of effect upon an order of rehabilitation 20 with respect to the protected cell company, without prejudice to the 21 prior acts of the receiver or its agents.

C. An order of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation shall not be requested or made with respect to any protected cell of a protected cell company if a liquidator has been appointed to act 1 in respect of the protected cell company. Any prior order of 2 rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation with respect to a 3 protected cell shall cease to be of effect upon an order of 4 liquidation with respect to the protected cell company, without 5 prejudice to the prior acts of the receiver or its agent.

D. During any period of conservation or rehabilitation, or upon
an order of liquidation, with respect to a protected cell, the
directors of the protected cell company shall cease in respect of
the business of, and the protected cell assets and protected cell
liabilities attributable to, the protected cell which is the subject
of the rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation.

In the event that a petition for an order of rehabilitation, 12 Ε. 13 conservation or liquidation of a protected cell is challenged, prior 14 to the entry or denial of the order, the directors of the protected 15 cell company shall cease in respect of the business of, and the 16 protected cell assets and protected cell liabilities attributable 17 to, the protected cell which is the subject of the petition and the 18 Commissioner shall carry out the business of the protected cell 19 until the order has been entered or denied. In the event the order 20 is denied, the Commissioner shall immediately return possession and 21 control of the protected cell to the directors of the protected cell 22 company.

F. No resolution for the voluntary winding up of a protectedcell company with any protected cell which has been placed under

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administrative supervision or is the subject of an order of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation shall be effective without permission of the Commissioner and, in the case of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation, the court supervising the rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation.

6 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1699 of Title 36, unless there 8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. With respect to orders of rehabilitation, conservation or
liquidation directed at a protected cell company, the remuneration,
expenses and other compensation of the receiver shall be payable
from the assets of the company's general account, in accordance with
the priority of distribution set forth in Section 1927.1 of Title 36
of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 With respect to orders of rehabilitation, conservation or Β. 16 liquidation directed at a protected cell company, the remuneration, 17 expenses and other compensation of the receiver shall be payable 18 from the protected cell assets attributable to that protected cell. 19 In the case where more than one protected cell is the subject of the 20 order, the receiver shall account for remuneration, expenses and 21 other compensation separately for each protected cell in accordance 22 with actual time and expenses attributable to the rehabilitation, 23 conservation or liquidation of each respective protected cell.

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1 C. With respect to orders of rehabilitation, conservation or 2 liquidation directed at a protected cell company during a pending 3 rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation of one or more protected 4 cells, the remuneration, expenses and other compensation of the 5 receiver of the protected cells shall be satisfied from the protected cell assets of the protected cell or cells in accordance 6 7 with the provisions of subsection B of this section, and the remuneration, expenses and other compensation of the receiver of the 8 9 protected cell company shall be satisfied from the assets of the 10 company's general account.

11 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1699.1 of Title 36, unless there 13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 Any person violating the provisions of the Protected Cell 15 Companies Act shall be subject to any and all enforcement procedures 16 either currently employed or subsequently promulgated by the 17 Insurance Commissioner including, but not limited to, the imposition 18 of fines, sanctions or civil penalties, or an order to cease and 19 desist from the establishment of additional protected cells. In no 20 event shall the Commissioner have the authority to cease the 21 business of an existing protected cell, except by placement under 22 administrative supervision or by order of rehabilitation, 23 conservation or liquidation in accordance with the provisions of 24 this act.

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SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1699.2 of Title 36, unless there
 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A protected cell company insurance securitization shall not be 5 deemed to be an insurance or reinsurance contract. An investor in a protected cell company insurance securitization shall not, by sole 6 7 means of this investment, be deemed to be transacting an insurance business in this state. The underwriters or selling agents and 8 9 their partners, directors, officers, members, managers, employees, 10 agents, representatives and advisors involved in a protected cell 11 company insurance securitization shall not be deemed to be 12 conducting an insurance or reinsurance agency, brokerage, 13 intermediary, advisory or consulting business by virtue of their 14 activities in connection with those businesses.

SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1699.3 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The Insurance Commissioner may promulgate reasonable rules as 19 may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Protected Cell 20 Companies Act.

21 SECTION 13. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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