

# Bill Summary

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## **A. Synopsis:**

SB493 makes several amendments to Pennsylvania's Surplus Lines Insurance Law. The surplus lines insurance market is intended to provide coverage for nonstandard or unique risks that do not fit the underwriting guidelines for standard insurance coverage.

## **B. Summary:**

The legislation would make the following amendments to the Surplus Lines Insurance Law:

- Makes technical terminology updates to make the law consistent with the Producer Licensing Modernization Act (PLMA)
- Improves reporting and filing requirements to ensure consistency with PLMA
- Provides for non-resident licensing reciprocity
- Clarifies surplus lines licenses will be valid for two years instead of one year, increases the license fee, and provides for a scattered license renewal date
- Allows the department to annually publish a list of surplus lines license holders
- Gives the option for the Department to require a licensee to attend educational seminars and other enrichment activities as a condition to continued licensure
- Eliminates the mandatory examination of the Surplus Lines Advisory Organization
- Increases the fine and penalty amounts for violations of the Surplus Lines Law