

**508B.5 Appointment of consultant.**

A plan may provide for the appointment by the mutual company of a person as defined in [section 4.1, subsection 20](#), who is qualified to act as a consultant. The appointment of the consultant shall be reviewed by the commissioner and unless the commissioner finds the consultant unqualified, the consultant shall carry out the duties required by the mutual company and [this chapter](#).

The consultant may assist in determining the equity of the policyholders or value of the mutual company. The consultant may consider the value of the consideration to be given to the participating policyholders in exchange for their membership interests and may consider the valuations necessary to carry out the plans provided for in [section 508B.3](#). Valuations shall be made taking into account the latest filed annual statement of the mutual company, updated to the effective date of the conversion plan, and any significant developments occurring subsequent to the date of the statement.

The findings of the consultant may be modified by the mutual company at any time so long as the results are not unfair or inequitable to policyholders.

If it can be shown by the mutual company to the commissioner that an underwriter of the shares is a qualified person, the underwriter may be appointed as the consultant.

[85 Acts, ch 127, §5; 90 Acts, ch 1234, §15](#)