HOUSE FILE 2263 BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 554)

(COMPANION TO SF 2153 BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the insurance commissioner's authority
- 2 concerning insurance producers, business entity producers,
- 3 and preneed sellers.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 505.17, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

Information, records, and documents utilized for the 3 a. 4 purpose of, or in the course of, investigation, regulation, 5 or examination of an insurance company, or insurance holding 6 company, an individual insurance producer, or a business entity 7 producer received by the division from some other governmental 8 entity which treats such information, records, and documents 9 as confidential, are confidential and shall not be disclosed 10 by the division and are not subject to subpoena. Such 11 information, records, and documents do not constitute a public 12 record under chapter 22. Sec. 2. Section 522B.11, subsection 1, paragraph q, Code 13 14 2024, is amended to read as follows: 15 q. Is the subject of an order of the securities 16 administrator of this state or any other state, province, 17 district, or territory, denying, suspending, revoking, 18 or otherwise taking action against a registration as a 19 broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser 20 representative issued by any of the following: 21 (1) The securities administrator of this state or any other 22 state, province, district, or territory. 23 (2) The federal securities and exchange commission. 24 (3) The financial industry regulatory authority. Sec. 3. Section 523A.807, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 25 26 2024, is amended to read as follows: 27 a. Payment of a civil penalty of not more than one thousand 28 dollars for each violation, but not exceeding an aggregate of 29 ten thousand dollars during any six-month period, except that 30 if the commissioner finds that the person knew or reasonably 31 should have known that the person was in violation of such 32 provisions a section or rules adopted pursuant thereto to a 33 section, the penalty shall be not more than five thousand 34 dollars for each violation, but and not exceeding exceed an 35 aggregate of fifty thousand dollars during any six-month

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1 period. The commissioner shall assess the penalty on the 2 employer of an individual and not on the individual, if 3 the commissioner finds that the violations committed by the 4 individual were directed, encouraged, condoned, ignored, or 5 ratified by the individual's employer. Any civil penalties 6 collected under this subsection shall be deposited as provided 7 in section 505.7. EXPLANATION 8

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly. 10

This bill relates to the insurance commissioner's authority 11 12 concerning insurance producers, business entity producers, and 13 preneed sellers.

Under current law, confidential information includes 14 15 the information, records, and documents utilized for the 16 investigation, regulation, or examination of an insurance 17 company or insurance holding company. The bill also applies 18 to the confidential information of an individual insurance 19 producer or a business entity producer. Such information, 20 records, and documents are confidential, and shall not be 21 disclosed by the insurance division and are not subject to 22 subpoena.

Current law permits the commissioner to place on probation, 23 24 or suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew an insurance 25 producer's license, or levy a civil penalty, if the 26 insurance producer is the subject of an order of a securities 27 administrator. The bill includes an insurance producer that is 28 the subject of an order of the federal securities and exchange 29 commission or the financial industry regulatory authority. 30 The penalty for a violation of Code chapter 523A shall be a 31 civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation, not 32 to exceed an aggregate of \$10,000 during any six-month period, 33 except if the commissioner finds that the person knew or 34 reasonably should have known that the person was in violation 35 of specific laws or rules related to cemetery and funeral

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1 merchandise, and funeral services, the penalty shall not exceed 2 \$5,000 for each violation, or an aggregate of \$50,000 during 3 any six-month period.

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