# Modernization In Insurance Regulation



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## Key Elements of Change

- Reserve & Capital Calculation Methodology
- Financial Examination Process
- Collection of Company Experience Data
- Financial Statement Blank
- Accounting Practices & Procedures
- Standard Valuation Law (Revised)
- Governance Law & Regulation (New)
- Legal Framework



- Verify All Risks Identified and Modeled
- Review Economic Scenario Generation Process
  - Selection and Calibration of Scenarios
  - Variability of Results and Sample Size
- Review of Model & Model Parameters
  - Model Robustness & Model Error
  - Level of Detail for Modeling Asset Groups
  - Level of Detail for Modeling Liability Groups



- Validation of Assumptions by Reviewing:
  - Experience Studies
  - Credibility of Data
  - Investment/Disinvestment Policy
  - Hedging Strategy
  - Company Execution of Policies, Strategies, Data Collection & Experience Studies



- Evaluation of Margins by Reviewing:
  - Appropriateness in Light of Uncertainty of Risk
  - Considerations for Adverse Deviations
  - Data Credibility
  - Lack of Data
  - Aggregation Effect



- Evaluation of Sensitivity Results:
  - Identify Key Assumptions that Drive Results
  - Second Look at Margins on Key Assumptions
  - Data Credibility and/or Lack of Data
- Evaluation of Links to Management Reporting:
  - Periodic Management Reports Feedback Loops
  - Defined Benchmarks to Trigger Interim Analysis



- Evaluation of Documentation:
  - Actuarial Memorandum
  - Experience Studies
  - Investment/Disinvestment Policy
  - Hedging Strategy
- Issue Regulatory Report
  - Acceptable Processes Completed
  - Valuation Complies with the Law



- Mandatory for Principles-Based Valuation (Statute)
- Mortality, Morbidity, Lapses, Expenses, Premium Payment Patterns, Other Benefit Utilization Rates
- Provides Credible Data When No Credible Company Experience Exists
- Provides Regulatory Benchmarks to Evaluate Company Assumptions
- NAIC Needs to Determine Data Administrator & Funding



#### Financial Statement Blank

- Due & Deferred Premium Asset
- Advance Premiums
- Reserves Not Classified by Reserve Basis
- Change in Reserve Basis
- Changes to Income Statement
- Consider Additional Disclosures such as Margins



#### **Accounting Practices & Procedures**

- Classification of Product Types
- Accounting for Reinsurance
- Deficiency Reserves
- Unearned Premium Reserves
- Analysis of Increase in Reserves



#### Standard Valuation Law

- Similar Framework to Risk Based Capital
- Law Grants Authority to Set Valuation
   Standards through an NAIC Process
- Law Grants Authority of Commissioner to Cause Valuations, Examinations & Determine Compliance
- Law References Valuation Manual
- Manual Contains Details of Valuation



## Governance Law & Regulation

- Role of Company Board & Management
- Risk Management Oversight & Process Controls
- PBA Reviewing Actuary
- Role of Auditor, Reviewing Actuary
- Consistent with NAIC Risk-Focused
   Surveillance Framework



- Standard Valuation Law
  - Statute, Regulations, Actuarial Guidelines
- Risk Based Capital
  - Statute: References NAIC RBC Instructions
  - Regulations
- Financial Statement Filing
  - Statute: References NAIC Accounting Practices and Procedures & NAIC Blanks
  - Regulations
- Examination of Financial Condition
  - Statute: References NAIC Examiners Handbook
  - Regulations: Annual Examination by Independent CPA





## Legal Framework Objectives

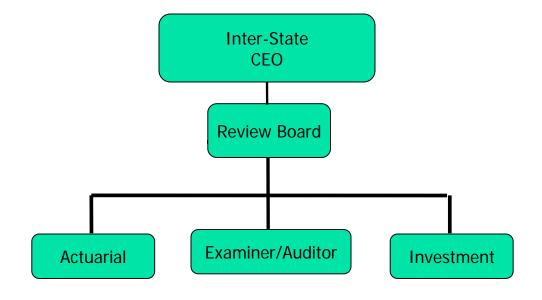
- Maintain Solvency
- Consistent Risk Measurement Methodology for Capital & Reserves
- Flexibility to Address Evolving Risks
- Auditable and Examinable
- Provides Consistency and Uniformity
- Provides Effective Resource Utilization



## Legal Framework Options

- Filing, Certification and Examination
  - Every State Company Does Business
  - State of Company Domicile
  - Centralized Organization Representing All States

### Centralized Examination Office





#### Review Board

- Establishes Exams and Schedules
- Assigns Examination Team or Teams
- Reviews Team Examinations
- Enforces Compliance (Granted Authority)
- Recommends Changes to RBC
   Instructions and Valuation Manual to NAIC Committees



## Legal Framework Variants

- NAIC Office Providing Support to States
   That Lack Sufficient Resources
- NAIC Provides Education & Training
- Interstate Review Board could function as Arbitrator and Recommend Changes
- Review Board Could Set Standards on Examination

#### NAIC Committee Structure

