

**§ 58-47-90. Deposits.**

(a) Each group shall deposit with the Commissioner an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the group's total annual earned premium, according to the group's annual statement filing, but not less than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000), or another amount that the Commissioner prescribes based on, but not limited to, the financial condition of the group and the risk retained by the group.

(b) G.S. 58-5-1, 58-5-20, 58-5-25, 58-5-30, 58-5-35, 58-5-40, 58-5-63, 58-5-75, 58-5-80, 58-5-90(a) and (c), 58-5-95, 58-5-110, 58-5-115, and 58-5-120 apply to groups.

(c) A group organized and authorized before January 1, 1998, has until January 1, 2001, to comply with subsection (b) of this section. However, a dividend request shall not be approved by the Commissioner until the group has replaced its surety bonds with the deposit required by subsection (b) of this section.

(d) No judgment creditor, other than a claimant entitled to benefits under the Act, may levy upon any deposits made under this section.

(e) Surety bonds shall be in a form prescribed by the Commissioner and issued by an insurer authorized by the Commissioner to write surety business in North Carolina.

(f) Any surety bond may be exchanged or replaced with another surety bond that meets the requirements of this section if 90 days' advance written notice is provided to the Commissioner. An endorsement to a surety bond shall be filed with the Commissioner within 30 days after its effective date.

(g) If a group ceases to self-insure, dissolves, or transfers its workers' compensation obligations under an assumption reinsurance agreement, the Commissioner shall not release any deposits until the group has fully discharged all of its obligations under the Act. (1997-362, s. 3.)