

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.2925a Application to pool for home insurance; form; findings; issuance of policy; reinsuring policies; statement required if property or applicant not qualified; term of policy; renewal of policy; selection of dwellings for inspection; issuance and term of binders.

Sec. 2925a.

(1) Any qualified applicant for home insurance may apply to the pool for home insurance. The form of the application shall be prescribed by the commissioner.

(2) If the pool finds upon inspection that the property is qualified property for home insurance and that the person is a qualified applicant for home insurance, then the pool in its own name or in the name of a servicing facility, upon receipt of the premium, shall issue a policy of home insurance under the pool's underwriting program. Policies issued in the name of a servicing facility may be reinsured by the pool.

(3) If the pool finds that the property is not qualified property for home insurance or that the applicant is not a qualified applicant for home insurance, the applicant shall be entitled to a written statement setting forth the features of the property or conditions which prevent it from constituting qualified property or the applicant from being a qualified applicant and the measures which must be taken in order to make the property qualified property for home insurance or to make the applicant a qualified applicant for home insurance.

(4) Policies issued by the pool or a servicing facility shall have a term of 1 year.

(5) Policies issued by the pool or a servicing facility may be renewed upon property otherwise meeting the conditions of this chapter for 2 consecutive successive terms without additional inspection, if the pool waives the inspection. However, the selection of dwellings for inspection upon renewal of policies shall not be based upon any of the following:

(a) Location, whether by political subdivision, census tract, zip code, neighborhood, or area which may be described as a block, set of blocks, or by street coordinates.

(b) The age of the dwelling or the age of its plumbing, heating, electrical, or structural components, or of any other components which form a part of the dwelling.

(c) The market value of a dwelling, unless the value is used as a minimum value above which all dwellings will be inspected.

(d) The amount of insurance, unless the amount is used as a minimum above which all dwellings will be inspected.

(e) Race, color, creed, marital status, sex, national origin, residence, age, disability, or lawful occupation.

(6) The pool, upon receipt of an appropriate premium, may cause the issuance of binders for the applied for insurance for a period not exceeding 60 days upon property which at the time of issuance of the binders has not complied with all the applicable conditions of this chapter.

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