

HB 2579 -- MISSOURI EMPLOYERS MUTUAL

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Before January 1, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance Company (MEM) shall perform all acts necessary to establish a successor mutual insurance company. The successor company shall operate to the same extent as any mutual casualty insurer that is licensed and authorized to write insurance in this state, subject to the authority and regulation by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, and with all the powers and subject to all the laws, rules, and requirements of a mutual insurance company that is organized under the laws of this state.

On or before January 2, 2021, the Board of Directors shall provide a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that outlines the steps it will take to become a private successor mutual insurance company. The report shall also calculate the value, if any, of state equity or other state financial interests in the Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance Company. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Secretary of State.

The Board of Directors shall perform all necessary acts to file Articles of Incorporation of the successor mutual insurer corporation and shall take all necessary actions to qualify for a Certificate of Authority as provided by law.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the successor mutual insurance company shall become the successor in interest to all the assets and liabilities of MEM without any conveyance or transfer and without any further act or deed and shall be vested by operation of law with title to all property of MEM. The successor company shall be responsible for the obligations of the MEM to the same extent as though incurred originally by the successor company.

The bill further provides that the Director of the Department of Commerce and Insurance is authorized to supervise MEM's transition into a private successor mutual insurance company.

The bill repeals MEM's enabling legislation. The repeal of these sections become effective January 1, 2022.