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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 38.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia, relating to interest on life insurance 3 and annuity contract proceeds.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That § 38.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 8

§ 38.2-3115. Interest on life insurance and annuity contract proceeds.

9 A. If an action to recover the proceeds due under a life insurance policy or annuity contract results 10 in a judgment against the insurer, interest on the judgment at the legal rate of interest shall be paid from (i) the date of presentation to the insurer of proof of death on a life insurance policy or annuity contract 11 12 or (ii) the date of maturity of an endowment policy to the date judgment is entered.

B. If no action is brought, interest upon the principal sum paid to the beneficiary or policyowner shall be computed daily at an annual rate of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ two and one-half percent or at the annual rate 13 14 15 currently paid by the insurer on proceeds left under the interest settlement option, whichever is greater, commencing (i) from the date of death on a life insurance policy or annuity contract claim and; (ii) 16 17 from the date of receipt of a completed claim form on a variable annuity contract claim; or (iii) from the date of maturity of an endowment contract to the date of payment. The interest shall be added to 18 19 and become a part of the total sum payable.

20 C. No insurer shall be required to pay interest computed under this section if the total interest is less 21 than five dollars.

22 D. This section shall not apply to (i) credit life insurance for which the premium is paid wholly from 23 funds of the creditor with no specific identifiable charge being made to insureds for the insurance and 24 upon which post-death interest on the indebtedness is waived by the creditor in an amount at least equal 25 to the amount of interest that would otherwise be payable under this section; (ii) credit life insurance 26 payable in whole or in part to a creditor that is an affiliate, as defined in § 13.1-725, of the insurer and 27 that does not charge interest on the indebtedness from the date of death of the insured; or (iii) policies or contracts issued prior to July 1, 1977, but shall apply to any renewals or reissues of group life 28 29 insurance policies or contracts occurring after that date.

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