

June 26, 1997

THOMAS L. EVANS, C.M.A. VICE-PRESIDENT, FINANCE & TREASURER

Ms. Thelma Lewis Corporate Specialist Supervisor Florida Department of State Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Talahassee, FL 32399 **USA**

By Courier

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Further to your letter of December 12, 1996 (copy attached), I am enclosing a completed Profit Corporation Form, along with a check.

We are also requesting a Certificate of Good Standing once the file has been processed. The \$8.50 is included in the check amount.

Gerling Global Life Reinsurance has redomiciled to the State of California. Enclosed is a certified copy of the restated Articles of Incorporation.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

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Yours truly,

T. Evans loyl

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GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY

BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

THOMAS L. EVANS, C.M.A. VICE-PRESIDENT, FINANCE & TREASURER

June 27, 1997

Division of Corporations Annual Report Section P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Sir:

Re: Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company-GGLRe (formerly Consumer Benefit Life Insurance Company-CBL) Corporation Annual Report 1997 - Ref. Number P.06132

Thank you for your letter of June 6 regarding the filing of the Annual Report. this is to advise you that on October 11, 1996 CBL changed its name to Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company and on November 4, 1996, the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance issued a new Certificate of Authority reflecting the new name.

We are enclosing for your information a copy of the Certified Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation and a copy of the new Certificate of Authority. Please accept these documents as the requested filing of our Articles of Amendment pursuant to the provisions of section 607.1006, Florida Statues. Also enclosed are copies of the letters sent to Florida Department of Insurance dated November 20, 1996 & February 3, 1997.

Attached is the Corporation Annual Report 1997 and a check for \$35.00 for the amendment filing fee.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

\ppc Encl Returned check for \$7517/3/97



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

December 12, 1996

T. L. EVANS GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY 480 UNIVERSITY AVENUE TORONTO, ONTARIO CAN. M5G1VG,

SUBJECT: CONSUMER BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Ref. Number: P06132

This will acknowledge receipt of your correspondence which is being returned for the following reason(s):

A foreign corporation which has changed its name, duration, jurisdiction, or purpose (nonprofit corporation only), should file an amended application in this office within 30 days after the occurance of any such change. The form should be accompanied by an original certificate from the domicile state issued within the past 90 days evidencing the change and a filing fee of \$35.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please either respond in writing or call (904) 487-6905.

Letter Number: 596A00055539

Thelma Lewis
Corporate Specialist Supervisor

PROFIT CORPORATION APPLICATION BY FOREIGN PROFIT CORPORATION TO FILE AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

(Pursuant to s. 607.1504, F.S.)

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5 Gerling Global Life Reinsura	ance Compan	ıy	
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7. If the amendment changes the jurisdiction of incorpor	ration, indica	te new jurisdiction.	
Cal	ifornia Jurisdiction		
Signature	-	June 25, 1997 Date	
Thomas L. Evans		Vice President - Fi	Nance & Treasurer
Typed or printed name	-	Title	

STATE OF TENNESSEE



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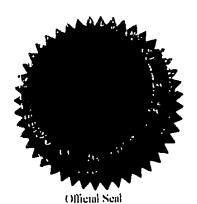
Given under my hand and seal of office this 7T11 day of FEBRUARY, 1997

DOUGLAS M. SIZEMORE

The Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance

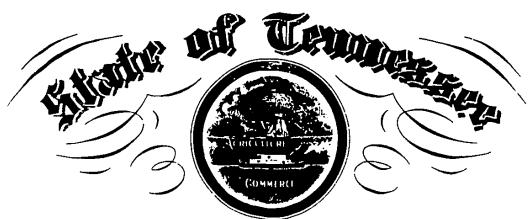
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Assistant Commissioner - Insurance

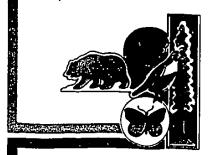


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State Of California SECRETARY OF STATE

GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY

I, BILL JONES, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the annexed transcript was prepared by and in this office from the record on file, of which it purports to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this

> > April 28, 1997.



Secretary of State



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GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY

April 14, 1997

THOMAS L. EVANS, C.M.A. VICE-PRESIDENT, FINANCE & TREASURER

The Honorable Bill Jones Secretary of State State of California 1500 11th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 USA FILED BIM
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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BILL JONES, Segretary of State

Re: Notice of Intent to Redomesticate to California

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 709.5(d) of the California Insurance Code, notice of the redomestication of Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company to the State of California from the State of Tennessee is hereby given to the Secretary of State of the State of California.

Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company

By:

Thomas L. Evans

Vice President, Finance & Treasurer

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ARTICLES OF REDOMESTICATION AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY

The undersigned, GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY (the "Corporation"), hereby submits these Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation for the purposes of changing the domicile of the Corporation from the State of Tennessee to the State of California and also for the purpose of continuing its existence as an incorporated entity.

- 1. The Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation were adopted by its sole shareholders on the 14th day of March, 1997, in the manner prescribed by law.
- 2. The number of shares of the Corporation outstanding at the time of such adoption was 34,500; the number of shares entitled to be cast thereon was 34,500; and the number of votes indisputably represented at the meeting of shareholder was 34,500.
- 3. The number of votes cast for the Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation was 34,500. No votes were cast against the Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation.
- 4. These articles are effective on the later to occur of (i) their filing by the California Secretary of State or (ii) 12:00:01 a.m. April 1, 1997.

Executed on this the 17th day of March, 1997.

GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY

By:

Peter L. Schaefer

President

By:

B. Franklin Shostack

Secretary

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY.

ARTICLE II

- (a) The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the General Corporation Law of California other than the banking business, the trust company business or the practice of a profession permitted to be incorporated by the California Corporations code.
- (b) The business of the Corporation is to be an insurer, subject to the provisions of the California Insurance Code.
- (c) The Corporation is organized to transact any class of insurance specifically authorized by its California Certificate of Authority, which classes are as follows: Life; Disability. The Corporation is not authorized to transact the following classes of insurance: Fire; Marine; Surety; Plate Glass; Liability; Workers Compensation; Common Carrier Liability; Boiler and Machinery; Burglary; Sprinkler, Team and Vehicle; Automobile; Aircraft; Title; Credit; Mortgage; Mortgage Guaranty; Insolvency; Legal Insurance; and Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE III

The name in the State of California of this Corporation's agent for service of process is:

Richards D. Barger 515 South Flower Street, 34th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

ARTICLE IV

The Corporation is authorized to issue 50,000 shares of Common Stock of one class. The par value of each share is \$1,000.00 per share

ARTICLE V

- (a) The liability of directors of this Corporation for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permissible under California law.
- (b) The Corporation is authorized to provide indemnification of agents (as defined in Section 317 of the California Corporations Code) through Bylaw provisions, agreements with agents, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, to the fullest extent permissible under California law.
- (c) Any amendment, repeal or modification of any provision of this Article V shall not adversely affect any right or protection of an agent of this Corporation existing at the time of such amendment, repeal or modification.

Secretary of State **Corporations Section** James K. Polk Building, Suite 1800 Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0306

ISSUANCE DATE: 03/31/1997 REQUESE NUMBER: 97090079

CHARTER/QUALIFICATION DATE: 04/07/1977 STATUS: ACTIVE CORPORATE EXPIRATION DATE: PERPETUAL CONTROL NUMBER: 0007202 JURISDICTION: TENNESSEE

TO: BAKER DONELSON BEARMAN & CALDWELL 511 UNION STREET SUITE 1700 NASHVILLE, TN 37219

REQUESTED BY: BAKER DONELSON BEARMAN & CALDWELL 511 UNION STREET SUITE 1700 NASHVILLE, TN 37219

I, RILEY C DARNELL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT "GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY"

WAS INCORPORATED OR QUALIFIED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE ON THE ABOVE DATE, AND THAT THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT(S) WAS/WERE FILED IN OFFICE ON THE DATE(S) AS BELOW INDICATED:

REFERENCE NUMBER 3316-0467

DATE FILED 03/31/1997 FILING TYPE

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FOR: REQUEST FOR COPIES

ON DATE: 03/31/97

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BAKER DONELSON BEARMAN ETC (NASHVILLE)

511 UNION ST SUITE 1700

NASHVILLE, TN 37219-0000

RECEIVED:

\$20.00

\$20.00

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TOTAL PAYMENT RECEIVED:

\$40.00

RECEIPT NUMBER: 00002100500 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00208389



RILEY C. DARNELL SECRETARY OF STATE FILED

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Executed on this the 17th day of March, 1997.

GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY

APPROVED
This 3/4t day of March 1997

By:

Peter L. Schaefer

President

The Commissioner of Insurance

STATE OF TENNESSEE

By:

B. Franklin Shostack

Secretary

Deputy Commissioner of Insurance

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STATE OF TENNESSEE



NASHVILLE

I, <u>DOUGLAS M. SIZEMORE</u>, COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE DATED MARCH 13, 1997 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE REGARDING GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF DOCUMENT ON FILE IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

Official Seal

Given under my hand and seal of office this <u>IST</u> day of <u>APRIL</u>, 1997.

DOUGLAS M. SIZEMORE

The Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance

Shara K. Hoberson

Assistant Commissioner - Insurance

REDOMESTICATION

CERTIFICATE OF SURRENDER OF RIGHT TO TRANSACT INTRASTATE BUSINESS

		, a corporation organized
and exist	ing under the laws ofTennessee	, the undersigned,
F	Peter L. Schaefer	President .
	(Corporate Officer)	(Title)
of said co	orporation does hereby certify and declare:	:
1.	Said corporation hereby surrenders its right intrastate business in the State of California.	nt and authority to transact
2.	Said corporation hereby revokes its designation process in California.	n of agent for the service of
3.	Said corporation consents that process against liability or obligation incurred within the Stafiling of this Certificate of Surrender of Business may be served upon the Secretary California.	ate of California prior to the Right to Transact Intrastate
4.	The post office address to which the Secretar any process against the corporation that is State is 515 S. Flower Street, 34th	y of State may mail copies of served upon the Secretary of oor, Los Angeles,
	California 90071	<u> </u>
	(Corporate Of Peter L. Schae	President (Title)

THERE IS NO FEE FOR FILING THIS CERTIFICATE.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD P.O. BOX 942857 SACRAMENTO, CA 94257-0541

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

April 3, 1997

EXPIRATION DATE: July 15, 1997

CALIFORNIA LENDERS 1000 G STREET SUITE 225 SACRAMENTO CA 95814-0000

ISSUED TO: GERLING GLOBAL LIFE REINSURANCE COMPANY Entity ID 2004867

This is to certify that all taxes imposed under the Bank and Corporation Tax Law on this corporation have been paid, assumed, or are secured by other means.

If a final return has not been filed, one should be filed within two months and 15 days after the close of the month in which the dissolution or withdrawal takes place. If the corporation was inactive, a statement to that effect should be attached to the tax forms. All returns remain subject to audit until the expiration of the normal statutory period. Failure to file required returns may result in additional assessments.

A copy of this Tax Clearance Certificate has been sent to the Office of the the Secretary of State. This original Tax Clearance Certificate may be retained in the files of the corporation.

By the Expiration Date noted above, this corporation must have filed the documents required by the Secretary of State to dissolve, withdraw or merge. Requests for the appropriate documents must be directed to: Office of the Secretary of State at 1500 11th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento CA. 95814, or by telephone, (916) 657-5448.

NOTE: If the required documents are not filed with the Secretary of State prior to the Expiration Date noted above, the corporation will remain subject to the filing requirements of the Bank and Corporation Tax Law.

By H. Hermansen Special Audit Unit Corporation Audit Section Telephone (916) 845-4124

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE SAN FRANCISCO

I, Jesse G. Rivera, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the record on file with the Department of Insurance.

> Witness my hand and the seal of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California this 8th day of April, 1997.

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

45 FREMONT STREET, 24TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

April 8, 1997



John E. McPherson, Esq. Barger & Wolen 515 South Flower Street Thirty-Fourth Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071-2205

Subject: Application to Redomesticate from Nashville, Tennessee to Los Angeles, California, by Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company, CDI File No. 96-9179

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Please be advised that the above-referenced application has been approved, and the company is hereby authorized to redomesticate to California pursuant to Insurance Code Section 709.5. You will be receiving Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company's amended Certificate of Authority under separate cover.

In addition to the standard compliance requirements for an admitted insurer licensed to transact business in California, please be aware of the filing requirements under the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act for domestic companies.

Upon receipt of filed Articles of Redomestication, please provide a certified copy, with the appropriate filing fee, to my attention.

Very truly yours,

Susan J. Stapp

Senior Staff Counsel

(415) 538-4403

cc: Lorraine Johnson, Legal, SF

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE SAN FRANCISCO

Amended

Certificate of Authority

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That, pursuant to the Insurance Code of the State of California,

Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company

of Los Angeles, California , organized under the laws of California , subject to its Articles of Incorporation or other fundamental organizational documents, is hereby authorized to transact within this State, subject to all provisions of this Certificate, the following classes of insurance:

Life and Disability

as such classes are now or may hereafter be defined in the Insurance Laws of the State of California.

This Certificate is expressly conditioned upon the holder hereof now and hereafter being in full compliance with all, and not in violation of any, of the applicable laws and lawful requirements made under authority of the laws of the State of California as long as such laws or requirements are in effect and applicable, and as such laws and requirements now are, or may hereafter be changed or amended.

In W	riness Where	cor, effective as of the 8th day
of	April	, 1997_, I have hereunto set
my hand	d and caused	my official seal to be affixed this 8th
day of_	April	19.97

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LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

515 SOUTH FLOWER STREET THIRTY-FOURTH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90071-2205

> TELEPHONE: (213) 680 - 2800 FACSIMILE: (213) 614-7399 INTERNET:barwol@ix.netcom.com

> > April 14, 1997

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

101 CALIFORNIA STREET FORTY-SEVENTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 TELEPHONE: (415) 434-2800 FACSIMILE: (415) 434-2533

SACRAMENTO OFFICE

725 L STREET ELEVINIH FLOOR SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 TELEPHONE: (916) 448-2800 FACSIMILE: (914) 442-5961

> OF COUNSEL ALAH R. WOLEN

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL (213) 614-7320

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17800 MacARTHUR BOULEVARD EIGHTH FLOOR IRWHE, CA 72412 IELEPHONE: (714) 757-2800 FACSIMILE: (714) 752-4313

NEW YORK OFFICE

400 MADISON AVENUE ELEVENTH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 TELEPHONE: [212] 308-0909 FACSIMILE: [212] 308-8181

> PLEASE REFER TO OUR PILE NUMBER: 06263-077

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Office of the California Secretary of State Division of Corporation Filing and Services 2230 "J" Street Sacramento, California 95814-2974

Attn:

Bradley J. Norris, Esq. Legal Counsel

Re: Filing of Articles of Redomestication and Amended and Restated

Articles of Incorporation of Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company

Dear Mr. Norris:

We represent Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company, an insurance company originally organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee ("GGLRe"). GGLRe seeks to become an insurer domiciled in the State of California pursuant to the procedure set forth in subparagraph (a) of California Insurance Code Section 709.5.1 To that end, GGLRe has sought and obtained the approval of the California Department of Insurance to become a California domestic insurance company, which approval was given by letter dated April 8, 1997.

All statutory references are to the published statutes of the State of California unless otherwise noted.

BARGER & WOLEN LLP

Office of the California Secretary of State April 14, 1997 Page 2

This correspondence is provided under the authority of subparagraph (b) of Corporations Code Section 110.² Based upon the following analysis, it is our opinion that the Office of the California Secretary of State should accept GGLRe's Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation for immediate filing.

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DISCUSSION

Prior to the enactment of specific redomestication statutes, an insurance company seeking to change its corporate domicile was generally required to form a new company in the new jurisdiction, obtain a certificate of authority to transact insurance from the new domiciliary regulator, and thereafter merge the existing insurance operation into the newly-created company. The redomestication by merger process was often long and expensive and proved to be extremely unwieldy when an insurance company was merely seeking to change its state of domicile.

In order to address the problems inherent in the merger procedure, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") adopted the Model Redomestication Act to provide a simplified procedure to effect a change of domicile (the "Model Act"). The Model Act was promulgated "to create consistent procedures for redomestication of insurers and to ensure continuity of insurer operations during redomestication." See Analysis of Assembly Bill 1717 as amended April 13, 1993 prepared for the Assembly Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Public Investment.

The Model Act was enacted in California as Insurance Code Section 709.5 upon passage of Assembly Bill 1717 in 1993. Both the California Assembly and Senate recognized that under the then-existing law, the merger process was required in order for an insurance company to change its corporate domicile:

For an insurer to redomesticate (move its principle [sic] place of business) to California, the insurer would have to form and license a new corporation . . ., and merge the old insurer into the new insurer. This process requires two applications — a Certificate of Authority application and a 1011(c) merger application.

GGLRe is seeking to redomesticate into the State of California from the State of Tennessee. As such, Section 201.6 of the California Corporations Code is inapplicable inasmuch as such statute addresses only the situation in which a California domestic insurer is seeking to redomesticate from California into another state.

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> See Senate Rules Committee, Office of Senate Floor Analyses, August 27, 1993, at 1; Digest from the Assembly Committee on Finance, Insurance and Public Investment, Apr. 20, 1993, at 1.

In enacting Assembly Bill 1717, both houses of the legislature intended that the provisions of Insurance Code Section 709.5 would simplify the cumbersome and often time-consuming process of redomestication by merger: "This legislation will make it easier for an insurer to relocate its principal place of business both into and out of California." Senate Rules Committee, Office of Senate Floor Analyses, August 27, 1993, at 2; Digest from the Assembly Committee on Finance, Insurance and Public Investment, Apr. 20, 1993 at 2. The digest to the legislation reiterated the legislature's intent to simplify the procedure:

<u>DIGEST</u> [AB 1717] adopts the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Redomestication Model Act which essentially allows domestic insurers of reciprocal states (other states that have adopted the act) to redomesticate in or out of California <u>simply</u> by changing their articles of incorporation and complying with all of the requirements relative to a domestic insurer.

[Emphasis added]

See Third Reading Analysis of Assembly Bill 1717 as amended August 16, 1993 prepared by the Office of Senate Floor Analyses.

The legislature further intended that the provisions of Insurance Code Section 709.5 would provide "the exclusive means for an admitted insurer to change its domicile to, or transfer its domicile from, [California] [emphasis added]." See Third Reading Analysis of Assembly Bill 1717 as amended August 16, 1993 prepared by the Office of Senate Floor Analyses.3 Finally, in his Signature Message, the Governor of California acknowledged that AB 1717 would "streamline[] the process by which insurers change their state of incorporation [emphasis added]." Assembly Journal, Governor's Signature Message, Oct. 5, 1993 at 4750. Such "streamlining" would only make sense if the then-existing merger procedure were eliminated.

That the merger procedure would be eliminated was specifically acknowledged by the Senate Rules Committee, which commented that "[t]he bill . . . allows domestic insurers of

The Assembly's intention in this regard is codified in subparagraph (e) of Insurance Code Section 709.5.

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reciprocal states (other states that have adopted the [Model Act]) to redomesticate in or out of California simply by changing their articles of incorporation and complying with all the requirements relative to a domestic insurer [emphasis added]." Senate Rules Committee, Office of Senate Floor Analyses, Aug. 27, 1993, at 1. Moreover, the Senate Rules Committee clearly recognized and intended that Insurance Code Section 709.5 would "[p]rovide[] the exclusive means for an admitted insurer to change its domicile to, or transfer it domicile from, this state." Senate Rules Committee, Office of Senate Floor Analyses, Aug. 27, 1993, at 2.

The Legislature's enactment of AB 1717 was intended to create a streamlined process for effecting a redomestication, accomplished through a simple change in the company's articles of incorporation. If the Secretary of State's Office refuses to file GGLRe's Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation, GGLRe will be forced either to (i) file Articles of Incorporation in the State of California and Articles of Dissolution in the State of Tennessee or (ii) utilize the merger procedure (i.e. by merging GGLRe into a new California insurer formed to effect the redomestication). Both of these alternatives would directly conflict with the meaning and purpose of Insurance Code Section 709.5.

As noted above, one of the legislature's main intentions in enacting Insurance Code Section 709.5 was to provide for continuity of an insurer's operations when it redomesticates into California. If an insurer moving to California were required to file new articles of incorporation with the California Secretary of State and effect a dissolution in its original state of domicile, the insurer would lose its continuity of existence. Moreover, the insurer's operations could be adversely affected if a break in its corporate existence triggered tax consequences. Such result would be contrary to the stated purposes underlying enactment of Insurance Code Section 709.5.

Further, any procedure which could potentially result in a break in operations or existence would create a disincentive for insurers to redomesticate into California. This disincentive would also be contrary to the purposes of Insurance Code Section 709.5. As noted above, the Governor of California acknowledged that Insurance Code Section 709.5 would "streamline[] the process by which insurers change their state of incorporation, and will provide a simpler process for insurance companies already admitted to sell insurance in California but incorporated in other states, to move to California [emphasis added]." Assembly Journal, Governor's Signature Message, Oct. 5, 1993 at 4750.

One of the stated purposes underlying enactment of Insurance Code Section 709.5 was to clear roadblocks and disincentives to insurers moving to California. Requiring insurers to file new Articles of Incorporation and suffer the potentially harsh consequences of such a filing would contradict that purpose.

The filing by the Secretary of State of GGLRe's Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation would be consistent with other existing laws relating to governance of insurance companies. Specifically, Section 1140 of the Insurance Code provides in relevant part that "[except as otherwise provided in [the Insurance Code], incorporated insurers are subject to the provisions of the general corporation law in like manner with other

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corporations" [emphasis added]. Insurance Code Section 709.5 was intended to govern and provides the "exclusive means" to effect a redomestication of an insurance company into or from California. A redomesticating insurer is therefore not subject to the general corporation law or any other conflicting or contradictory statute with respect to a change of domicile. As Insurance Code Section 709.5 does not contemplate or require a merger or dissolution, Insurance Code Section 1140 suggests that such procedures should not be imposed upon an insurance company in connection with a change of domicile.

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that the California Secretary of State should accept GGLRe's Articles of Redomestication and Restated Articles of Incorporation which are attached hereto for immediate filing as authorized pursuant to subparagraph (b) of Corporations Code Section 110.

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March 13, 1997

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RE: Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company ("GGLRe")

Dear Ms. Stapp:

It is our understanding that the State of California has adopted in substancial form the NAIC Model Redomestication Act. The State of Tennessee has only adopted portions of the NAIC Model Redomestication Act.

Notwithstanding the fact that the State of Tennessee has not adopted all of the NAIC Model Redomestication Act, by virtue of the fact that a California insurer could redomesticate to the State of Tennessee, the State of Tennessee in the interests of mutuality and comity will allow a Tennessee insurer to redomesticate into the State of California. Consequently, this letter will act as our consent for Gerling Global Life Reinsurance Company, a Tennessee life and disability insurer to redomesticate into the State of California.

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF TENNESSEE

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