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Department of State New Filing Section Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Equine Insurance Specialists, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation for Equine Insurance Specialists, Inc., and a check in the amount of \$70, representing the filing fee for the same.

Immediately following, please find the undersigned's contact information.

Philip A. Wagler 215 E. Berry St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802 260-423-8901 paw@barrettlaw.com

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the enclosed or the above information.

Sincerely yours,

**BARRETT & McNAGNY LLP** 

Philip A. Wagler

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF EQUINE INSURANCE SPECIALISTS, INC.

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The undersigned Incorporator, desiring to form a corporation (the "<u>Corporation</u>") pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Business Corporation Act, as amended (the "<u>Act</u>"), executes the following Articles of Incorporation (the "<u>Articles</u>").

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1.01. Name. The name of the Corporation is Equine Insurance Specialists, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

<u>Section 2.01</u>. <u>Principal Office</u>. The street address of the principal office of the Corporation is 15048 Corby Ct., Wellington, Florida 33414.

#### ARTICLE III – PURPOSE AND POWERS

- Section 3.01. Purpose. The Corporation is formed for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Act.
- Section 3.02. Powers. The Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, subject to any limitations or restrictions imposed by applicable law or these Articles.

#### ARTICLE IV - SHARES

- <u>Section 4.01</u>. <u>Amount</u>. The total number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is Ten Thousand (10,000) shares, without par value.
- Section 4.02. <u>Designations of Classes and Relative Rights of Shares</u>. All shares of the Corporation shall be of one class and shall be known as shares of Common Stock. All shares of Common Stock shall have the same preferences, limitations, and relative rights.
- Section 4.03. Record Ownership of Shares or Rights. The Corporation, to the extent permitted by law, shall be entitled to treat the person in whose name any share or right is registered on the books of the Corporation as the owner thereof, for all purposes, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such share or right on the part of any other person, whether or not the Corporation shall have notice thereof.
- Section 4.04. Distributions. A distribution to shareholders may not be made if, after giving it effect, the Corporation would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business or the Corporation's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities.

#### ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS

<u>Section 5.01</u>. <u>Initial Directors</u>. The name, title and address of each individual who is to serve as an initial Director until the first annual shareholders' meeting are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Andrew Beauchamp	Director	15048 Corby Ct., Wellington, FL 33414
Evan Beauchamp	Director	3040 Sandersville Rd., Lexington, KY 40511
Robert Beauchamp	Director	2003 NW Laurel Oak Lane, Palm City, FL 34990

Section 5.02. <u>Number and Qualification of Directors</u>. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be specified in the Code of Bylaws (the "<u>Bylaws</u>"), which number may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment of the Bylaws. Directors need not be shareholders of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

<u>Section 6.01</u>. <u>Registered Agent and Registered Office</u>. The name of the registered agent and the street address of the registered office of the Corporation are as follows:

Andrew Beauchamp 15048 Corby Ct. Wellington, Florida 33414

#### ARTICLE VII – INCORPORATOR

<u>Section 7.01</u>. <u>Name and Address</u>. The name and address of the Incorporator of the Corporation are as follows:

Philip A. Wagler
BARRETT & MCNAGNY, LLP
215 East Berry Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

#### ARTICLE VIII - PERIOD OF EXISTENCE

Section 8.01. Period. The period during which the Corporation shall continue is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION

Section 9.01. Scope of Indemnity. The Corporation shall indemnify every person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation (each of which, together with such person's heirs, estate, executors, administrators and personal representatives, is hereinafter referred to as an "Indemnitee") against all liability to the fullest extent permitted by Fla. Stat. § 607.0850, provided that such person is determined in the manner specified by Fla. Stat. § 607.0850 to have met the standard of conduct specified in Fla. Stat. § 607.0850. The Corporation shall, to the

fullest extent permitted by Fla. Stat. § 607.0850, pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by every Indemnitee who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding, in the manner specified by Fla. Stat. § 607.0850. The foregoing indemnification and advance of expenses for each Indemnitee shall apply to service in the Indemnitee's official capacity with the Corporation, and to service at the Corporation's request, while also acting in an official capacity with the Corporation, as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, whether for profit or not.

Section 9.02. Binding Nature. The provisions of this Article shall be binding upon any successor to the Corporation so that each Indemnitee shall be in the same position with respect to any resulting, surviving, or succeeding entity as the Indemnitee would have been had the separate legal existence of the Corporation continued; provided, that unless expressly provided or agreed otherwise, this sentence shall be applicable only to an Indemnitee acting in an official capacity or in another capacity described in Section 9.01 prior to termination of the separate legal existence of the Corporation. The foregoing provisions shall be deemed to create a contract right for the benefit of every Indemnitee if (i) any act or omission complained of in a proceeding against, the Indemnitee, (ii) any portion of a proceeding, or (iii) any determination or assessment of liability, occurs while this Article is in effect.

Section 9.03. Interpretation. All references in this Article to Fla. Stat. § 607.0850 shall be deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. When a word or phrase used in this paragraph is defined in Fla. Stat. § 607.0850, such word or phrase shall have the same meaning in this Article that it has in Fla. Stat. § 607.0850. Nothing contained in this Article shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of expenses to any Indemnitee or the ability of the Corporation to otherwise indemnify or advance expenses to any Indemnitee.

Section 9.04. Severability. If any word, clause, or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise affected. If any court holds any word, clause, or sentence of this paragraph invalid, the court is authorized and empowered to rewrite these provisions to achieve their purpose to the extent possible.

## ARTICLE X - CODE OF BYLAWS; AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES

Section 10.01. Code of Bylaws. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power, without the assent or vote of the shareholders, to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, but the affirmative vote of a number of directors equal to a majority of the number who would constitute a full Board of Directors at the time of such action shall be necessary to take any action for making, altering, amending or repealing the Bylaws.

Section 10.02. Amendments of Articles. The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles, or in any amendment hereto, or to add any provision to these Articles or to any amendment hereto, in any manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the provisions of the Act, or by the provisions of any other applicable statute of the State of Florida; and all rights conferred upon shareholders in these

Articles or any amendment hereto are granted subject to this reservation. A shareholder of the Corporation does not have a vested property right resulting from any provision in these Articles of Organization, or authorized to be in the Bylaws by the Act or the Articles of Organization including provisions relating to management, control, capital structure, dividend entitlement, or purpose or duration of the Corporation.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that the false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in Fla. Stat. § 817.155.

Philip A. Wagler, Incorporator

Date

## Acknowledgment of Registered Agent

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Andrew Beauchamp, Registered Agent

Date

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