# NAIC Risk-Based Capital (RBC)

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### State Capital Requirements (Fixed)

- Minimum \$ for Licensing & Operation
- Problems?
  - Growth Rate of the Company?
  - Size of the Company?
  - Mix of Lines of Business?
  - Financial Condition of the Company?
  - Unrelated to the Company's Risk Exposure!(Risk = Exposure to Financial Loss)
  - No Provision for Timely Regulatory Action!



# **History of RBC (Cont.)**

RBC for Banks

Early 1990s

- NAIC Begins Work on RBC in 1990
- NAIC Implements RBC Formulas

Life 1993

Property/Casualty 1994

Health 1998

- Separate Formulas Reflect Unique Industry Risks
- Sections Within each Formula Recognize Unique Operational Risks



# Current RBC Formula Regulatory Purpose / Use

- Rules Based
- Formulaic / Factor Driven
  - One Size Fits All
  - Industry Averages
- Benchmark Not Meant to be Precise
- Action Driven
- Model Law / Accreditation Standard



### Current U.S. RBC - Framework / Structure

- Part of Regulatory Safety Net
  - RBC
  - Financial Analysis and Reporting
  - Examinations
  - Accounting
  - Coming Soon Governance / Risk Assessment / Internal Capital



### Overview of RBC Model Laws (Cont.)

- RBC Plan
  - Identify Conditions
  - Proposed Corrective Actions
  - Current + 4 Year Financial Projections
  - Key Assumptions for Projections
  - Quality of & Problems with Insurer's Business
  - Submitted within 45 Days of Company Action Level
    Event
- Commissioner Response to RBC Plan (60 Days)
  - Plan to be Implemented, or
  - Unsatisfactory (Revised RBC Plan or Reg. A.L. Event)



### Overview of RBC Model Law Actions

- Authorized Control Level Event
  - RBC Plan (within 45 days) to Commissioner AND
  - Commissioner Examination or Analysis AND
  - Commissioner's Order for Corrective Actions AND
  - Experts to Review RBC Plan at Insurer's Expense OR
  - Place
- Mandatory Control Level Event
  - Place Company under "Regulatory Control"



# **Solvency II**

- Solvency II Identifies Target Capital as Well as Regulatory Capital
  - Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR), similar to RBC concept
  - Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR)
    - Standard Formula with Simplifications
    - Standard Formula
    - Standard Formula with USPs
    - Partial Internal Models
    - Full Internal Model



### **RBC - Different from Solvency II**

- RBC is a Tool for Use with Potentially Troubled Insurers
  - NOT about a company's target capital level for solvency purposes
  - RBC formula is not a perfect fit for all companies, but is just ONE of many tools used to identify potentially troubled insurers
  - Provides explicit regulatory actions by statute
    - Insurers cannot contest these actions in court as they can less explicit issues and authority

