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S. B. NO. 322

A Bill for an Act Relating to Real Property Owned by Insurance Companies and Amending Section 181-286 Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), section 181-286 Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) An insurer other than a life insurer may own and invest or have invested in its home office and branch office buildings any of its funds in aggregate amount not to exceed twenty per cent of its admitted assets unless approved by the commissioner, or if a mutual or reciprocal insurer not to exceed twenty per cent of its admitted assets nor such amount as would reduce its surplus, exclusive of such investment, below the minimum required surplus for the class, or combination of classes, of insurance authorized, unless approved by the commissioner. A life insurer may own and invest or have invested in its home office building and branch office buildings any of its funds in an aggregate amount not to exceed twenty per cent of its admitted assets, or fifty per cent of the excess of its admitted assets over its liabilities, other than capital stock if a stock life insurer, whichever is the lesser amount. Such home office or branch office buildings may be constructed upon leasehold estates. However, if a life insurer has been licensed less than five years, a prior approval from the insurance commissioner shall be required before investment may be made in home office or branch office buildings."

SECTION 2. The first nine lines of subsection (b), section 181-286 Re-

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vised Laws of Hawaii 1955, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) An insurer may invest any of its funds, in aggregate amount not exceeding twenty-five per cent of its assets in real property including those realty set forth in subsection 181-286 (a), for realty acquired for the purpose of leasing the same to any person for a period of not less than twenty years, or in real property already leased for an unexpired period of not less than fifteen years of an original period of not less than twenty years, under the following terms and conditions:"

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved July 14, 1969.)