

AS PASSED BY LOK SABHA
ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2011

Bill No. 60-C of 2009

THE LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2011

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further to amend the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Life Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2011.

Short title and
commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

31 of 1956. 5

2. In the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for section 5, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

Substitution
of new
section for
section 5.

"5. (1) The paid-up equity capital of the Corporation shall be one hundred crore of rupees provided by the Central Government after due appropriation made by Parliament by law for the purpose.

Capital of
Corporation.

	(2) The Corporation may issue and sell bonds and debentures or such other prescribed instruments carrying interest for the purpose of raising its working capital to such amount as may be prescribed." .	
Amendment of section 18.	3. In section 18 of the principal Act, sub-section (4) , the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—	5
	“(4) There may be established as many divisional offices and branches in each zone as may be decided by the Corporation in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority established under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 in this regard.”.	41 of 1999.
Amendment of section 26.	4. In section 26 of the principal Act, for the words "once at least in every two years", the words "every year" shall be substituted.	10
Substitution of new section for section 28.	5. For section 28 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—	
Surplus from life insurance business, how to be utilised.	"28. (1) If as a result of any investigation undertaken by the Corporation under section 26, any surplus emerges,—	15
	(a) ninety per cent. or more such surplus, as the Central Government may approve, shall be allocated to or reserved for the life insurance policy-holders of the Corporation;	
	(b) such percentage of remaining surplus as the Central Government may approve shall be credited to separate account maintained by the Corporation; and	20
	(c) the remainder shall be paid as dividend.	
	(2) The funds available in the account maintained by the Corporation under clause (b) of sub-section (1) shall be utilised for such purpose and in such manner as the Central Government may determine.”.	25
Amendment of section 37.	6. In section 37 of the principal Act, for the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—	
	“Provided that the Corporation shall endeavour that its funds are invested in the attractive schemes formulated by it to ensure increased bonus to policyholders while having least investment risk so as to enable the Corporation to play a greater role in economic enrichment of the masses while maintaining its position as a leading player in the market.”	30
Amendment of section 44.	7. In section 44 of the principal Act, clause (b) , the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—	
	“Provided that nothing contained in this clause shall apply on and from the date on which the provisions contained in section 2E of the Insurance Act, 1938 shall cease to operate.”.	35 4 of 1938.
Amendment of section 48.	8. In section 48 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),—	
	(i) after clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—	
	"(aa) the instruments which may be issued and the amount of working capital under sub-section (2) of section 5;"	40
	(ii) in clause (cc), the words "and agents" occurring at both the places, shall be omitted.	
Amendment of section 49.	9. In section 49 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),—	
	(i) for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—	
	"(b) the method of recruitment of employees and agents of the Corporation and the terms and conditions of the agents;"	45
	(ii) clause (j) shall be omitted.	

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