

(B) IN DETERMINING WHETHER RATES COMPLY WITH STANDARDS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, DUE CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO:

(1) PAST AND PROSPECTIVE LOSS EXPERIENCE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THIS STATE;

(2) CONFLAGARATION OR CATASTROPHE HAZARDS;

(3) A REASONABLE MARGIN FOR UNDERWRITING PROFIT AND CONTINGENCIES;

(4) DIVIDENDS, SAVINGS, OR UNABSORBED PREMIUM DEPOSITS ALLOWED OR RETURNED BY INSURERS TO THEIR POLICYHOLDERS OR MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS;

(5) PAST AND PROSPECTIVE EXPENSES, BOTH COUNTRYWIDE AND THOSE SPECIALLY APPLICABLE TO THIS STATE;

(6) INVESTMENT INCOME EARNED OR REALIZED BY INSURERS BOTH FROM THEIR UNEARNED PREMIUM AND FROM THEIR LOSS RESERVE FUNDS; AND

(7) ALL RELEVANT FACTORS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THIS STATE.

(C) AS TO THE KINDS OF INSURANCE TO WHICH THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES:

(1) THE SYSTEMS OF EXPENSE PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE RATES FOR USE BY AN INSURER OR GROUP OF INSURERS MAY DIFFER FROM THOSE OF ANY OTHER INSURERS OR GROUPS OF INSURERS TO REFLECT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPERATING METHODS OF THE INSURER OR GROUP OF INSURERS WITH RESPECT TO ANY KIND OF INSURANCE, OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUBDIVISION OR COMBINATION OF INSURANCE FOR WHICH SEPARATE EXPENSE PROVISIONS ARE APPLICABLE; AND

(2) (I) RISKS MAY BE GROUPED BY CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES AND MINIMUM PREMIUMS.

(II) CLASSIFICATION RATES MAY BE MODIFIED TO PRODUCE RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL RISKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RATING PLANS WHICH ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR MEASURING VARIATIONS IN HAZARDS OR EXPENSE PROVISIONS, OR BOTH.

(III) THE STANDARDS MAY MEASURE ANY DIFFERENCE AMONG RISKS THAT HAVE HAD A DIRECT AND SUBSTANTIAL EFFECT UPON LOSSES OR EXPENSES.

(IV) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NO RATE MAY BE BASED PARTIALLY OR ENTIRELY ON GEOGRAPHIC AREA ITSELF, AS OPPOSED TO UNDERLYING RISK CONSIDERATIONS, EVEN THOUGH EXPRESSED IN GEOGRAPHIC TERMS.