PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 679B.130.

A REGULATION relating to claims against insolvent insurers; establishing the circumstances that must be proved by a person who is required to exhaust his rights under a policy of insurance before he may make a claim on the Nevada Insurance Guaranty Association; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 687A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 687A.031 to 687A.039, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. 1. A person who is required, pursuant to NRS 687A.100, to exhaust his rights under a policy of insurance before he may make a claim on the Association must prove that he has no right under the policy that is:

- (a) Available;
- (b) Payable; or
- (c) Being undertaken by the insurer.

The person must prove exhaustion of his rights under each policy of insurance which may provide coverage for the claim or any portion of the claim.

- 2. A person has not exhausted his rights under a policy of insurance if the insurer is participating in the claim in any manner, including, without limitation, by:
 - (a) Investigating the claim;
 - (b) Providing coverage for the person under a reservation of right; or
 - (c) Defending or providing a defense against the claim.
 - 3. As used in this section:
- (a) "Claim" means a demand for compensation or other consideration under a policy of insurance for a loss or other occurrence if the demand is filed with an insurer or the Association or is asserted in a lawsuit or other legal proceeding. The term includes a claim that alleges a continuing loss.
- (b) "Person" includes, without limitation, the holder of a policy of insurance and a claimant making a claim against a policyholder.
 - (c) "Policy of insurance" includes, without limitation, a policy of insurance that:
 - (1) Provides primary coverage, additional coverage or excess coverage;
- (2) Is held by a person who is contractually obligated to provide insurance coverage to the insured of an insolvent insurer; or
- (3) Is held by a person who by operation of law is responsible for the acts or conduct of the insured of an insolvent insurer.
- (d) "Rights under a policy of insurance" includes, without limitation, a person's right to be:
 - (1) Defended in a lawsuit or other legal proceeding; and
 - (2) Indemnified, in whole or in part, after a determination of liability.