## 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, NRS 679B.130 and 679B.136; §2, NRS 679B.130, 679B.136 and 691D.500.

A REGULATION relating to insurance; establishing provisions governing the conducting of insurance transactions by electronic means; prescribing requirements for the transmission by electronic means of certain notices of an insurer under a policy of portable electronics insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Section 1.** Chapter 679B of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 691D.330 and section 2 of this regulation, an insurer shall not conduct a transaction by electronic means, including, without limitation, transactions involving claims, electronic signatures, electronic payments or other insurance-related records in electronic form, unless each person who is a party to the transaction agrees to conduct the transaction by electronic means.
- 2. If a person who is a party to a transaction agrees to conduct the transaction by electronic means, the insurer shall document the agreement, including, without limitation:
  - (a) The name of the person agreeing to conduct the transaction by electronic means;
  - (b) The type of transaction that the person has agreed to conduct by electronic means; and
  - (c) The date and time of the agreement.

- 3. A person who agrees to conduct a transaction by electronic means may limit the types of transactions which he or she agrees to conduct by electronic means.
- 4. If an insurer is required to retain a record, the insurer may retain the record electronically if the insurer is able accurately to reproduce the record upon the request of a person who is entitled to a copy of the record, including, without limitation, an insured, a claimant and the Commissioner.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 691D.330 and section 2 of this regulation, an insurer shall not provide a notice which terminates a policy of insurance, including, without limitation, a notice of cancellation or nonrenewal, solely by electronic means.
- **Sec. 2.** Chapter 691D of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. An insurer under a policy of portable electronics insurance may send by electronic mail or other electronic means any notice required by chapter 691D of NRS if:
  - (a) The insurer has notified the policyholder and each enrolled customer that:
    - (1) Notice will be sent by electronic mail or other electronic means; and
- (2) The policyholder or enrolled customer has a right to refuse, in writing, to receive notices electronically; and
- (b) The policyholder or enrolled customer has not refused, in writing, to receive notices electronically.
- 2. An insurer under a policy of portable electronics insurance shall maintain a complete record of each notice sent by electronic means and be capable of accurately reproducing the notice at the request of the policyholder, an enrolled customer or the Commissioner.