PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

LCB File No. R082-12

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance ("Division"), (775) 687-0700, is proposing the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations pertaining to chapters 679B, 680A, 681A, 683A, 685A, 690B and 697 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). A workshop has been set for **9:00 a.m., on August 1, 2012**, at the Division's office located at 1818 East College Parkway, 1st floor hearing room, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Interested parties may also participate through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the Bradley Building, 2501 East Sahara Avenue, 2nd floor conference room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulations. Please submit any written comments no later than **July 25, 2012**.

LCB File No. R108-10. Prelicensing Exemption.

A regulation relating to insurance; revising provisions relating to prelicensing requirements for persons involved in the sale or administration of insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

LCB File No. R109-10. Bail Employees.

A regulation relating to bail bond agents; revising the reference to the form for furnishing certain information concerning employees to the Commissioner of Insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

LCB File No. R110-10. Intermediary Licenses.

A regulation relating to insurance; revising provisions relating to the process for renewing intermediary licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

LCB File No. R030-12. Hazardous Financial Conditions of Insurers.

A regulation relating to insurance; revising the items that the Commissioner of Insurance will consider in determining whether the financial condition of an insurer may be hazardous to policyholders, creditors or the general public; revising provisions governing the requirements that the Commissioner may impose on an insurer with regard to which the Commissioner has made such a determination; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

LCB File No. R034-12. Nonadmitted Insurance.

A regulation relating to insurance; revising provisions relating to nonadmitted insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

LCB File No. R035-12. Electronic Transmissions.

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.

LCB File No. R036-12. Vehicle Towing Consent Form.

A regulation relating to possession of motor vehicles; prescribing the standard consent form which must be completed before an insurer may take possession of a motor vehicle from the operator of a tow car under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

LCB File No. R082-12. Petition Filing.

A regulation relating to insurance; revising the requirements for review of a petition by the Commissioner of Insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposals may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Division, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, (775) 687-0700. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

Notice of the workshop was provided via electronic means to all persons on the agency's email list for administrative regulations, and this Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations was posted to the agency's Internet Web site at http://doi.nv.gov/ and provided to or posted at the following locations:

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Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the hearing are requested to notify the Commissioner's secretary in writing at 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, or by calling (775) 687-0700, no later than five (5) working days prior to the hearing.

DATED this 6th day of July, 2012.

SCOTT J. KIPPER

Commissioner of Insurance

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations of The Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance

The State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance ("Division"), (775) 687-0700, will hold a public hearing at **9:00 a.m., on August 10, 2012,** at the Division's office located at 1818 East College Parkway, 1st floor hearing room, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Interested persons may also participate through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the Bradley Building, 2501 East Sahara Avenue, 2nd floor conference room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption, amendment or repeal of the regulation(s) that pertains to chapter 679B of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC").

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") 233B.0603 and the directives of the Governor:

LCB File No. R082-12. Petition Filing.

A regulation relating to insurance; revising the requirements for review of a petition by the Commissioner of Insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- (1) Why is the regulation necessary and what is its purpose? This regulation is necessary to update NAC 679B.484 and 679B.488 to be consistent with today's electronic environment. These regulations, enacted in 1992, state that the Commissioner will not review a petition either regarding proposed regulation changes, a declaratory order or a request for an advisory opinion unless the original petition is accompanied by three copies of the petition. This proposed regulation amends these regulations to delete the requirement that three copies be submitted with the petition. The original value of the language was to require sufficient copies of a paper petition. In the digital age, this is no longer a concern and this language is now obsolete.
- (2) What are the terms or substance of the proposed regulation? The existing regulations include a requirement that a petition to the Commissioner to review a request for adoption, filing, amendment or repeal of a regulation, or for declaratory order or a request for an advisory opinion, will not be completed unless the original petition is accompanied by three copies of the petition. The proposed regulation eliminates the need for unnecessary additional paper copies. The original regulations were intended to apply in the pre-electronic era, and paper copies were contemplated. As digital media are almost effortless to reproduce and copy, this language is now obsolete.
- (3) What is the anticipated impact of the regulation on the problem(s)? **The anticipated impact** is that the amendment will eliminate the archaic requirement.

- (4) Do other regulations address the same problem(s)? **No.**
- (5) Are alternate forms of regulation sufficient to address the problem(s)? **None known.**
- (6) What value does the regulation have to the public? The proposed regulation eliminates the requirement to submit unnecessary multiple copies.
- (7) What is the anticipated <u>economic benefit</u> of the regulation?
 - a. Public
 - 1. Immediate: Reduce expense and time by eliminating unnecessary paper copies.
 - 2. Long Term: Reduce expense and time by eliminating unnecessary paper copies.
 - b. Insurance Business
 - 1. Immediate: Reduce expense and time by eliminating unnecessary paper copies.
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 - c. Small Businesses
 - 1. Immediate: Reduce expense and time by eliminating unnecessary paper copies.
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 - d. Small Communities
 - 1. Immediate: Reduce expense and time by eliminating unnecessary paper copies.
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 - e. Government Entities
 - 1. Immediate: Reduce expense and time by eliminating unnecessary paper copies.
 - 2. Long Term: Reduce expense and time by eliminating unnecessary paper copies.
- (8) What is the anticipated adverse impact, if any?
 - a. Public
 - 1. Immediate: **None anticipated.**
 - 2. Long Term: None anticipated.
 - b. Insurance Business

- 1. Immediate: **None anticipated.**
- 2. Long Term: **None anticipated.**
- c. Small Businesses
 - 1. Immediate: **None anticipated.**
 - 2. Long Term: None anticipated.
- d. Small Communities
 - 1. Immediate: **None anticipated.**
 - 2. Long Term: **None anticipated.**
- e. Government Entities
 - 1. Immediate: None anticipated.
 - 2. Long Term: **None anticipated.**
- (9) What is the anticipated cost of the regulation, both direct and indirect?
 - a. Enactment: None.
 - b. Enforcement: None.
 - c. Compliance: None.
- (10) Does the regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee? The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.
- (11) Provide a statement which identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business, prepared pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 233B.0608. The proposed regulation does not impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business.
- (12) Provide a description of any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates, and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, state the name of the regulating federal agency. **None.**
- (13) If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, provide a citation and description of the federal law. N/A
- (14) If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, provide a summary of such provisions. **N/A**

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Division may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Division, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Written

submissions must be received by the Division on or before July 25, 2012. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Division may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation will be available at the offices of the Division, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, and 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 302, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at http://leg.state.nv.us/register/. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary. This does not apply to a public body subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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