LCB File No. R166-08

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance (Division), (775) 687-4270, is proposing the amendment of regulations pertaining to **chapters 688A, 690A and 695C** of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). A workshop has been set for **9:00 a.m. on August 14, 2008**, at the offices of the Division, **788 Fairview Drive, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89701**. Interested parties may also participate through a simultaneous video-conference conducted at the Bradley Building, 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Real Estate Division Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 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.

<u>Preneed Insurance</u>. The proposed regulation will amend chapter 688A of the NAC by adding sections to require the use of the 1980 CSO table for the reserving and nonforfeiture values of preneed insurance. The regulation provides a transition period for company implementation.

<u>Consumer Credit Insurance</u>. This regulation amends regulation R014-06 and adds new sections to chapter 690A of the NAC. The purpose of this regulation is to clarify specific sections of NAC 690A and to set forth rates for credit involuntary unemployment insurance products not specifically addressed in current regulations.

<u>HMO Quality and Performance Indicators</u>. The proposed regulation will amend NAC 695C.275 to allow a health maintenance organization (HMO) to be compliant with the reporting of quality and performance indicators to the Insurance Commissioner and to the State Board of Health when the data is actually available.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Division, 788 Fairview Drive, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89701, (775) 687-4270. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

This Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and 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 788 Fairview Drive, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89701, or by calling no later than 5 working days prior to the hearing, (775) 687-4270, extension 260.

DATED this 18th day of July, 2008.

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ALICE A. MOLASKY-ARMAN Commissioner of Insurance

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATIONS

Notice of Hearing for the Amendment of Regulations of the Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance

The Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance (Division), will hold a public hearing at **9:00 a.m. on August 21, 2008**, at the offices of the Division, 788 Fairview Drive, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Interested persons may also participate through a simultaneous video-conference conducted at the Bradley Building, 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Real Estate Division Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of the regulation that pertains to **chapter 688A** of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

- 1. This regulation is necessary to update current regulations to require sufficient reserves for preneed insurance.
- 2. This regulation requires the use of the 1980 CSO table for the determination of reserves and nonforfeiture values for preneed insurance. The regulation provides a transition period for carriers currently using the 2001 CSO table.
- 3. Estimated economic effect of the regulation:

On the business which is to be regulated: The proposed regulation may have an economic impact on the industry that the Division of Insurance regulates. Many carriers are currently retaining reserves greater than the minimum standard required by state law. This regulation allows those carriers to receive the preferential tax treatment from the IRS provided to minimum reserves.

On the public: The proposed regulation should have no economic impact on the public.

- 4. There should only be a minimal cost to the Division to review forms updated to comply with the regulation.
- 5. The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate a federal regulation.
- 6. This regulation is not required by any federal law.
- 7. The regulation does not include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity.
- 8. The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.
- 9. The Division of Insurance regulates the insurance industry. These carriers are not small businesses. Consequently, there would not be any impact on small businesses in Nevada.

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, 788 Fairview Drive, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Written submissions must be received by the Division on or before August 7, 2008. 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 to be amended 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 to be amended will be available at the offices of the Division, 788 Fairview Drive, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89701, 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://www.leg.state.nv.us**. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also 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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DATED this 18th day of July, 2008.

ALICE A. MOLASKY-ARMAN
Commissioner of Insurance