PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

LCB File No. R072-16

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATION AND HEARING AGENDA

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 **10:30 a.m. on September 22, 2016,** at the Division's offices, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, 1st Floor Hearing Room. Interested persons may also participate through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the Division's offices, 2501 East Sahara Avenue (Bradley Building), Suite 302, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, 3rd floor conference room. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption, amendment or repeal of the regulation(s) that pertain(s) to **chapter(s) 616B** 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:

<u>LCB File No. R072-16</u>. Tangible Net Worth of Self-Insured Employers, Additional Deposit. (NAC 616B)

A REGULATION relating to insurance; revising provisions governing the circumstances under which the Commissioner of Insurance may accept from an employer a deposit of financial instruments in lieu of the demonstration of net worth otherwise required to qualify as a self-insured employer for industrial insurance and occupational disease; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- (1) Why is the regulation necessary and what is its purpose? NAC 616B.433 was last amended in 2007 (R119-07). At that time, R119-07 was adopted incorrectly, citing an unrelated statute (NRS 616A.330) and eliminating critical provisions that were included in its original draft. The currently-proposed regulation corrects NAC 616B.433 and further clarifies the circumstances under which the Commissioner may accept an additional deposit from an employer who does not meet the requirement of a tangible net worth of \$2,500,000.
- (2) What are the terms or substance of the proposed regulation? *The proposed regulation: 1)* eliminates an incorrect reference to NRS 616A.330; 2) adds provisions describing disallowed assets; and 3) amends language to clarify when the Commissioner would accept an additional deposit if an employer fails to meet the tangible net worth requirement of \$2,500,000.

- (3) What is the anticipated impact of the regulation on the problem(s)? *The proposed regulation will correct a prior amendment. Clarified language will eliminate confusion and make the purpose of the regulation clearly understood.*
- (4) Do other regulations address the same problem(s)? *No.*
- (5) Are alternate forms of regulation sufficient to address the problem(s)? *No.*
- (6) What value does the regulation have to the public? *It makes available a correct, clear and unambiguous regulation.*
- (7) What is the anticipated <u>economic benefit</u> of the regulation?
 - a. Public
 - 1. Immediate: *N/A*
 - 2. Long Term: *N/A*
 - b. Insurance Business
 - 1. Immediate: *N/A*
 - 2. Long Term: N/A
 - c. Small Businesses
 - 1. Immediate: *N/A*
 - 2. Long Term: *N/A*
 - d. Small Communities
 - 1. Immediate: N/A
 - 2. Long Term: *N/A*
 - e. Government Entities
 - 1. Immediate: N/A
 - 2. Long Term: *N/A*
- (8) What is the anticipated adverse impact, if any?
 - a. Public
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
 - b. Insurance Business
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*

- c. Small Businesses
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
- d. Small Communities
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
- e. Government Entities
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
- (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? *No.*
- (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 pertain to small business and would have no impact on small businesses.
- (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. *The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate a federal, state or local regulation.*
- (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 September 15, 2016. 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 North 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.

Notice of the hearing was provided via electronic means to all persons on the agency's e-mail list for administrative regulations, and this Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulation was posted to the agency's Internet Web site at http://doi.nv.gov/ and was provided to or posted at the following locations:

Department of Business and Industry Division of Insurance 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103 Carson City, Nevada 89706

Legislative Building 401 South Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Blasdel Building 209 East Musser Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation 2800 E. Saint Louis Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89104

Carson City Library 900 North Roop Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Douglas County Library P.O. Box 337 Minden, Nevada 89423

Esmeralda County Library

Department of Business and Industry Division of Insurance 2501 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 302 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Grant Sawyer Building 555 East Washington Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Capitol Building Main Floor 101 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Nevada State Library & Archives 100 North Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Churchill County Library 553 South Main Street Fallon, Nevada 89406

Elko County Library 720 Court Street Elko, Nevada 89801

Eureka Branch Library

P.O. Box 430

Goldfield, Nevada 89013

Humboldt County Library

85 East 5th Street

Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

7060 W. Windmill Lane Las Vegas, NV 89113

Lyon County Library

20 Nevin Way

Yerington, Nevada 89447

Pershing County Library

P.O. Box 781

Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Tonopah Public Library

P.O. Box 449

Tonopah, Nevada 89049

White Pine County Library

950 Campton Street

Ely, Nevada 89301

P.O. Box 293

Eureka, Nevada 89316

Lander County Library

P.O. Box 141

Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820

Lincoln County Library

P.O. Box 330

Pioche, Nevada 89043-0330

Mineral County Public Library

P.O. Box 1390

Hawthorne, Nevada 89415

Storey County Clerk

P.O. Drawer D

Virginia City, Nevada 89440

Washoe County/Downtown Reno Library

P.O. Box 2151

Reno, Nevada 89505-2151

Members of the public who would like additional information about the proposed regulation may contact Terri Chambers, Chief of the Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Section, at (775) 687-0777, or via e-mail to tchambers@doi.nv.gov.

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, no later than five (5) working days before the meeting: 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, or suebell@doi.nv.gov.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2016.

/s/

BARBARA D. RICHARDSON

Commissioner of Insurance

HEARING AGENDA

The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry
Division of Insurance

September 22, 2016 • 10:30 a.m.

Location of Hearing:

Office of the Division of Insurance 1818 E. College Pkwy., 1st Floor Hearing Room Carson City, NV 89706 (Division Offices located in Suite 103) Available via Videoconference at:

Office of the Division of Insurance 2501 E. Sahara Ave., 3rd Floor Conference Room Las Vegas, NV 89104 (Division Offices located in Suite 302)

1. Call to Order: R072-16.

2. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Proposed Regulation. (For Possible Action)

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- 3. Public Comment.
- 4. Closure: R072-16.
- 5. Adjournment.

Supporting public material for this meeting may be requested from Susan Bell, Legal Secretary, Nevada Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89706, (775) 687-0704, or suebell@doi.nv.gov.

Note: Any agenda item may be taken out-of-order; items may be combined for consideration by the public body; and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. The Hearing Officer, within his/her discretion, may allow for public comment on individual agenda items. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per speaker.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments for the record.

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for attendees with disabilities. Please notify the Commissioner's Assistant, at (775) 687-0771, no later than five (5) working days before the meeting.

NOTICES FOR THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 241 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Nevada Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706 Nevada Division of Insurance, 2501 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 302, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 Nevada State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Blasdel State Office Building, 209 E. Musser Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 Nevada State Capitol, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 Nevada Dept. of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, 2800 E. Saint Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

The State of Nevada Website (www.nv.gov)

The Nevada State Legislature Website (www.leg.state.nv.us)

The Nevada Division of Insurance Website (www.doi.nv.gov)