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 9:30 a.m., on June 11, 2018, in the 1st Floor Hearing Room, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Interested persons may also participate through a simultaneous videoconference conducted in the 4th Floor Nevada Room at the Nevada State Business Center/Division of Insurance, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 275, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations pertaining to chapter(s) 690C of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC").

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

LCB File No. R064-18. Service Contract Transfer Fees and Emergency Repairs. A regulation relating to service contracts; requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to receive a status report in certain circumstances; requiring a service contract to include a certain statement regarding the handling of a claim under the service contract; authorizing the imposition of a transfer fee in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

(1) Why is the regulation necessary and what is its purpose?

NAC 690C.110 requires service contract providers to adhere to certain timelines related to emergency repairs for the health and safety of Nevada consumers. It has come to the Division's attention that in some instances the 24-hour repair requirements are not being met by certain providers. Furthermore, it is important to raise public awareness that the Division of Insurance is the regulatory authority over service contracts. The proposed changes will strengthen public protections.

The proposed regulation is also needed to address claims handling for emergency repairs, transfer fees, and consumer awareness.

NRS 690C.260 requires that if there are restrictions to cancelling or transferring a service contract, the terms must be set forth in the contract. NAC 690C.120, adopted January 27, 2000, establishes standards applicable to service contract providers charging a cancellation fee. The Division has recently observed increasing transfer fees in service contracts. The proposed change to NAC 690C.120 will provide clarification by formalizing the Division's practice of reviewing transfer fees, to ensure that fees are reasonable and within industry standards.

(2) What are the terms or substance of the proposed regulation?

Section 1 of the proposed regulation amends NAC 690C.110 to require that certain language be added to each contract. The language would notify the contract holder that the holder may contact the Division of Insurance if the holder is not satisfied with the claims handling. It further requires the provider to submit a report relating to emergency repairs to the Commissioner. This report is currently required to be submitted by the provider to the holder only.

Section 2 of the proposed regulation amends NAC 690C.120 to specify that a service contract provider may charge a reasonable transfer fee if such fee is provided for in the terms of the contract.

(3) What is the anticipated impact of the regulation on the problem(s)?

Nevada consumers may not be aware that service contracts are regulated by the Division of Insurance. They may also not be aware of the existing requirement of a 24-hour initiation for emergency claims, for health and safety purposes. The proposed change in Section 1 will raise public awareness and require the provider to submit non-compliance reports to the Commissioner.

Transfer fees can vary substantially between service contracts. Clarifying that service contract transfer fees must be reasonable ensures that consumers will experience reasonable transfer fees within industry standards.

- (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?
 - a. Consumers will be made aware that they have recourse for their claims handling concerns by contacting the Division.
 - b. The Division will be able to collect data related to providers not meeting the established requirements for emergency repairs, and eventually determine if there is a concern with a given provider's claims handling practices.
 - c. Consumers will be protected from unreasonable fees when a service contract is transferred from a current contract holder to a new contract holder.

(7) What is the anticipated <u>economic benefit</u> of the regulation?

a. Public

- 1. Immediate: Raising public awareness of the ability to contact the Division with any claims-related concerns; protection from unreasonable fees when transferring a service contract.
- 2. Long Term: Raising public awareness of the ability to contact the Division

with any claims-related concerns; protection from unreasonable fees when transferring a service contract.

- b. **Insurance Business**
 - 1. Immediate: None.
 - 2. Long Term: None.
- **Small Businesses** c.
 - Immediate: 1. None.
 - 2. Long Term: None.
- d. **Small Communities**
 - 1. Immediate:
 - None.
 - 2. Long Term: None.
- Government Entities e.
 - Immediate: 1.
- None.
- 2. Long Term: None.
- What is the anticipated adverse impact, if any? (8)
 - **Public** a.
 - Immediate: 1.
- None.
- 2. Long Term:
- None.
- b. **Insurance Business**
 - Immediate: Service contract filings will be reviewed for compliance with mandated language, and for reasonable transfer fees, adding minimal time to filing review.
 - 2. Long Term: None.
- **Small Businesses** c.
 - 1. Immediate:
- None.
- 2. Long Term: None.
- d. **Small Communities**
 - Immediate: 1. 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?
 - Enactment: None. a.

- b. Enforcement: None.
- c. Compliance: None.
- (10) Does the regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee? There are no new fees or increases to existing fees.
- (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. <u>See</u> attached Small Business Impact Statement.
- (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. *No overlap or duplication*.
- (13) If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, provide a citation and description of the federal law. The regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
- (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. *None identified*.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed actions 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 May 22, 2018. 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 adopted, amended or repealed 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 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 275, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, 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:

Nevada 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

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 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 Nevada Division of Insurance 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 275 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Nevada State Business Center 3300 West Sahara Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

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

Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation 2800 E. Saint Louis Avenue 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 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 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

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

Members of the public who would like additional information about the proposed regulation may contact Rajat Jain, Chief Insurance Examiner, at (775) 687-0774, or via e-mail to rjain@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 hearing: 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, or suebell@doi.nv.gov.

DATED this _3rd day of May, 2018.

BARBARA D. RICHARDSON Commissioner of Insurance

HEARING AGENDA

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

June 11, 2018 • 9:30 a.m.

Location of Hearing:

Nevada 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:

Nevada Division of Insurance 3300 W. Sahara Ave., 4th Floor Nevada Room Las Vegas, NV 89102 (Division Offices located in Suite 275)

- 1. **Open Hearing: R064-18.**
- 2. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Proposed Regulation. (For Possible Action)

LCB File No. R064-18. Service Contract Transfer Fees and Emergency Repairs.

A regulation relating to service contracts; requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to receive a status report in certain circumstances; requiring a service contract to include a certain statement regarding the handling of a claim under the service contract; authorizing the imposition of a transfer fee in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 3. Public Comment.
- 4. Close Hearing: R064-18.
- 5. Adjourn.

Supporting public material for this hearing 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; items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time; and, discussion relating to an item may be delayed or continued 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 secretary, in writing, no later than five (5) working days before the hearing: 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, or sueebll@doi.nv.gov.

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

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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)

PROPOSED REGULATION OF

THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

LCB File No. R064-18

April 27, 2018

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 679B.130 and 690C.300.

A REGULATION relating to service contracts; requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to receive a status report in certain circumstances; requiring a service contract to include a certain statement regarding the handling of a claim under the service contract; authorizing the imposition of a transfer fee in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Commissioner of Insurance to adopt: (1) reasonable regulations for the administration of the Nevada Insurance Code; and (2) such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions relating to service contracts. (NRS 679B.130, 690C.300)

Existing regulations require a service contract to: (1) clearly state the procedures for making a claim on the service contract; and (2) for certain service contracts, contain a statement that the provider of the service contract will provide a status report to the holder in certain circumstances. Existing regulations require such a status report to be provided to the holder: (1) not later than 3 calendar days after the report of the claim; and (2) by verifiable means. (NAC 690C.110) **Section 1** of this regulation requires the provider to provide such a status report not later than 3 calendar days after the report of the claim to: (1) the holder by verifiable means; and (2) the Commissioner by electronic mail.

Section 1 additionally requires a service contract to include, for the purposes of clearly stating the procedures for making a claim on the service contract, a statement explaining that the holder may contact the Commissioner if the holder is not satisfied with how the provider is handling the claim on the service contract.

Existing regulations authorize a provider to charge a cancellation fee in certain circumstances if such a fee is provided for in the terms of the service contract. (NAC 690C.120) **Section 2** of this regulation authorizes a provider to impose a transfer fee if: (1) the provider transfers a service contract at the request of the holder; and (2) such a fee is provided for in the terms of the service contract.

- **Section 1.** NAC 690C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 690C.110 1. A service contract must clearly state the procedures for making a claim on the contract, including, without limitation:
 - (a) A toll-free telephone number for claim service.
- (b) Procedures for obtaining prior approval of work if such approval is required by the contract.
- (c) If the service contract relates to goods that are essential to the health and safety of the holder and the repair of such goods is covered under the terms and conditions of the service contract, procedures for obtaining emergency service on such goods outside of normal business hours, including, without limitation, a statement which provides that if the emergency involves the loss of heating or cooling, loss of plumbing or substantial loss of electrical service and the emergency renders a dwelling unfit for a person to live in because of defects that immediately endanger the health and safety of the occupants of the dwelling:
- (1) Repairs will commence within 24 hours after the report of the claim and will be completed as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter; and
- (2) If the provider determines that repairs cannot practicably be completed within 3 calendar days after the report of the claim, the provider will provide a status report to the holder *and to the Commissioner* as described in subsection 2.
- (d) A statement that if the holder is not satisfied with the manner in which the provider is handling the claim on the contract, the holder may contact the Commissioner by use of the toll-free telephone number of the Division. The statement must include the current toll-free telephone number of the Division which can be obtained from the Internet website of the Division.

- 2. A status report must:
- (a) Be provided *to the holder by verifiable means* not later than 3 calendar days after the report of the claim;
- (b) Be provided [by verifiable means;] to the Commissioner by electronic mail not later than 3 calendar days after the report of the claim; and
 - (c) Include, without limitation:
 - (1) A list of the required repairs or services;
- (2) The primary reason causing the required repairs or services to extend beyond the 3-day period set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, including, without limitation, the status of any parts required for the repairs or services;
 - (3) The current estimated time to complete the repairs or services; and
- (4) Contact information for the holder *and the Commissioner* to make additional inquiries concerning any aspect of the claim and a commitment by the provider to respond to such inquiries not later than 1 business day after such an inquiry is made.
- 3. If any preexisting conditions are excluded from coverage, the service contract must state the basis upon which service may be denied for such preexisting conditions.
- 4. As used in this section, "verifiable means" includes, without limitation, communication given by [faesimile]:
 - (a) Facsimile transmission [, electronic];
 - (b) Electronic mail [, mail, telephone,];
- (c) Telephone, if there is an auditable record of the communication by telephone; [,] or [by any]

- (d) Any similar mode of communication that is appropriate given the course of dealing between the provider and the holder.
 - **Sec. 2.** NAC 690C.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 690C.120 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a provider cancels a service contract pursuant to NRS 690C.270, the provider shall refund to the holder the portion of the purchase price that is unearned by the provider. The provider may deduct any outstanding balance on the account of the holder from the amount of the purchase price that is unearned by the provider when calculating the amount of the refund. A provider who cancels a contract pursuant to NRS 690C.270 may not impose a cancellation fee.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if a holder who is the original purchaser of a service contract submits to the provider a request in writing to cancel the service contract in accordance with the terms of the contract, the provider shall refund to the holder the portion of the purchase price that is unearned by the provider.
- 3. If a holder requests the cancellation of a service contract pursuant to subsection 2, the provider may impose a reasonable cancellation fee if such a fee is provided for in the terms of the service contract.
- 4. If the provider transfers a service contract at the request of the holder, the provider may impose a reasonable transfer fee if such a fee is provided for in the terms of the service contract.
- 5. When calculating the amount of a refund pursuant to subsection 2, the provider may deduct from the portion of the purchase price that is unearned by the provider:
 - (a) Any outstanding balance on the account of the holder; and
 - (b) Any cancellation fee imposed pursuant to this section.

[5.] 6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the purchase price of a service contract is financed and the loan has not been paid in full by the holder, the provider may provide a refund to the holder pursuant to this section or NRS 690C.250 by sending the refund to the lender. The amount of refund that may be sent to the lender must not exceed the holder's outstanding balance on the loan.

[6. As used in this section, "holder" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 690C.060.]

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY DIVISION OF INSURANCE

<u>Determination of Necessity of Small Business Impact Statement</u> <u>NRS 233B.0608(1)</u>

Service Contract Transfer Fees And Emergency Repairs

A REGULATION relating to standards applicable to service contract providers and service contracts. This proposed regulation amends NAC 690C.110, which sets standards applicable to 24-hour emergency repair requirements that are not currently being met by all service contract providers. It also amends NAC 690C.120, which sets standards applicable to cancellation of service contracts, to include that service contract providers may charge a reasonable transfer fee when contract holders are changed.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATION: Upon filing with the Nevada Secretary of State

1. BACKGROUND.

⊠ NO

☐ YES

NAC 690C.110 requires service contract providers to adhere to certain timelines related to emergency repairs for the health and safety of Nevada consumers. It has come to the Division's attention that in some instances the 24-hour repair requirements are not being met by certain providers. Furthermore, it is important to raise public awareness that the Division of Insurance is the regulatory authority over service contracts. The proposed changes will strengthen public protections.

NRS 690C.260 requires that if there are restrictions to cancelling or transferring a service contract, the terms must be set forth in the contract. NAC 690C.120, adopted January 27, 2000, establishes standards applicable to service contract providers charging a cancellation fee. The Division has recently observed increasing transfer fees in service contracts. The proposed change to NAC 690C.120 will provide clarification by formalizing the Division's practice of reviewing transfer fees, to ensure that fees are reasonable and within industry standards.

2. <u>DESCRIPTION OF SOLICITATION SHOWING A CONCERTED EFFORT. NRS 233B.0608(1).</u>

A solicitation of this regulation was not made with small businesses, as none of the proposed changes in this regulation impact small business in Nevada. The Division relied upon the expertise and experience of Division staff. The changes proposed in this regulation will only impact service contract providers, strengthen consumer protections, and will pose only a small change to existing practices.

3.	DOES THE PROPOSED REGULATION IMPOSE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN UPON
	A SMALL BUSINESS OR DIRECTLY RESTRICT THE FORMATION, OPERATION OR EXPANSION OF A
	SMALL BUSINESS? NRS 233B.0608(1).

4. HOW WAS THAT CONCLUSION REACHED? NRS 233B,0608(3).

This proposed regulation was analyzed and discussed by the Property and Casualty Section of the Nevada Division of Insurance. This regulation merely formalizes the Division's existing review practice for reasonableness regarding cancellation fees and applies similar industry standards to service contract transfer fees. Further, it requires the emergency repair report that is sent to the holder to also be sent to the Commissioner. Finally, it requires that each contract contain information to make the holder aware that the Division can be contacted if the holder has claims handling concerns.

I, BARBARA D. RICHARDSON, Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Nevada, hereby certify to the best of my knowledge or belief a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that this statement was prepared properly and the information contained herein is accurate. (NRS 233B.0608(3))

3/28/18 (DATE)

BARBARA D. RICHARDSON Commissioner of Insurance

Small Business Impact Statement NRS 233B.0608(2)-(4) and 233B.0609

Service Contract Transfer Fees And Emergency Repairs

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM SMALL BUSINESSES. NRS 233B.0609(1)(a).

A solicitation of this regulation was not made with small businesses, as none of the proposed changes in this regulation impact small business in Nevada. The Division relied upon the expertise and experience of Division staff. The changes proposed in this regulation will only impact service contract providers by requiring the provision of consistent, reasonable transfer fees within industry standards, by requiring specific language on each contract, and by requiring that an emergency repairs report sent to the holder to be also sent to the Commissioner.

Other interested parties may receive a copy of this summary by contacting Susan Bell, Legal Secretary, Nevada Division of Insurance, at (775) 687-0704 or suebell@doi.nv.gov.

2. HOW WAS THE ANALYSIS CONDUCTED? NRS 233B.0609(1)(b).

This regulation was reviewed and discussed by the Property and Casualty Section of the Nevada Division of Insurance. The experience and expertise of the section members was used to analyze the proposed language of the regulation, and they determined that no impact on small businesses would be made by these changes.

3. <u>ESTIMATED ECONOMIC EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES THE REGULATION IS TO REGULATE.</u> NRS 233B.0609(1)(c).

The proposed regulation will provide no economic impact to the small businesses in the state of Nevada.

4. METHODS CONSIDERED TO REDUCE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES. NRS 233B,0609(1)(d).

No methods were considered to reduce the impact upon small businesses, as there is no direct or significant impact to be considered.

5. ESTIMATED COST OF ENFORCEMENT. NRS 233B.0609(1)(e).

None.

6. FEE CHANGES. NRS 233B.0609(1)(f).

No new fees are being added.

7. DUPLICATIVE PROVISIONS. NRS 233B.0609(1)(g).

The proposed regulation does not duplicate any existing federal, state or local standards. It is not more stringent than any existing federal, state or local standards.

8. REASONS FOR CONCLUSIONS. NRS 233B.0609(1)(h).

The Division relied upon the expertise and experience of Division staff. This proposed regulation will not impact Nevada's small businesses. The changes proposed in this regulation will only impact service contract providers, strengthen consumer protections, and will pose only a small change from existing practices. The results of the proposed new requirements will not impact other Nevada small businesses.

I, BARBARA D. RICHARDSON, Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Nevada, hereby certify to the best of my knowledge or belief a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that this statement was prepared properly and the information contained herein is accurate. (NRS 233B.0609(2))

3/28/8 (DATE)

BARBARA D. RICHARDSON Commissioner of Insurance