

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 **9:30 a.m., on June 13, 2013**, 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(s) 681B** 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. R146-12. Actuarial Opinion and Memorandum.

A regulation relating to insurance; making various changes concerning statements of actuarial opinion submitted in connection with the annual statements of life insurers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- (1) Why is the regulation necessary and what is its purpose? **This regulation is required per the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Financial Accreditation Standards and is necessary to address standards for the actuarial opinion and memorandum for life insurance companies transacting business within the state of Nevada. This is an existing regulation that requires technical amendments to bring it into compliance with the current NAIC model regulation. The revisions to the existing language provide additional standards and guidance for the actuarial opinion and memorandum.**
- (2) What are the terms or substance of the proposed regulation? **The existing regulation sets forth standards for appointing a qualified actuary, and the contents of an actuarial opinion and memorandum prepared by an appointed actuary of a life insurance company. The NAIC Financial Accreditation Standards requires the Actuarial Opinion and Memorandum Model Regulation to be in place for Nevada to maintain its accreditation status. The revisions/amendments included in this regulation are essential to maintain the accreditation status of Nevada and to ensure that all life insurance companies doing business in Nevada maintain appropriate reserves. Since this is an existing regulation, there are no anticipated issues or problems associated with this regulation.**
- (3) What is the anticipated impact of the regulation on the problem(s)? **If adopted, the proposed amendments will bring the regulation into compliance with the current NAIC model regulation and provide additional standards and guidance for an appointed actuary preparing an actuarial opinion and memorandum for a life insurance company.**
- (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? **This is an existing regulation that aids the Division in ensuring that all of the life insurance companies that are operating in the state of Nevada adhere to the same standards regarding the preparation of actuarial documentation.**

(7) What is the anticipated economic benefit of the regulation? **As this is an existing regulation, there is no significant change to the impact of the regulation on the following.**

a. Public

1. Immediate: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for the preparation of an actuarial opinion and memorandum for life insurance companies operating in the State of Nevada.**

2. Long Term: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for actuarial opinions and memoranda for life insurers operating in the State of Nevada.**

b. Insurance Business

1. Immediate: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for the preparation of an actuarial opinion and memorandum for life insurance companies operating in the State of Nevada.**

2. Long Term: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for actuarial opinions and memoranda for life insurers operating in the State of Nevada.**

c. Small Businesses

1. Immediate: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for the preparation of an actuarial opinion and memorandum for life insurance companies operating in the State of Nevada.**

2. Long Term: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for actuarial opinions and memoranda for life insurers operating in the State of Nevada.**

d. Small Communities

1. Immediate: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for the preparation of an actuarial opinion and memorandum for life insurance companies operating in the State of Nevada.**

2. Long Term: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for actuarial opinions and memoranda for life insurers operating in the State of Nevada.**

e. Government Entities

1. Immediate: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for the preparation of an actuarial opinion and memorandum for life insurance companies operating in the State of Nevada.**

2. Long Term: **This proposed regulation sets forth consistent national standards for actuarial opinions and memoranda for life insurers operating in the State of Nevada.**

(8) What is the anticipated adverse impact, if any?

- a. Public
 - 1. Immediate: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
 - 2. Long Term: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
- b. Insurance Business
 - 1. Immediate: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
 - 2. Long Term: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
- c. Small Businesses
 - 1. Immediate: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
 - 2. Long Term: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
- d. Small Communities
 - 1. Immediate: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
 - 2. Long Term: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
- e. Government Entities
 - 1. Immediate: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**
 - 2. Long Term: **No adverse impact created by amending the regulation.**

(9) What is the anticipated cost of the regulation, both direct and indirect?

- a. Enactment: **No significant cost anticipated.**
- b. Enforcement: **No additional cost anticipated. This is an existing regulation.**
- c. Compliance: **No additional cost anticipated. This is an existing regulation.**

(10) Does the regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee? **No new or additional fees are associated with this regulation.**

(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. **No adverse impact on 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. **There are no other regulations in the state that overlap or duplicate the proposed amendments to the existing regulation.**

(13) If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, provide a citation and description of the federal law. **There are no federal regulations that address the requirements in this proposed amendment to the existing regulation.**

(14) If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, provide a summary of the provisions. **There are no federal regulations that address the requirements in this proposed amendment to the existing regulation.**

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 May 30, 2013.** 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.

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, NV 89706

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

Capitol Press Room
Capitol Building Basement
Carson City, NV 89710

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102 North Curry Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Legislative Counsel Bureau
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Office of the Attorney General
100 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Blasdel Building
209 East Musser Street
Carson City, NV 89701

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

Office of the Governor
Capitol Building
Carson City, NV 89710

Carson City Courthouse
885 East Musser Street
Carson City, NV 89701

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

Churchill County Library
553 South Main Street
Fallon, NV 89406

Clark County District Library
833 Las Vegas Boulevard North
Las Vegas, NV 89101

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

Elko County Library
720 Court Street
Elko, NV 89801

Esmeralda County Library
P.O. Box 430
Goldfield, NV 89013

Eureka Branch Library
P.O. Box 293
Eureka, NV 89316

Humboldt County Library
85 East 5th Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Lander County Library
P.O. Box 141
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Lincoln County Library
P.O. Box 330
Pioche, NV 89043-0330

Lyon County Library
20 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV 89447

Mineral County Public Library
P.O. Box 1390
Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library
P.O. Box 781
Lovelock, NV 89419

Storey County Clerk
P.O. Drawer D
Virginia City, NV 89440

Tonopah Public Library
P.O. Box 449
Tonopah, NV 89049

Washoe County Library
P.O. Box 2151
Reno, NV 89505-2151

White Pine County Library
950 Campton Street
Ely, NV 89301

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 10th day of May, 2013.


SCOTT J. KIPPER
Commissioner of Insurance