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	INSURANCE AMENDMENTS
	2014 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
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LONG	TITLE
Genera	al Description:
	This bill modifies the Insurance Code to address electronic delivery of certain insurance
docum	ents.
Highlig	ghted Provisions:
	This bill:
	 provides for electronic delivery of notices and other documents.
Money	Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
Other	Special Clauses:
	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.
Utah C	ode Sections Affected:
ENAC	ΓS:
	31A-21-316 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
Be it en	eacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 31A-21-316 is enacted to read:
	31A-21-316. Electronic notices and documents.
	(1) As used in this section:
	(a) "Delivered by electronic means" includes:
	(i) delivery to an electronic mail address at which a party has consented to receive a
notice o	or document; or
	(ii) posting on an electronic network or site accessible by way of the Internet, a mobile

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30	application, a computer, a mobile device, a tablet, or any other electronic device, together with
31	separate notice of the posting that is provided by:
32	(A) electronic mail to the address at which the party has consented to receive notice; or
33	(B) any other delivery method that has been consented to by the party.
34	(b) (i) "Party" means a recipient of a notice or document required as part of an
35	insurance transaction.
36	(ii) "Party" includes an applicant, an insured, or a policyholder.
37	(2) Subject to Subsection (4), a notice to a party or another document required under
38	applicable law in an insurance transaction or that serves as evidence of insurance coverage may
39	be delivered, stored, and presented by electronic means if it meets the requirements of Title 46,
40	Chapter 4, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.
41	(3) Delivery of a notice or document in accordance with this section is considered
42	equivalent to any delivery method required under applicable law.
43	(4) Subject to Subsection (5), a notice or document may be delivered by electronic
44	means by an insurer to a party under this section if:
45	(a) the party has affirmatively consented to that method of delivery and has not
46	withdrawn the consent;
47	(b) the party, before giving consent, is provided with a clear and conspicuous statement
48	informing the party of:
49	(i) any right or option of the party to have the notice or document provided or made
50	available in paper or another nonelectronic form;
51	(ii) the right of the party to withdraw consent to have a notice or document delivered
52	by electronic means, including:
53	(A) a condition or consequence imposed if consent is withdrawn;
54	(B) when the insurer will make the party's withdrawal effective, during or at the
55	conclusion of the policy term; and
56	(C) the procedure a party is to follow to withdraw consent to have a notice or document
57	delivered by electronic means:

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58	(iii) whether the party's consent applies:
59	(A) only to the particular transaction as to which the notice or document must be given;
60	<u>or</u>
51	(B) to identified categories of notices or documents that may be delivered by electronic
52	means during the course of the party's relationship with the insured; and
63	(iv) the means, after consent is given, by which a party may obtain a paper copy of a
54	notice or document delivered by electronic means; and
65	(c) the party:
66	(i) before giving consent, is provided with a statement of the electronic delivery and
57	retrieval method requirements for access to and retention of a notice or document delivered by
68	electronic means;
59	(ii) consents electronically, or confirms consent electronically, in a manner that
70	reasonably demonstrates that the party can access information in the electronic form that will
71	be used for a notice or document delivered by electronic means as to which the party has given
72	consent; and
73	(iii) is provided a process to update information needed to contact the party
74	electronically.
75	(5) (a) After consent of the party is given and if a change in the electronic delivery or
76	retrieval methods creates a substantial risk that the party will not be able to access or retain a
77	subsequent notice or document to which the consent applies, the insurer shall:
78	(i) provide the party with a statement of:
79	(A) the revised electronic delivery or retrieval methods; and
30	(B) the right of the party to withdraw consent without the imposition of any condition
31	or consequence that was not disclosed under Subsection (4)(b)(ii); and
32	(ii) comply with Subsection (4)(b).
33	(b) Failure by an insurer to comply with this Subsection (5) is treated, at the election of
34	the party, as a withdrawal of consent for purposes of this section.
35	(c) When an electronic mail address provided by the party to facilitate delivery by

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86	electronic means is returned with a message as undeliverable each time electronic delivery is
87	attempted over a period not to exceed two business days, the party is presumed to have
88	withdrawn consent for the purposes of this section.
89	(d) (i) An insurer shall file with the department the consent statement described under
90	Subsection (4)(b), which includes conditions or consequences for a party to revoke the party's
91	consent to conduct an insurance transaction, electronically.
92	(ii) An insurer shall file the consent statement described in Subsection (5)(d)(i) before
93	the insurer uses the consent statement.
94	(iii) The insurer shall communicate to the party in accordance with Subsection (4)(b)
95	the conditions or consequences for a party to revoke the party's consent.
96	(6) A withdrawal of consent by a party does not affect the legal effectiveness, validity,
97	or enforceability of a notice or document delivered by electronic means to the party before the
98	withdrawal of consent is effective.
99	(7) This section does not affect requirements related to content or timing of any notice
100	or document required under applicable law.
101	(8) If a provision of this title or applicable law requiring a notice or document to be
102	provided to a party expressly requires verification or acknowledgment of receipt of the notice
103	or document, the notice or document may be delivered by electronic means only if the method
104	used provides for verification or acknowledgment of receipt.
105	(9) The legal effectiveness, validity, or enforceability of a contract or policy of
106	insurance executed by a party may not be denied solely because of the failure to obtain
107	electronic consent or confirmation of consent of the party in accordance with Subsection
108	(4)(c)(ii).
109	(10) This section does not apply to or affect a notice or document delivered by an
110	insurer in an electronic form before July 1, 2014, to a party who, before July 1, 2014, has
111	consented to receive the notice or document in an electronic form otherwise allowed by law.
112	(11) If the consent of a party to receive certain notices or documents in an electronic
113	form is on file with an insurer before July 1, 2014, and pursuant to this section, an insurer

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114	intends to deliver an additional notice or document to the party in an electronic form, then
115	before delivering the additional notices or documents electronically, the insurer shall notify the
116	party of:
117	(a) the notices or documents that may be delivered by electronic means under this
118	section that were not previously delivered electronically; and
119	(b) the party's right to withdraw consent to have notices or documents delivered by
120	electronic means.
121	(12) (a) Except as otherwise provided by Section 31A-21-102, if an oral
122	communication or a recording of an oral communication from a party can be reliably stored and
123	reproduced by an insurer, the oral communication or recording may qualify as a notice or
124	document delivered by electronic means for purposes of this section.
125	(b) If a provision of this title or applicable law requires a signature, notice, or
126	document to be notarized, acknowledged, verified, or made under oath, the requirement is
127	satisfied if the electronic signature of the party authorized to perform those acts, together with
128	all other information required to be included by the provision, is attached to or logically
129	associated with the signature, notice, or document.
130	(13) This section may not be construed to modify, limit, or supersede the federal
131	Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, P. Law 106-229, as amended.
132	Section 2. Effective date.
133	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.