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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to insurance; creating the Insurance  
11 Data Security Act; defining terms; requiring licensed  
12 insurers to develop and maintain a comprehensive  
13 information security program based on certain  
14 factors; providing objectives of security program;  
15 requiring licensee to conduct certain assessment of  
16 risk factors and ensure sufficiency of safeguarding  
17 data policies and procedures; requiring use of data  
18 from assessment to determine design of information  
19 security program and necessary security measures;  
20 requiring licensee to be updated on cybersecurity  
21 threats and provide employees with certain training  
22 on threats; requiring board of directors or executive  
23 management of licensee to develop and maintain  
24 information security program and provide certain  
report to management; requiring licensee to select  
third-party service provider to protect information  
system and certain information; requiring licensee to  
monitor and adjust information security program;  
requiring licensee to create an incident response to  
cybersecurity threat plan; establishing requirements  
for plan; requiring certain insurers to submit  
certification of compliance with certain  
requirements; requiring Insurance Department to  
maintain certifications and certain documents for  
inspection; requiring certain persons to conduct  
investigation after cybersecurity threat;  
establishing terms of investigation; requiring  
remedial actions be taken after investigation;

1 requiring records on investigation be kept for  
2 certain time period; requiring licensees to notify  
3 Insurance Commissioner after cybersecurity threat in  
4 certain circumstances in certain form; establishing  
5 requirements of notification; requiring licensee to  
6 comply with Security Breach Notification Act;  
7 requiring licensee to notify certain persons after  
8 notifying Commissioner; requiring application of  
9 certain requirements after cybersecurity event to  
10 information system maintained by third-party  
11 provider; construing provision; requiring assuming  
12 insurers to provide notice of cybersecurity event to  
13 ceding insurers in certain timeframe; requiring  
14 ceding insurers to notify certain persons; requiring  
15 licensee to notify certain persons who accessed  
16 licensee's services in certain manner about  
17 cybersecurity event; providing exception; authorizing  
18 Commissioner to examine and investigate licensees;  
19 authorizing Commissioner to enforce provisions of  
20 act; declaring certain documents and materials kept  
21 pursuant to this act as confidential and not subject  
22 to certain legal actions; authorizing Commissioner to  
23 use documents and materials in certain legal actions;  
24 prohibiting certain persons from being compelled to  
testify concerning the documents and materials;  
authorizing the Commissioner to receive and share  
certain documents with certain persons; authorizing  
Commissioner to enter into certain agreements;  
construing clause; classifying certain documents as  
confidential; providing exceptions to applicability  
of act; authorizing certain penalty for violation of  
act; authorizing Commissioner to promulgate rules;  
providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 670 of Title 36, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1        This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Insurance Data  
2 Security Act".

3        SECTION 2.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 671 of Title 36, unless there is  
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6        As used in this act:

7        1. "Authorized individual" means an individual known to and  
8 screened by the licensee and determined to be necessary and  
9 appropriate to have access to the nonpublic information held by the  
10 licensee and its information systems;

11       2. "Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner of this  
12 state;

13       3. "Consumer" means an individual including but not limited to  
14 applicants, policyholders, insureds, beneficiaries, claimants and  
15 certificate holders who are a resident of this state and whose  
16 nonpublic information is in the possession, custody or control of a  
17 licensee;

18       4. "Cybersecurity event" means an event resulting in  
19 unauthorized access to, disruption or misuse of, an information  
20 system or nonpublic information stored on the information system.

21       The term cybersecurity event shall not include the unauthorized  
22 acquisition of encrypted nonpublic information if the encryption,  
23 process or key is not also acquired, released or used without  
24 authorization. Cybersecurity event does not include an event in

1 which the licensee has determined that the nonpublic information  
2 accessed by an unauthorized person has not been used or released and  
3 has been returned or destroyed;

4 5. "Department" means the Insurance Department;

5 6. "Encrypted" means the transformation of data into a form  
6 which results in a low probability of assigning meaning without the  
7 use of a protective process or key;

8 7. "Information security program" means the administrative,  
9 technical and physical safeguards that a licensee uses to access,  
10 collect, distribute, process, protect, store, use, transmit, dispose  
11 of or otherwise handle nonpublic information;

12 8. "Information system" means a discrete set of electronic  
13 information resources organized for the collection, processing,  
14 maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination or disposition of  
15 electronic nonpublic information, as well as any specialized system  
16 such as industrial and process controls systems, telephone switching  
17 and private branch exchange systems and environmental control  
18 systems;

19 9. "Licensee" means any person licensed, authorized to operate  
20 or registered, or required to be licensed, authorized or registered  
21 pursuant to Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, provided, however,  
22 that it shall not include a purchasing group or a risk retention  
23 group chartered and licensed in a state other than this state or a  
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1 person that is acting as an assuming insurer that is domiciled in  
2 another state or jurisdiction;

3 10. "Multi-factor authentication" means authentication through  
4 verification of at least two (2) of the following types of  
5 authentication factors:

- 6 a. knowledge factors, such as a password,
- 7 b. possession factors, such as a token or text message on  
8 a mobile phone, or
- 9 c. inherence factors, such as a biometric characteristic;

10 11. "Non-public information" means electronic information that  
11 is not publicly available and is:

- 12 a. business related information of a licensee, of which  
13 the tampering with or unauthorized disclosure, access  
14 or use of would cause a material adverse impact to the  
15 business, operations or security of the licensee,
- 16 b. any information concerning a consumer that, because of  
17 name, number, personal mark or other identifier, can  
18 be used to identify him or her, in combination with  
19 any one or more of the following data elements:
  - 20 (1) Social Security number,
  - 21 (2) driver license number or nondriver identification  
22 card number,
  - 23 (3) financial account number, credit or debit card  
24 number,

1 (4) any security code, access code or password that  
2 would permit access to a consumer's financial  
3 account, or

4 (5) biometric records, and

5 c. any information or data, except age or gender, in any  
6 form or medium created by or derived from a health  
7 care provider or a consumer that can be used to  
8 identify a particular consumer and that relates to:

9 (1) the past, present or future physical, mental or  
10 behavioral health or condition of any consumer  
11 or a member of the family of the consumer,

12 (2) the provision of health care to any consumer, or

13 (3) payment for the provision of health care to any  
14 consumer;

15 12. "Person" means any individual or any nongovernmental  
16 entity including but not limited to any nongovernmental  
17 partnership, corporation, branch, agency or association;

18 13. "Publicly available information" means any information that  
19 a licensee has reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made  
20 available to the general public from federal, state or local  
21 government records, widely distributed media or disclosures to the  
22 general public that are required to be made by federal, state or  
23 local law.  
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1 For the purposes of this definition, a licensee has a reasonable  
2 basis to believe that information is lawfully made available to the  
3 general public if the licensee has taken steps to determine:

- 4 a. that the information is of the type that is available  
5 to the general public, and
- 6 b. whether a consumer can direct that the information not  
7 be made available to the general public and, if so,  
8 that such consumer has not done so; and

9 14. "Third-party service provider" means a person, not  
10 otherwise defined as a licensee, that contracts with a licensee to  
11 maintain, process, store or otherwise is permitted access to  
12 nonpublic information through its provision of services to the  
13 licensee.

14 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 672 of Title 36, unless there is  
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Each licensee in this state shall develop, implement and  
18 maintain a comprehensive written information security program based  
19 on the risk assessment of the licensee provided for in this act and  
20 that contains administrative, technical and physical safeguards for  
21 the protection of nonpublic information and the information system of  
22 the licensee. The program shall be commensurate with the size and  
23 complexity of the licensee, the nature and scope of the activities  
24 of the licensee including its use of third-party service providers

1 and the sensitivity of the nonpublic information used by the  
2 licensee or in the possession, custody or control of the licensee,

3 B. An information security program of a licensee shall be  
4 designed to:

5 1. Protect the security and confidentiality of nonpublic  
6 information and the security of the information system;

7 2. Protect against any threats or hazards to the security or  
8 integrity of nonpublic information and the information system;

9 3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of nonpublic  
10 information, and minimize the likelihood of harm to any consumer;

11 and

12 4. Define and periodically reevaluate a schedule for retention  
13 of nonpublic information and a mechanism for its destruction when no  
14 longer needed.

15 C. The licensee shall:

16 1. Designate one or more employees, an affiliate or an outside  
17 vendor designated to act on behalf of the licensee who is

18 responsible for the information security program;

19 2. Identify reasonably foreseeable internal or external threats  
20 that could result in unauthorized access, transmission, disclosure,  
21 misuse, alteration or destruction of nonpublic information including  
22 the security of information systems and nonpublic information that  
23 are accessible to, or held by, third-party service providers;



1        3. Assess the likelihood and potential damage of these threats,  
2 taking into consideration the sensitivity of the nonpublic  
3 information;

4        4. Assess the sufficiency of policies, procedures, information  
5 systems and other safeguards in place to manage these threats,  
6 including consideration of threats in each relevant area of the  
7 operations of the licensee including:

8            a. employee training and management,

9            b. information systems, including network and software  
10            design, as well as information classification,  
11            governance, processing, storage, transmission and  
12            disposal, and

13           c. detecting, preventing and responding to attacks,  
14           intrusions or other systems failures; and

15        5. Implement information safeguards to manage the threats  
16 identified in its ongoing assessment, and no less than annually,  
17 assess the effectiveness of the key controls, systems and procedures  
18 of the safeguards.

19        D. Based on the results of the risk assessment, the licensee  
20 shall:

21           1. Design its information security program to mitigate the  
22 identified risks, commensurate with the size and complexity of the  
23 licensee, the nature and scope of the activities of the licensee  
24 including its use of third-party service providers, and the

1 sensitivity of the nonpublic information used by the licensee or in  
2 the possession, custody or control of the licensee;

3 2. Determine which security measures listed below are  
4 appropriate and implement such security measures:

- 5 a. place access controls on information systems  
6 including controls to authenticate and permit access  
7 only to authorized individuals to protect against the  
8 unauthorized acquisition of nonpublic information,
- 9 b. identify and manage the data, personnel, devices,  
10 systems and facilities that enable the organization to  
11 achieve business purposes in accordance with their  
12 relative importance to business objectives and the risk  
13 strategy of the organization,
- 14 c. restrict physical access to nonpublic information, to  
15 authorized individuals only,
- 16 d. protect by encryption or other appropriate means, all  
17 nonpublic information while being transmitted over an  
18 external network and all nonpublic information stored  
19 on a laptop computer or other portable computing or  
20 storage device or media,
- 21 e. adopt secure development practices for in-house  
22 developed applications utilized by the licensee,
- 23 f. modify the information system in accordance with the  
24 information security program of the licensee,

- g. utilize effective controls, which may include multi-factor authentication procedures for accessing nonpublic information,
- h. regularly test and monitor systems and procedures to detect actual and attempted attacks on, or intrusions into, information systems,
- i. include audit trails within the information security program designed to detect and respond to cybersecurity events and designed to reconstruct material financial transactions sufficient to support normal operations and obligations of the licensee,
- j. implement measures to protect against destruction, loss or damage of nonpublic information due to environmental hazards such as fire and water damage or other catastrophic events or technological failures, and
- k. develop, implement and maintain procedures for the secure disposal of nonpublic information in any format;

3. Include cybersecurity risks in the enterprise risk management process of the licensee;

4. Stay informed regarding emerging threats or vulnerabilities and utilize reasonable security measures when sharing information relative to the character of the sharing and the type of information shared; and

1        5. Provide its personnel with cybersecurity awareness training  
2 that is updated as necessary, to reflect risks identified by the  
3 licensee in the risk assessment.

4        E. If the licensee has a board of directors, the board or an  
5 appropriate committee of the board shall, at a minimum:

6        1. Require the executive management of the licensee of its  
7 delegates to develop, implement and maintain the information  
8 security program of the licensee;

9        2. Require the executive management of the licensee or its  
10 delegates to report in writing, annually, the following information:

- 11            a. the overall status of the information security program  
12            and the compliance of the licensee with this act, and  
13            b. material matters related to the information security  
14            program, addressing issues such as risk assessment,  
15            risk management and control decisions, third-party  
16            service provider arrangements, results of testing,  
17            cybersecurity events or violations and responses of  
18            the management to those events or violations and  
19            recommendations for changes in the information  
20            security program; and

21        3. If executive management delegates any of its  
22 responsibilities, it shall oversee the development, implementation  
23 and maintenance of the information security program of the licensee  
24 prepared by the delegate or delegates and shall receive a report

1 from the delegate or delegates complying with the requirements of  
2 the report to the board.

3 F. A licensee shall exercise due diligence in selecting its  
4 third-party service provider and shall require the provider to  
5 implement appropriate administrative, technical and physical  
6 measures to protect and secure the information systems and nonpublic  
7 information that are accessible to, or held by, the third-party  
8 service provider.

9 G. The licensee shall monitor, evaluate and adjust, as  
10 appropriate, the information security program consistent with any  
11 relevant changes in technology, the sensitivity of its nonpublic  
12 information, internal or external threats to information and the  
13 changing business arrangements of the licensee, such as mergers and  
14 acquisitions, alliances and joint ventures, outsourcing arrangements  
15 and changes to information systems.

16 H. As part of its information security program, each licensee  
17 shall establish a written incident response plan designed to  
18 promptly respond to, and recover from, any cybersecurity event that  
19 compromises the confidentiality, integrity or availability of  
20 nonpublic information in its possession, the information systems of  
21 the licensee or the continuing functionality of any aspect of the  
22 business or operations of the licensee.

23 The incident response plan shall address the following areas:

24 1. The internal process for responding to a cybersecurity event;

1        2. The goals of the incident response plan;

2        3. The definition of clear roles, responsibilities and levels of  
3 decision-making authority;

4        4. External and internal communications and information sharing;

5        5. Identification of requirements for the remediation of any  
6 identified weaknesses in information systems and associated  
7 controls;

8        6. Documentation and reporting regarding cybersecurity events  
9 and related incident response activities; and

10       7. The evaluation and revision as necessary of the incident  
11 response plan following a cybersecurity event.

12       I. Annually, each insurer domiciled in this state shall submit  
13 to the Insurance Commissioner a written statement by February 15,  
14 certifying that the insurer complies with the requirements set forth  
15 in Section 663 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Each insurer  
16 shall maintain, for examination by the Insurance Department, all  
17 records, schedules and data supporting this certificate for a period  
18 of five (5) years. To the extent an insurer has identified areas,  
19 systems or processes that require material improvement, updating or  
20 redesign, the insurer shall document the identification and the  
21 remedial efforts planned and underway to address such areas, systems  
22 or processes. The documentation shall be available for inspection by  
23 the Commissioner upon request.

1       SECTION 4.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 673 of Title 36, unless there is  
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. If the licensee learns that a cybersecurity event has or  
5 may have occurred the licensee, or an outside vendor or service  
6 provider designated to act on behalf of the licensee, shall conduct  
7 a prompt investigation.

8       B. During the investigation, the licensee, or an outside  
9 vendor or service provider designated to act on behalf of the  
10 licensee, shall, at a minimum determine as much of the following  
11 information as possible:

12       1. Whether a cybersecurity event has occurred;

13       2. The nature and scope of the cybersecurity event;

14       3. Any nonpublic information that may have been involved in the  
15 cybersecurity event; and

16       4. Reasonable measures to restore the security of the  
17 information systems compromised in the cybersecurity event in order  
18 to prevent further unauthorized acquisition, release or use of  
19 nonpublic information in the possession, custody or control of the  
20 licensee.

21       C. The licensee shall maintain records concerning all  
22 cybersecurity events for a period of at least five (5) years from  
23 the date of the cybersecurity event and shall produce those records  
24 upon request by the Insurance Commissioner.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 674 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every licensee shall notify the Insurance Commissioner without unreasonable delay, but not later than three (3) business days, from a determination that a cybersecurity event involving nonpublic information that is in the possession of a licensee has occurred when either of the following criteria has been met:

1. This state is the state of domicile of the licensee, in the case of an insurer, or this state is the home state of the licensee, in the case of a producer, as those terms are defined in the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act, Sections 1435.1 through 1435.41 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the cybersecurity event has a reasonable likelihood of substantially harming a material part of the normal operations of the licensee or any consumer residing in this state; or

2. The licensee reasonably believes that the nonpublic information involved is of two hundred fifty (250) or more consumers residing in this state and is either of the following:

a. a cybersecurity event impacting the licensee of which notice is required to be provided to any government body, self-regulatory agency or any other supervisory body pursuant to any state or federal law, or



b. a cybersecurity event that has a reasonable likelihood of materially harming:

(1) any consumer residing in this state, or

(2) any material part of the normal operation or operations of the licensee.

B. The licensee making the notification required in subsection A of this section shall provide as much of the following information as possible, in a form to be prescribed by the Commissioner:

1. Date of the cybersecurity event;

2. Description of how the information was exposed, lost, stolen or breached including the specific roles and responsibilities of third-party service providers, if any;

3. How the cybersecurity event was discovered;

4. Whether any lost, stolen or breached information has been recovered and, if so, how this was done;

5. The identity of the source of the cybersecurity event;

6. Whether the licensee has filed a police report or has notified any regulatory, government or law enforcement agencies and, if so, when such notification was provided;

7. Description of the specific types of information acquired without authorization. Specific types of information means particular data elements including, but not limited to, types of medical information, financial information or information allowing identification of the consumer;

1        8. The period during which the information system was  
2 compromised by the cybersecurity event;

3        9. The number of total consumers in this state affected by the  
4 cybersecurity event. The licensee shall provide the best estimate  
5 in the initial report to the Commissioner and update this estimate  
6 with each subsequent report to the Commissioner pursuant to this  
7 section;

8        10. The results of any internal review identifying a lapse in  
9 either automated controls or internal procedures, or confirming that  
10 all automated controls or internal procedures were followed;

11       11. Description of efforts being undertaken to remediate the  
12 situation which permitted the cybersecurity event to occur;

13       12. A copy of the privacy policy of the licensee and a  
14 statement outlining the steps the licensee will take to investigate  
15 and notify consumers affected by the cybersecurity event; and

16       13. Name of a contact person who is both familiar with the  
17 cybersecurity event and authorized to act for the licensee.

18       The licensee shall have a continuing obligation to update and  
19 supplement initial and subsequent notifications to the Commissioner  
20 regarding material changes to previously provided information  
21 relating to the cybersecurity event.

22       C. A licensee shall comply with the procedures of the Security  
23 Breach Notification Act, Section 161 et seq. of Title 24 of the  
24 Oklahoma Statutes, to notify affected consumers and provide a copy

1 of the notice sent to consumers under that statute to the  
2 Commissioner, when a licensee is required to notify the Commissioner  
3 under subsection A of this section.

4 D. 1. In the case of a cybersecurity event in a system  
5 maintained by a third-party service provider, of which the licensee  
6 has become aware, the licensee shall treat the event as it would  
7 under subsection A of this section unless the third-party service  
8 provider provides the notice required under subsection A of this  
9 section to the Commissioner and the licensee.

10 2. The computation of deadlines of the licensee shall begin on  
11 the day after the third-party service provider notifies the licensee  
12 of the cybersecurity event or the licensee otherwise has actual  
13 knowledge of the cybersecurity event, whichever is sooner.

14 3. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent or abrogate an  
15 agreement between a licensee and another licensee, a third-party  
16 service provider or any other party to fulfill any of the  
17 investigation requirements imposed or notice requirements imposed  
18 under this act.

19 E. 1. In the case of a cybersecurity event involving nonpublic  
20 information that is used by the licensee that is acting as an  
21 assuming insurer, or in the possession, custody or control of a  
22 licensee, that is acting as an assuming insurer and that does not  
23 have a direct contractual relationship with the affected consumers,  
24 the assuming insurer shall notify its affected ceding insurers and

1 the Commissioner of its state of domicile within three (3) business  
2 days of making the determination that a cybersecurity event has  
3 occurred. The ceding insurers that have a direct contractual  
4 relationship with affected consumers shall fulfill the consumer  
5 notification requirements imposed under the Security Breach  
6 Notification Act, Section 161 et seq. of Title 24 of the Oklahoma  
7 Statutes and any other notification requirements relating to a  
8 cybersecurity event imposed under this section.

9       2. In the case of a cybersecurity event involving nonpublic  
10 information that is in the possession, custody or control of a  
11 third-party service provider of a licensee that is an assuming  
12 insurer, the assuming insurer shall notify its affected ceding  
13 insurers and the Commissioner of its state of domicile within three  
14 (3) business days of receiving notice from its third-party service  
15 provider that a cybersecurity event has occurred. The ceding  
16 insurers that have a direct contractual relationship with affected  
17 consumers shall fulfill the consumer notification requirements  
18 imposed under Security Breach Notification Act, Section 161 et seq.  
19 of Title 24 of the Oklahoma Statutes and any other notification  
20 requirements relating to a cybersecurity event imposed under this  
21 section.

22       F. In the case of a cybersecurity event involving nonpublic  
23 information that is in the possession, custody or control of a  
24 licensee that is an insurer or its third-party service provider for

1 which a consumer accessed the services of the insurer through an  
2 independent insurance producer, and for which consumer notice is  
3 required by this act or the Security Breach Notification Act,  
4 Section 161 et seq. of Title 24 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the  
5 insurer shall notify the producers of record of all affected  
6 consumers of the cybersecurity event no later than the time at which  
7 notice is provided to the affected consumers.

8 The insurer is excused from this obligation for any producers  
9 who are not authorized by law or contract to sell, solicit or  
10 negotiate on behalf of the insurer, and in those instances in which  
11 the insurer does not have the current producer of record information  
12 for an individual consumer. Any licensee acting as an assuming  
13 insurer shall have no other notice obligations relating to a  
14 cybersecurity event or other data breach under this section or any  
15 other law of this state.

16 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 675 of Title 36, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Insurance Commissioner shall have power to examine and  
20 investigate the affairs of any licensee to determine whether the  
21 licensee has been or is engaged in any conduct in violation of the  
22 provisions of this act. This power is in addition to the powers  
23 which the Commissioner has under Section 309.1 through 309.6 of  
24 Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any investigation or examination

1 shall be conducted pursuant to Section 309.1 through 309.6 of Title  
2 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 B. Whenever the Commissioner has reason to believe that a  
4 licensee has been or is engaged in conduct in this state that  
5 violates any provision of this act, the Commissioner may take action  
6 that is necessary or appropriate to enforce the provisions.

7 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 676 of Title 36, unless there is  
9 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. Any documents, materials or other information in the control  
11 or possession of the Insurance Department that are furnished by a  
12 licensee or an employee or agent thereof acting on behalf of a  
13 licensee pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 and Section 5 of  
14 this act or that are obtained by the Insurance Commissioner in an  
15 investigation or examination pursuant to Section 6 of this act shall  
16 be confidential by law and privileged, shall not be subject to the  
17 Oklahoma Open Records Act, shall not be subject to subpoena, and  
18 shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any  
19 private civil action. However, the Commissioner is authorized to  
20 use the documents, materials or other information in the furtherance  
21 of any regulatory or legal action brought as a part of the  
22 Commissioner's duties. The Commissioner shall not otherwise make  
23 the documents, materials or other information public without the  
24 prior written consent of the licensee.

1       B. Neither the Commissioner nor any person who received  
2 documents, materials or other information while acting under the  
3 authority of the Commissioner shall be permitted or required to  
4 testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential  
5 documents, materials or information subject to subsection A of this  
6 section.

7       C. In order to assist in the performance of the duties of the  
8 Commissioner under this act, the Commissioner:

9       1. May share documents, materials or other information,  
10 including the confidential and privileged documents, materials or  
11 information subject to subsection A of this section, with other  
12 state, federal and international regulatory agencies, with the  
13 National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates  
14 or subsidiaries and with state, federal and international law  
15 enforcement authorities, provided that the recipient agrees in  
16 writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the  
17 document, material or other information;

18       2. May receive documents, materials or information, including  
19 otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials or  
20 information, from the National Association of Insurance  
21 Commissioners, its affiliates or subsidiaries and from regulatory  
22 and law enforcement officials of other foreign or domestic  
23 jurisdictions, and shall maintain as confidential or privileged any  
24 document, material or information received with notice or the

1 understanding that it is confidential or privileged under the laws  
2 of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document, material or  
3 information;

4 3. May share documents, materials or other information subject  
5 to subsection A of this section, with a third-party consultant or  
6 vendor, provided the consultant agrees in writing to maintain the  
7 confidentiality and privileged status of the document, material or  
8 other information; and

9 4. May enter into agreements governing sharing and use of  
10 information consistent with this subsection.

11 D. No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of  
12 confidentiality in the documents, materials or information shall  
13 occur as a result of disclosure to the Commissioner under this  
14 section or as a result of sharing as authorized in subsection C of  
15 this section.

16 E. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the Commissioner from  
17 releasing final, adjudicated actions that are open to public  
18 inspection pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act to a database  
19 or other clearinghouse service maintained by the National  
20 Association of Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates or  
21 subsidiaries.

22 F. Documents, materials or other information in the possession  
23 or control of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or  
24 a third-party consultant or vendor pursuant to this act shall be



1 confidential by law and privileged, shall not be subject to the  
2 Oklahoma Open Records Act, shall not be subject to subpoena, and  
3 shall not be subject to discovery or admissible as evidence in any  
4 private civil action.

5 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 677 of Title 36, unless there is  
7 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. The Insurance Commissioner shall promulgate rules to  
9 implement the provisions of this section.

10 B. The following exceptions shall apply to this act:

11 1. A licensee with fewer than ten (10) employees, including any  
12 independent contractors, is exempt from Section 3 of this act;

13 2. A licensee subject to the Health Insurance Portability and  
14 Accountability Act, Pub.L. 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936, as amended, that  
15 has established and maintains an Information Security Program  
16 pursuant to such statutes, rules, regulations, procedures or  
17 guidelines established thereunder, will be considered to meet the  
18 requirements of Section 3 of this act, provided that the licensee is  
19 compliant with, and submits a written statement to the Commissioner  
20 certifying its compliance with, the same; and

21 3. An employee, agent, representative or designee of a  
22 licensee, who is also a licensee, is exempt from Section 3 of this  
23 act and shall not be required to develop its own information  
24 security program to the extent that the employee, agent,

1 representative or designee is covered by the information security  
2 program of the licensee.

3 C. In the event that a licensee ceases to qualify for an  
4 exception, the licensee shall have one hundred eighty (180) days to  
5 comply with the provisions of this act.

6 D. In the case of a violation of this act, a licensee may be  
7 penalized in accordance with Sections 908 and 1435.26 of Title 36 of  
8 the Oklahoma Statutes, or any other provision providing for  
9 penalties that the licensee is subject to under the license or  
10 permit of the licensee.

11 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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