PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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COMMISSIONER OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION ("Division")

The following document is the initial draft regulation proposed by the Division. The Division

solicited comments from the industry on the proposed regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(1)

to determine whether the regulations would likely impose a direct and significant economic burden

upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

The Division considered all comments and revised language and/or requirements that would cause

unnecessary efforts on the part of licensees, if it did not impact the consumer protection

responsibility of the Division.

The revisions and/or omissions are in the following proposed regulations.

Purpose: To adopt regulations under the Nevada Administrative Code to implement

Assembly Bill No. 21 (2023), which amends Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 671

by adding provisions related to money transmission.

Authority: NRS 671.030

Explanation: Material in *blue bold italics* is new language; material in **[bold brackets]** is to be

omitted from current regulation. All comments received from the small business impact notice were considered but not all could be addressed. The matters addressed are referenced in this draft as *italics* for revised and matters in brackets

[omitted material] is language to be omitted.

- Section 1. Chapter 671 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this regulation.
- Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in this chapter have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections and sections 4 through 32 of Assembly Bill 21.
- Sec. 3. All licensees shall create and maintain an information security program to safeguard the nonpublic personal information of customers to the extent required by 16 C.F.R. Part 314 (the "Safeguards Rule"). The Division may review, to the extent applicable, licensee's information security programs, risk assessments, incident response plans, and other required elements of the Safeguards Rule.
- Sec. 4. [NAC 671.005 "Licensee" defined. (NRS 671.030) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, "licensee" means any person licensed pursuant to this chapter and chapter 671 of NRS.]
- Sec. 5. [NAC 671.007 Requirements for issuance of license to business entity. (NRS 671.030, 671.055) If an application for a license is submitted by a business entity, the Commissioner will not issue a license to the applicant unless each partner, principal officer, director and trustee, whichever are applicable to the business entity, satisfies the requirements of NRS 671.055.]
- **Sec. 6. NAC 671.020 Fees: Application for license.** An application for a license submitted pursuant to NRS 671.050 must be accompanied by:
- 1. A nonrefundable *application* fee of [\$375] \$500; and
- 2. A license fee of [\$300] \$400, [prorated by the Commissioner].

Sec. 7. NAC 671.030 Fees: Renewal of license; reinstatement of expired license.

- 1. A licensee shall pay annually to the Division a fee of [\$300] \$400 for the renewal of his or her license.
- 2. If the Commissioner reinstates an expired license, the licensee shall pay a reinstatement fee of [\$300] \$400 in addition to the renewal fee prescribed in subsection 1.

Sec.8. [NAC 671.040 Fees: Application and license for agent of licensee. (NRS 671.030, 671.090) An agent who must be licensed pursuant to NRS 671.090 shall pay to the Division:

- 1. An application fee of \$250; and
- 2. A license fee of \$250.
- Sec. 9. NAC 671.075 Maintenance of [separate custodial or trust] bank accounts [and related records]. (NRS 671.030)
- 1. Except as provided in subsection 5, {Every} a licensee shall maintain a separate {eustodial or trust} bank account held for the benefit of the licensee's customers in a {bank or credit union that is} federally or privately insured depository institution. {in which must be deposited all money collected by the licensee.} [The account must be maintained in a bank or credit union located in this State and bear some title] The title of the account must be sufficient to distinguish it from the licensee's personal or general checking account, such as "customers funds account" [and to designate it as a trust account, such as "customer's trust [fund] account"] [or "for the benefit of customers."] [The account must at all times contain sufficient money to pay all money due or owing to all customers, and no disbursement may be made from the account except to customers or to pay costs advanced for those customers, except that a licensee may periodically withdraw from the account such money as may accrue to the licensee from

collections deposited or from adjustments resulting from costs advanced and payments made directly to customers.]

- 2. Every authorized delegate shall at all times maintain a separate bank account held for the benefit of the licensee in a -custodial or trust account in a bank or credit union that is federally or privately insured depository institution—in which must be deposited all money collected on behalf of the licensee. The title of the account must be sufficient to distinguish it from the authorized delegate's personal or general checking account.—and—to—designate—it—as—a trust account—or for the benefit of account, such as "for the benefit of [licensee's name]." An authorized delegate must remit and handle money, credits and monetary value in accordance with the terms of the contract with the licensee.]
- [[2.] 3. Every licensee and authorized delegate maintaining a separate bank account eustodial or trust account shall keep a record of all money deposited in the account, which must indicate clearly the date and from whom the money was received, the date deposited, the dates of withdrawals and other pertinent information concerning the transaction, and which must show clearly for whose account the money is deposited and to whom the money belongs. The records and money are subject to inspection by the Commissioner or an authorized representative of the Commissioner. The records must be maintained [at the premises in this State at which the licensee is authorized to conduct business.] in accordance with NRS 671.]
- **[[3.]**—3. The licensee *and authorized delegate* shall reconcile each—*eustodial or trust*—account established pursuant to subsection 1 on a monthly basis.
- [4.] 5. If the Commissioner finds that a licensee's or authorized delegates records are not maintained pursuant to subsections 2 and 3, the Commissioner may require the licensee or

ticensee or authorized delegate by a certified public accountant who is in good standing in the state where the report is prepared. [holds a certificate to engage in the practice of public accounting in this State.] The statement must be submitted within 60 days after the Commissioner requests it. The Commissioner may grant a reasonable extension for the submission of the financial statement if an extension is requested before the statement is due.

[5.] 6. 4.-If any money or credits received for transmission by a licensee or authorized delegate in a custodial or trust account of a licensee or authorized delegate becomes presumed abandoned pursuant to NRS 120A.500, the licensee shall comply with the provisions of chapter 120A of NRS with respect to the money.]

5. If a licensee does not collect money or credit belonging to another, an exemption from subsection 1 may be granted by submitting a request to the Commissioner along with their business model and any other documentation demonstrating the money or credit does not belong to another. The Commissioner may request additional information or documentation that may be needed to process the request.

Sec. 10. [NAC 671.090 Inspection of documents filed with Division. (NRS 671.030) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 671.100 and 671.130 and NRS 671.170, all papers, documents, reports and other written instruments filed with the Division pursuant to this chapter and chapter 671 of NRS are open to public inspection unless the Commissioner determines that the information is required to be withheld to protect the public welfare or the welfare of a licensee.]

Sec. 11. NAC 671.095 Confidentiality of records. (NRS 671.030) In addition to the records deemed confidential in sections 37 and 78 of Assembly Bill 21, [An] an application for a license

and financial records [, if any,] submitted by an applicant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and chapter 671 of NRS, financial records or other documents submitted by a licensee pursuant to an audit or examination conducted by the Division and any report of examination made by the Division are confidential and may be disclosed only to:

- 1. The Division, an authorized employee of the Division or an agency of this State, any other state or the Federal Government that is investigating the activities of an applicant or a licensee; or
- 2. Any person if the Commissioner determines, in the Commissioner's sole discretion, that the public interest in disclosure of the information outweighs the interest of the applicant or licensee.