	INSURANCE LICENSEE AMENDMENTS
	2015 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
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LONG '	TITLE
General	l Description:
]	This bill modifies the Insurance Code to address licensees.
Highlig	hted Provisions:
]	This bill:
•	• addresses the amount and type of noncommission compensation;
•	• modifies the disclosure requirements related to health benefit plans; and
•	 makes technical and conforming amendments.
Money .	Appropriated in this Bill:
1	None
Other S	pecial Clauses:
1	None
Utah Co	ode Sections Affected:
AMENI	DS:
3	31A-23a-501 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapters 290 and 300
Be it end	acted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
S	Section 1. Section 31A-23a-501 is amended to read:
3	31A-23a-501. Licensee compensation.
((1) As used in this section:
((a) "Commission compensation" includes funds paid to or credited for the benefit of a
licensee	from:
(i) commission amounts deducted from insurance premiums on insurance sold by or

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30	placed through the licensee;
31	(ii) commission amounts received from an insurer or another licensee as a result of the
32	sale or placement of insurance; or
33	(iii) overrides, bonuses, contingent bonuses, or contingent commissions received from
34	an insurer or another licensee as a result of the sale or placement of insurance.
35	(b) (i) "Compensation from an insurer or third party administrator" means
36	commissions, fees, awards, overrides, bonuses, contingent commissions, loans, stock options,
37	gifts, prizes, or any other form of valuable consideration:
38	(A) whether or not payable pursuant to a written agreement; and
39	(B) received from:
40	(I) an insurer; or
41	(II) a third party to the transaction for the sale or placement of insurance.
42	(ii) "Compensation from an insurer or third party administrator" does not mean
43	compensation from a customer that is:
44	(A) a fee or pass-through costs as provided in Subsection (1)(e); or
45	(B) a fee or amount collected by or paid to the producer that does not exceed an
46	amount established by the commissioner by administrative rule.
47	(c) (i) "Customer" means:
48	(A) the person signing the application or submission for insurance; or
49	(B) the authorized representative of the insured actually negotiating the placement of
50	insurance with the producer.
51	(ii) "Customer" does not mean a person who is a participant or beneficiary of:
52	(A) an employee benefit plan; or
53	(B) a group or blanket insurance policy or group annuity contract sold, solicited, or
54	negotiated by the producer or affiliate.
55	(d) (i) "Noncommission compensation" includes all funds paid to or credited for the
56	benefit of a licensee other than commission compensation.
57	(ii) "Noncommission compensation" does not include charges for pass-through costs

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58	incurred by the licensee in connection with obtaining, placing, or servicing an insurance policy.
59	(e) "Pass-through costs" include:
60	(i) costs for copying documents to be submitted to the insurer; and
61	(ii) bank costs for processing cash or credit card payments.
62	(2) A licensee may receive from an insured or from a person purchasing an insurance
63	policy, noncommission compensation if the noncommission compensation is stated on a
64	separate, written disclosure.
65	(a) The disclosure required by this Subsection (2) shall:
66	(i) include the signature of the insured or prospective insured acknowledging the
67	noncommission compensation;
68	(ii) clearly specify:
69	(A) the amount [or extent] of [the] any known noncommission compensation; and
70	(B) the type and amount, if known, of any potential and contingent noncommission
71	compensation; and
72	(iii) be provided to the insured or prospective insured before the performance of the
73	service.
74	(b) Noncommission compensation shall be:
75	(i) limited to actual or reasonable expenses incurred for services; and
76	(ii) uniformly applied to all insureds or prospective insureds in a class or classes of
77	business or for a specific service or services.
78	(c) A copy of the signed disclosure required by this Subsection (2) shall be maintained
79	by any licensee who collects or receives the noncommission compensation or any portion of
80	the noncommission compensation.
81	(d) All accounting records relating to noncommission compensation shall be
82	maintained by the person described in Subsection (2)(c) in a manner that facilitates an audit.
83	(3) (a) A licensee may receive noncommission compensation when acting as a
84	producer for the insured in connection with the actual sale or placement of insurance if:
85	(i) the producer and the insured have agreed on the producer's noncommission

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86	compensation; and
87	(ii) the producer has disclosed to the insured the existence and source of any other
88	compensation that accrues to the producer as a result of the transaction.
89	(b) The disclosure required by this Subsection (3) shall:
90	(i) include the signature of the insured or prospective insured acknowledging the
91	noncommission compensation;
92	(ii) clearly specify:
93	(A) the amount [or extent] of [the] any known noncommission compensation [and];
94	(B) the type and amount, if known, of any potential and contingent noncommission
95	compensation; and
96	(C) the existence and source of any other compensation; and
97	(iii) be provided to the insured or prospective insured before the performance of the
98	service.
99	(c) The following additional noncommission compensation is authorized:
100	(i) compensation received by a producer of a compensated corporate surety who under
101	procedures approved by a rule or order of the commissioner is paid by surety bond principal
102	debtors for extra services;
103	(ii) compensation received by an insurance producer who is also licensed as a public
104	adjuster under Section 31A-26-203, for services performed for an insured in connection with a
105	claim adjustment, so long as the producer does not receive or is not promised compensation for
106	aiding in the claim adjustment prior to the occurrence of the claim;
107	(iii) compensation received by a consultant as a consulting fee, provided the consultant
108	complies with the requirements of Section 31A-23a-401; or
109	(iv) other compensation arrangements approved by the commissioner after a finding
110	that they do not violate Section 31A-23a-401 and are not harmful to the public.
111	(d) Subject to Section 31A-23a-402.5, a producer for the insured may receive
112	compensation from an insured through an insurer, for the negotiation and sale of a health
113	benefit plan, if there is a separate written agreement between the insured and the licensee for

- 114 the compensation. An insurer who passes through the compensation from the insured to the
- 115 licensee under this Subsection (3)(d) is not providing direct or indirect compensation or
- 116 commission compensation to the licensee.
- 117 (4) (a) For purposes of this Subsection (4)[, "producer" includes]:
- 118 (i) "Large customer" means an employer who, with respect to a calendar year and to a
- 119 plan year:
- 120 (A) employed an average of at least 100 eligible employees on each business day
- 121 during the preceding calendar year; and
- 122 (B) employs at least two employees on the first day of the plan year.
- 123 (ii) "Producer" includes:

124 $[(i)] (\underline{A})$ a producer;

- 125 [(ii)] (B) an affiliate of a producer; or
- 126 [(iii)] (C) a consultant.
- (b) A producer may not accept or receive any compensation from an insurer or third
 party administrator for the initial placement of a health benefit plan, other than a hospital
 confinement indemnity policy, unless prior to [the] <u>a large</u> customer's initial purchase of the
 health benefit plan the producer discloses in writing to the <u>large</u> customer that the producer will
 receive compensation from the insurer or third party administrator for the placement of
 insurance, including the amount or type of compensation known to the producer at the time of
 the disclosure.
- 134 (c) A producer shall:
- (i) obtain the <u>large</u> customer's signed acknowledgment that the disclosure under
 Subsection (4)(b) was made to the large customer; or

(ii) (A) sign a statement that the disclosure required by Subsection (4)(b) was made to
the <u>large</u> customer; and

- (B) keep the signed statement on file in the producer's office while the health benefitplan placed with the <u>large</u> customer is in force.
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(d) [(i)] A licensee who collects or receives any part of the compensation from an

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142	insurer or third party administrator in a manner that facilitates an audit shall, while the health
143	benefit plan placed with the large customer is in force, maintain a copy of:
144	[(A)] (i) the signed acknowledgment described in Subsection (4)(c)(i); or
145	[(B)] (ii) the signed statement described in Subsection (4)(c)(ii).
146	[(ii) The standard application developed in accordance with Section 31A-22-635 shall
147	include a place for a producer to provide the disclosure required by this Subsection (4), and if
148	completed, shall satisfy the requirement of Subsection (4)(d)(i).]
149	(e) Subsection (4)(c) does not apply to:
150	(i) a person licensed as a producer who acts only as an intermediary between an insurer
151	and the customer's producer, including a managing general agent; or
152	(ii) the placement of insurance in a secondary or residual market.
153	(f) (i) A producer shall provide to a large customer listed in this Subsection (4)(f) an
154	annual accounting, as defined by rule made by the department in accordance with Title 63G,
155	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, of all amounts the producer receives in
156	commission compensation from an insurer or third party administrator as a result of the sale or
157	placement of insurance to a large customer that is:
158	(A) the state;
159	(B) a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state or a combination thereof
160	primarily engaged in educational activities or the administration or servicing of educational
161	activities, including the State Board of Education and its instrumentalities, an institution of
162	higher education and its branches, a school district and its instrumentalities, a vocational and
163	technical school, and an entity arising out of a consolidation agreement between entities
164	described under this Subsection (4)(f)(i)(B);
165	(C) a county, city, town, local district under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local
166	Government Entities - Local Districts, special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1,
167	Special Service District Act, an entity created by an interlocal cooperation agreement under
168	Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, or any other governmental entity designated
169	in statute as a political subdivision of the state; or

170	(D) a quasi-public corporation, that has the same meaning as defined in Section
171	<u>63E-1-102.</u>
172	(ii) The department shall pattern the annual accounting required by this Subsection
173	(4)(f) on the insurance related information on Internal Revenue Service Form 5500 and its
174	relevant attachments.
175	(g) At the request of the department, a producer shall provide the department a copy of:
176	(i) a disclosure required by this Subsection (4); or
177	(ii) an Internal Revenue Service Form 5500 and its relevant attachments.
178	(5) This section does not alter the right of any licensee to recover from an insured the
179	amount of any premium due for insurance effected by or through that licensee or to charge a
180	reasonable rate of interest upon past-due accounts.
181	(6) This section does not apply to bail bond producers or bail enforcement agents as
182	defined in Section 31A-35-102.
183	(7) A licensee may not receive noncommission compensation from an insured or
184	enrollee for providing a service or engaging in an act that is required to be provided or
185	performed in order to receive commission compensation, except for the surplus lines
186	transactions that do not receive commissions.