

**60A.1296 CONFIDENTIALITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Actuarial opinion; public document.** The statement of actuarial opinion must be provided with the annual statement in accordance with the appropriate National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Property and Casualty Annual Statement Instructions and must be treated as a public document.

Subd. 2. **Supporting materials; confidential and privileged.** (a) Documents, materials, or other information in the possession or control of the Department of Commerce that are considered an actuarial report, workpapers, or actuarial opinion summary provided in support of the opinion, and any other material provided by the company to the commissioner in connection with the actuarial report, workpapers, or actuarial opinion summary, are confidential data on individuals or protected nonpublic data as defined in section 13.02, shall not be subject to subpoena, and shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action.

(b) This provision shall not be construed to limit the commissioner's authority to:

(1) release the documents to the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (ABCD) so long as the material is required for the purpose of professional disciplinary proceedings and the ABCD establishes procedures satisfactory to the commissioner for preserving the confidentiality of the documents; or

(2) use the documents, materials, or other information in furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought as part of the commissioner's official duties.

Subd. 3. **Protections.** Neither the commissioner nor any person who received the documents, materials, or other information while acting under the authority of the commissioner shall be permitted or required to testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential documents, materials, or information subject to subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. **Exceptions.** In order to assist in the performance of the commissioner's duties, the commissioner:

(1) may share documents, materials, or other information, including the confidential and privileged documents, materials, or information subject to subdivision 2 with other state, federal, and international regulatory agencies; with the NAIC and its affiliates and subsidiaries; and with state, federal, and international law enforcement authorities, provided that the recipient agrees to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the document, material, or other information and has the legal authority to maintain confidentiality;

(2) may receive documents, materials, or information, including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials, or information, from NAIC and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and from regulatory and law enforcement officials of other foreign or domestic jurisdictions, and shall maintain as confidential or privileged any document, material, or information received with notice or the understanding that it is confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document, material, or information; and

(3) may enter into agreements governing sharing and use of information consistent with subdivisions 2 to 4.

Subd. 5. **Nonwaiver.** No waiver of applicable privilege or claim of confidentiality in the documents, materials, or information shall occur as a result of disclosure to the commissioner under this section or as a result of sharing as authorized in subdivision 4.

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