221.173 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE.

(a) The commissioner may accept in lieu of a required document completed on paper, an electronically transmitted document authenticated by an electronic signature.

(b) The commissioner shall consult with the Department of Information Technology Services, which shall provide advice and assistance in establishing criteria and standards for authentication of electronic signatures and establishing to a reasonable certainty the validity, security, and linkage of a specific, unaltered, electronically transmitted document, its unforged signature, and its authorized signer.

(c) The commissioner may determine the technology or system to be used, which may include a private key/public key system, an encrypted or cryptology-based system, a pen-based, on-screen signature system that captures and verifies an autograph and links it to a specific document, or other system or technology or combination of systems.

(d) To the extent consistent with this section, laws and rules pertaining to paper-based documents also pertain to electronically transmitted documents.

History: *1997 c 230 s 16; 1998 c 359 s 19; 2005 c 156 art 5 s 23; 2013 c 134 s 30; 2013 c 142 art 3 s 36; 2021 c 31 art 2 s 16*