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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2850

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, delete lines 6 through 24 and insert:

<u>SECTION 2.</u> (1)(a) An insurer may not issue an individual long
term care insurance policy until the insurer receives from an applicant
for the policy:

"(A) A written designation of the full name and residential address
of at least one person, in addition to the applicant, to whom the
insurer can send notice of a lapse or termination of the policy because
of a failure to pay a premium; or

"(B) A written waiver that the applicant has signed and dated and
in which the applicant elects not to designate another person to whom
an insurer can send the notice described in subparagraph (A) of this
paragraph. The waiver must read substantially as follows:

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I understand that I have a right to designate at least one other person other than myself to receive notice of lapse or termination of this insurance policy for failing to pay a premium. I understand that the insurer will not send a notice until 30 days after a premium is due and remains unpaid. I elect NOT to designate a person other than myself to receive this notice.

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"(b) At least once every two years an insurer shall notify a policy
owner of the policy owner's right to change the person the policy

owner designates to receive the notice described in paragraph (a)(A)
of this subsection.

"(c) An applicant's designation of another person to receive the notice described in paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection does not constitute the other person's acceptance of a liability for services an insurer provides to an insured under an individual long term care insurance policy.

6 "(d) If a policy owner pays premiums for an individual long term 9 care insurance policy by means of a payroll deduction or a deduction 10 from a pension payment, the requirement to obtain a designation from 11 the policy owner as provided in paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection 12 does not apply until 60 days after the policy owner stops paying pre-13 miums through a payroll deduction or a deduction from a pension 14 payment.

"(2) In addition to the requirement specified in subsection (1) of this 15section, an individual long term care insurance policy must provide for 16 reinstating coverage after a lapse if the insurer receives proof that the 17 policy owner was cognitively impaired or had a loss of functional ca-18 pacity before the expiration of any grace period for premium payments 19 that is set forth in the policy. An insured may request reinstatement 20under this subsection within five months after the insurance policy 21lapsed and the insurer may require the insured to pay all past due 22premiums. For purposes of this subsection, the standard for deter-23mining cognitive impairment or a loss of functional capacity may not 24be more stringent than any criteria set forth in the insurance policy 25for determining cognitive impairment or a loss of functional capacity 26for the purposes of showing eligibility for benefits. 27

"(3)(a) A notice that an individual life insurance policy, individual
 long term care insurance policy or individual disability income policy
 has lapsed because of a failure to pay a premium is effective only if

1 the insurer:

"(A) Sends a written notice at least 30 days before the date of the
lapse;

4 "(B) Accompanies the notice with an explanation of the reason for
5 the lapse; and

6 "(C) Sends the notice:

"(i) By first class mail, postage prepaid, to the policy owner's lastknown address; or

9 "(ii) To the last-known electronic mail address for the policy owner 10 or designee that is in the insurer's records, provided that the policy 11 owner consents to receive notices related to the policy owner's insur-12 ance policy electronically.

"(b) An affidavit executed under penalty of perjury from an officer,
 employee or agent of the insurer that states that the officer, employee
 or agent complied with paragraph (a) of this subsection is sufficient
 as proof of notice under this subsection.

"(4) This section does not apply to an individual life insurance policy, an individual long term care insurance policy or an individual
disability income policy that requires a premium payment each month
or at more frequent intervals.

"(5) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business
 Services may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this section.".

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