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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE REGULATION OF CONSUMER GOODS**
102 **SERVICE CONTRACTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill provides for changes to the regulation of consumer goods service contracts based on the model act of the national association of insurance commissioners. These contracts require the provider to perform repair, replacement, or maintenance on any consumer good covered by the service contract. The bill requires that service contracts be in writing

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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and disclose to the contract holder the terms and conditions of the contract, the covered consumer goods, the identity of the provider and any administrator appointed by the provider, procedures for cancellation of the contract by either the provider or the service contract holder, and whether the service contract is protected by reimbursement insurance coverage. Under this bill, a provider must provide the contract holder with a sample copy of the service contract prior to selling the contract, and must provide an actual copy of the contract to the contract holder within a reasonable time following sale of the contract.

The bill requires that a contract holder be allowed to void the contract within 20 days after the contract holder receives the contract unless the contract holder has already made a claim under the contract. Either a contract holder or a provider may cancel a contract at any time, in which case the provider must refund to the contract holder a pro rata share of the consideration paid to the provider minus a 10% administrative fee.

In order for a service contract provider to sell service contracts, the provider must demonstrate an ability to faithfully provide the services covered under the contract. The provider can do this by either obtaining reimbursement insurance coverage, maintaining a funded reserve account and placing a financial security deposit in trust with the commissioner of insurance, or demonstrating that the provider's company or parent company has a net worth of at least \$100,000,000.

A service contract provider must also adhere to record-keeping requirements, and must maintain those records for a period of at least one year after the specified coverage has expired.

The bill specifies that service contracts are not insurance, and service contract providers, as well as their agents and employees, are not required to be licensed under any other provisions of the state insurance laws. Service contract providers, with some exceptions, are not allowed to use terms descriptive of the insurance industry in their name. Service contract providers are also prohibited from making false and misleading statements. Lending institutions, sellers, and manufacturers are further prohibited from requiring a service contract as a condition of a loan or for the sale of any property.

The commissioner may discipline noncompliance with the bill through an administrative hearing and may seek a judicial remedy for enforcement. Any civil penalties assessed by the commissioner are limited to \$500 per violation, up to \$10,000 for all violations of a similar nature.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-4-1501, **amend**

1 (6) (b) (I) as follows:

2 **10-4-1501. Definitions.** As used in this part 15, unless the context
3 otherwise requires:

4 (6) (b) "Portable electronics insurance" does not include:

5 (I) A service contract ~~or extended warranty that provides coverage~~
6 ~~limited to the repair, replacement, or maintenance of property for the~~
7 ~~operational or structural failure of property due to a defect in materials,~~
8 ~~workmanship, accidental damage from handling, power surges, or normal~~
9 ~~wear and tear~~ GOVERNED BY PART 16 OF THIS ARTICLE;

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 16 to article
11 4 of title 10 as follows:

12 **PART 16**

13 **CONSUMER GOODS SERVICE CONTRACTS**

14 **10-4-1601. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 16, UNLESS THE
15 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (1) "ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS THE PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
17 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY SERVICE CONTRACTS ISSUED BY A
18 PROVIDER OR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUBMISSION REQUIRED BY
19 THIS PART 16 ON BEHALF OF A PROVIDER.

20 (2) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.

21 (3) "CONSUMER" MEANS A NATURAL PERSON WHO BUYS, OTHER
22 THAN FOR PURPOSES OF RESALE, ANY TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY
23 THAT IS DISTRIBUTED IN COMMERCE AND THAT IS NORMALLY USED FOR
24 PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES AND NOT FOR BUSINESS OR
25 RESEARCH PURPOSES.

26 (4) "CONSUMER PRODUCT" MEANS ANY TANGIBLE PERSONAL
27 PROPERTY THAT IS DISTRIBUTED IN COMMERCE AND IS NORMALLY USED

1 FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES, INCLUDING ANY
2 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY INTENDED TO BE ATTACHED TO OR
3 INSTALLED IN ANY REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER IT IS
4 SO ATTACHED OR INSTALLED.

5 (5) "MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT" MEANS A CONTRACT OF LIMITED
6 DURATION THAT PROVIDES FOR SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE ONLY AND
7 DOES NOT INCLUDE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.

8 (6) "NONORIGINAL MANUFACTURER'S PARTS" MEANS
9 REPLACEMENT PARTS NOT MADE FOR OR BY THE ORIGINAL
10 MANUFACTURER OF THE PROPERTY.

11 (7) "PERSON" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
12 2-4-401, C.R.S.

13 (8) "PREMIUM" MEANS THE CONSIDERATION PAID TO AN INSURER
14 FOR A REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICY.

15 (9) "PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS CONTRACTUALLY
16 OBLIGATED TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER UNDER THE TERMS OF THE
17 SERVICE CONTRACT.

18 (10) "PROVIDER FEE" MEANS THE CONSIDERATION PAID FOR A
19 SERVICE CONTRACT.

20 (11) "REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE COMPANY" MEANS AN INSURER
21 THAT ISSUES ANY REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICY.

22 (12) "REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICY" MEANS A POLICY OF
23 INSURANCE ISSUED TO A PROVIDER TO EITHER PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT
24 TO THE PROVIDER UNDER THE TERMS OF THE INSURED SERVICE CONTRACTS
25 ISSUED OR SOLD BY THE PROVIDER OR, IN THE EVENT OF THE PROVIDER'S
26 NONPERFORMANCE, TO PAY ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER ALL COVERED
27 CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY THE PROVIDER UNDER THE

1 TERMS OF THE INSURED SERVICE CONTRACTS ISSUED OR SOLD BY THE
2 PROVIDER.

3 (13) "RELATED SERVICE CONTRACT SELLER" MEANS ANY
4 EMPLOYEE OF THE PROVIDER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MARKETING,
5 SELLING, OR OFFERING TO SELL SERVICE CONTRACTS ON THE PROVIDER'S
6 BEHALF.

7 (14) "SERVICE CONTRACT" MEANS A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT OF
8 A SPECIFIC DURATION, FOR A SEPARATELY STATED CONSIDERATION, TO
9 PERFORM THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, OR MAINTENANCE OF A CONSUMER
10 PRODUCT OR INDEMNIFY THE CONSUMER FOR THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT,
11 OR MAINTENANCE OF A CONSUMER PRODUCT FOR THE OPERATIONAL OR
12 STRUCTURAL FAILURE OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT DUE TO A DEFECT IN
13 MATERIALS, WORKMANSHIP, ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE FROM HANDLING, OR
14 NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR, WITH OR WITHOUT ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR
15 INCIDENTAL PAYMENT OF INDEMNITY UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.
16 SERVICE CONTRACTS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, OR
17 MAINTENANCE OF A CONSUMER PRODUCT FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM
18 POWER SURGES OR INTERRUPTION. SERVICE CONTRACTS ARE NOT
19 INSURANCE IN THIS STATE OR OTHERWISE REGULATED UNDER THIS TITLE.

20 (15) "SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER" OR "CONTRACT HOLDER"
21 MEANS A PERSON WHO IS THE PURCHASER OR HOLDER OF A SERVICE
22 CONTRACT.

23 (16) "WARRANTY" MEANS A WARRANTY THAT IS MADE SOLELY BY
24 THE MANUFACTURER, IMPORTER, OR SELLER OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL
25 PROPERTY OR SERVICES WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, THAT IS NOT
26 NEGOTIATED OR SEPARATED FROM THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY AND IS
27 INCIDENTAL TO THE SALE OF THE PRODUCT, AND THAT GUARANTEES

1 EITHER:

2 (a) INDEMNITY FOR DEFECTIVE PARTS OR FOR DAMAGE RESULTING
3 FROM A MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL BREAKDOWN, INCLUDING LABOR; OR

4 (b) OTHER REMEDIAL MEASURES, SUCH AS REPAIR OR
5 REPLACEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OR REPETITION OF SERVICES.

6 **10-4-1602. Exemptions.** (1) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE EXEMPT
7 FROM THIS PART 16:

8 (a) WARRANTIES;

9 (b) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS;

10 (c) SERVICE CONTRACTS OFFERED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES ON THEIR
11 TRANSMISSION DEVICES TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE REGULATED BY THE
12 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION;

13 (d) SERVICE CONTRACTS SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE TO PERSONS
14 OTHER THAN CONSUMERS;

15 (e) SERVICE CONTRACTS ON TANGIBLE PROPERTY WHERE THE
16 TANGIBLE PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE SERVICE CONTRACT IS SOLD HAS A
17 PURCHASE PRICE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR LESS, EXCLUSIVE OF SALES
18 TAX;

19 (f) PREOWNED HOME WARRANTY SERVICE CONTRACTS GOVERNED
20 BY PART 6 OF ARTICLE 61 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.; AND

21 (g) MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE CONTRACTS GOVERNED BY ARTICLE
22 11 OF TITLE 42, C.R.S.

23 **10-4-1603. Requirements for sale of consumer goods service**
24 **contracts - definitions.** (1) A PROVIDER MAY APPOINT AN
25 ADMINISTRATOR OR OTHER DESIGNEE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OR ALL
26 OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS ISSUED BY THE
27 PROVIDER AND FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PART 16.

1 (2) A PROVIDER SHALL NOT ISSUE, SELL, OR OFFER FOR SALE A
2 SERVICE CONTRACT UNLESS THE PROVIDER HAS:

3 (a) PROVIDED A RECEIPT FOR, OR OTHER WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF,
4 THE PURCHASE OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT TO THE CONTRACT HOLDER;
5 AND

6 (b) PROVIDED A COPY OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT TO THE SERVICE
7 CONTRACT HOLDER BEFORE OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME
8 AFTER THE DATE OF PURCHASE.

9 (3) UPON A CONSUMER'S REQUEST, A PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE
10 THE CONSUMER WITH A COMPLETE SAMPLE COPY OF THE SERVICE
11 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OR DIRECT THE CONSUMER TO A WEB
12 SITE CONTAINING A COMPLETE SAMPLE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
13 THE SERVICE CONTRACT.

14 (4) (a) A PROVIDER SHALL ASSURE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE TO ITS
15 SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDERS BY COMPLYING WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE
16 FOLLOWING:

17 (I) INSURING ALL SERVICE CONTRACTS UNDER A REIMBURSEMENT
18 INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED BY A LICENSED INSURER; OR

19 [REDACTED]

20 (II) MAINTAINING, OR TOGETHER WITH ITS PARENT COMPANY
21 MAINTAINING, A NET WORTH OR STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY OF AT LEAST ONE
22 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 (b) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a)
26 OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), A PROVIDER SHALL:

27 (I) UPON THE COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST, PROVIDE A COPY OF THE

1 PROVIDER'S OR PROVIDER'S PARENT COMPANY'S MOST RECENT FORM 10-K
2 OR FORM 20-F FILED WITH THE FEDERAL SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
3 COMMISSION; OR

4 (II) IF THE COMPANY DOES NOT FILE WITH THE FEDERAL
5 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, PROVIDE, UPON THE
6 COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST, A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S AUDITED
7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SHOWING A NET WORTH OF THE PROVIDER OR ITS
8 PARENT COMPANY OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS; OR

9 (III) IF THE PROVIDER'S PARENT COMPANY'S FORM 10-K, FORM
10 20-F, OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE FILED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
11 OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), AGREE TO GUARANTEE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE
12 PROVIDER RELATING TO SERVICE CONTRACTS SOLD BY THE PROVIDER IN
13 THIS STATE.

14 (c) EXCEPT FOR THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS
15 SUBSECTION (4), THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE NO OTHER FINANCIAL
16 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE CONTRACT PROVIDERS.

17 (5) (a) A PROVIDER MUST PERMIT THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER
18 TO VOID THE SERVICE CONTRACT BY RETURNING IT WITHIN TWENTY DAYS
19 AFTER THE DATE THE SERVICE CONTRACT IS MAILED TO THE SERVICE
20 CONTRACT HOLDER OR WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER DELIVERY IF THE SERVICE
21 CONTRACT IS DELIVERED TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER AT THE TIME
22 OF SALE. THE SERVICE CONTRACT IS VOID WHEN THE SERVICE CONTRACT
23 HOLDER RETURNS THE SERVICE CONTRACT TO THE PROVIDER, AND THE
24 PROVIDER SHALL REFUND TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER, OR CREDIT
25 THE ACCOUNT OF THE CONTRACT HOLDER, THE FULL PURCHASE PRICE OF
26 THE SERVICE CONTRACT.

27 (b) A SERVICE CONTRACT MAY ESTABLISH A RETURN PERIOD

1 GREATER THAN TWENTY DAYS.

2 (c) THE RIGHT TO VOID THE SERVICE CONTRACT IS NOT
3 TRANSFERABLE AND APPLIES ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL SERVICE CONTRACT
4 PURCHASER.

5 (d) THE RIGHT TO VOID THE SERVICE CONTRACT DOES NOT APPLY
6 IF A CLAIM HAS BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF THE SERVICE
7 CONTRACT TO THE PROVIDER.

8 (e) IF A REFUND OF A SERVICE CONTRACT PROVIDER FEE IS NOT
9 PAID OR CREDITED WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE RETURN OF THE
10 SERVICE CONTRACT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5), THEN A TEN PERCENT
11 PENALTY PER MONTH SHALL BE ADDED TO THE REFUND.

12 (6) (a) AFTER THE TIME SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
13 SECTION, OR IF A CLAIM HAS BEEN MADE WITHIN THAT TIME, A SERVICE
14 CONTRACT HOLDER MAY CANCEL THE SERVICE CONTRACT. UPON
15 CANCELLATION, THE PROVIDER SHALL REFUND TO THE CONTRACT HOLDER
16 ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE UNEARNED PRO RATA PROVIDER FEE, LESS
17 ANY CLAIMS MADE.

18 (b) A PROVIDER MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE ADMINISTRATIVE
19 FEE, NOT TO EXCEED TEN PERCENT OF THE GROSS PROVIDER FEE PAID BY
20 THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

21 (7) (a) THE PROVIDER MAY CANCEL A SERVICE CONTRACT UPON
22 MAILING, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF CANCELLATION, A
23 WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER AT THE CONTRACT
24 HOLDER'S LAST-KNOWN ADDRESS CONTAINED IN THE PROVIDER'S
25 RECORDS. THE NOTICE MUST STATE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
26 CANCELLATION AND THE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION.

27 (b) PRIOR NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED IF THE REASON FOR

1 CANCELLATION IS NONPAYMENT OF THE PROVIDER FEE, A MATERIAL
2 MISREPRESENTATION BY THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER TO THE
3 PROVIDER, OR A SUBSTANTIAL BREACH BY THE SERVICE CONTRACT
4 HOLDER RELATING TO THE COVERED PRODUCT OR ITS USE.

5 (c) [REDACTED] IF THE PROVIDER CANCELS A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR A
6 REASON OTHER THAN NONPAYMENT OF THE PROVIDER FEE, THE PROVIDER
7 SHALL REFUND TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER ONE HUNDRED
8 PERCENT OF THE UNEARNED PRO RATA PROVIDER FEE, LESS ANY CLAIMS
9 PAID.

10 [REDACTED]
11 (8) (a) PROVIDER FEES COLLECTED ON SERVICE CONTRACTS ARE
12 NOT SUBJECT TO PREMIUM TAXES.

13 (b) PREMIUMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES ARE
14 SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE TAXES.

15 (9) PROVIDERS, RELATED SERVICE CONTRACT SELLERS, AND
16 ADMINISTRATORS ARE EXEMPT FROM ANY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF
17 THIS STATE SET FORTH IN THIS TITLE.

18 (10) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN
19 THIS PART 16, THE MARKETING, SALE, OFFERING FOR SALE, ISSUANCE,
20 MAKING, PROPOSING TO MAKE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICE
21 CONTRACTS BY PROVIDERS, RELATED SERVICE CONTRACT SELLERS, AND
22 ADMINISTRATORS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE.

23 **10-4-1604. Obligations of reimbursement insurance**
24 **companies.** (1) INSURERS ISSUING REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES
25 TO PROVIDERS ARE DEEMED TO HAVE RECEIVED THE PREMIUMS FOR THIS
26 INSURANCE UPON THE PAYMENT OF PROVIDER FEES BY CONSUMERS FOR
27 SERVICE CONTRACTS ISSUED BY THE INSURED PROVIDERS.

1 (2) IF THE PROVIDER DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERED SERVICE WITHIN
2 SIXTY DAYS AFTER PROOF OF LOSS BY THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER,
3 THE CONTRACT HOLDER MAY APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE REIMBURSEMENT
4 INSURANCE COMPANY.

5 (3) THIS PART 16 DOES NOT PREVENT OR LIMIT THE RIGHT OF A
6 REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE COMPANY THAT ISSUED A REIMBURSEMENT
7 INSURANCE POLICY TO SEEK INDEMNIFICATION OR SUBROGATION AGAINST
8 A PROVIDER IF THE REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE COMPANY PAYS OR IS
9 OBLIGATED TO PAY THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER SUMS THAT THE
10 PROVIDER WAS OBLIGATED TO PAY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
11 SERVICE CONTRACT.

12 (4) AN INSURER THAT ISSUED A REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE
13 POLICY TO A PROVIDER SHALL NOT TERMINATE THE POLICY UNTIL A
14 NOTICE OF TERMINATION HAS BEEN MAILED OR DELIVERED TO THE
15 INSURED PROVIDER AS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW WITH A COPY OF THE
16 NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSIONER. THE TERMINATION OF A
17 REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICY DOES NOT REDUCE THE ISSUER'S
18 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS ISSUED BY PROVIDERS PRIOR TO
19 THE DATE OF THE TERMINATION.

20 **10-4-1605. Required disclosures - reimbursement insurance**
21 **policy.** (1) REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES INSURING SERVICE
22 CONTRACTS ISSUED, SOLD, OR OFFERED FOR SALE MUST STATE THAT THE
23 REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE COMPANY SHALL EITHER:

24 (a) REIMBURSE OR PAY ON BEHALF OF THE PROVIDER ANY
25 COVERED SUMS THE PROVIDER IS OBLIGATED TO PAY UNDER THE SERVICE
26 CONTRACT; OR

27 (b) IN THE EVENT OF THE PROVIDER'S NONPERFORMANCE, PROVIDE

1 THE SERVICE THAT THE PROVIDER MUST PERFORM ACCORDING TO THE
2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT.

3 **10-4-1606. Required disclosures - service contracts.**

4 (1) SERVICE CONTRACTS MARKETED, SOLD, OFFERED FOR SALE, ISSUED,
5 MADE, PROPOSED TO BE MADE, OR ADMINISTERED IN THIS STATE MUST BE
6 WRITTEN, PRINTED, OR TYPED IN CLEAR, UNDERSTANDABLE LANGUAGE
7 THAT IS EASY TO READ.

8 (2) SERVICE CONTRACTS INSURED UNDER A REIMBURSEMENT
9 INSURANCE POLICY MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE
10 FOLLOWING FORM: "OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SERVICE
11 CONTRACT ARE INSURED UNDER A SERVICE CONTRACT REIMBURSEMENT
12 INSURANCE POLICY." THE SERVICE CONTRACT MUST ALSO STATE THE
13 NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE COMPANY AND
14 DISCLOSE TO THE CONSUMER THAT IF THE SERVICE CONTRACT PROVIDER
15 DOES NOT PROVIDE A COVERED SERVICE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER PROOF
16 OF LOSS BY THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER, THE CONTRACT HOLDER MAY
17 APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

18 (3) SERVICE CONTRACTS NOT INSURED UNDER A REIMBURSEMENT
19 INSURANCE POLICY MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE
20 FOLLOWING FORM: "OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SERVICE
21 CONTRACT ARE BACKED BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE
22 PROVIDER."

23 (4) (a) SERVICE CONTRACTS MUST IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING:

24 (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PROVIDER;

25 (II) THE IDENTITY OF ANY ADMINISTRATOR, IF DIFFERENT FROM
26 THE PROVIDER;

27 (III) THE SERVICE CONTRACT SELLER; AND

1 (IV) THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER TO THE EXTENT THAT THE
2 NAME OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY THE
3 SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

4 (b) THE IDENTITIES OF THE PARTIES IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) ARE
5 NOT REQUIRED TO BE PREPRINTED ON THE SERVICE CONTRACT AND MAY
6 BE ADDED TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT AT THE TIME OF SALE.

7 (5) SERVICE CONTRACTS MUST STATE THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE
8 AND THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE SERVICE CONTRACT IS SOLD. THE
9 PURCHASE PRICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PREPRINTED ON THE SERVICE
10 CONTRACT AND MAY BE NEGOTIATED AT THE TIME OF SALE WITH THE
11 SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

12 (6) IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION,
13 A SERVICE CONTRACT MUST:

14 (a) IDENTIFY THE CONSUMER GOODS COVERED BY THE CONTRACT;

15 (b) STATE THE EXISTENCE OF ANY DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT, IF
16 APPLICABLE;

17 (c) SPECIFY THE MERCHANDISE AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED
18 AND ANY LIMITATIONS, EXCEPTIONS, OR EXCLUSIONS;

19 (d) STATE WHETHER THE USE OF A NONORIGINAL
20 MANUFACTURER'S PART IS ALLOWED;

21 (e) STATE ANY RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSFERABILITY
22 OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT, IF APPLICABLE;

23 (f) STATE THE TERMS, RESTRICTIONS, OR CONDITIONS GOVERNING
24 CANCELLATION OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT, EITHER BY THE PROVIDER OR
25 THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER, PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OR
26 EXPIRATION DATE OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT;

27 (g) SET FORTH ALL OF THE OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE

1 SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER, SUCH AS THE DUTY TO PROTECT AGAINST
2 ANY FURTHER DAMAGE AND ANY REQUIREMENT TO FOLLOW THE OWNER'S
3 MANUAL; AND

4 (h) STATE WHETHER OR NOT THE SERVICE CONTRACT PROVIDES
5 FOR OR EXCLUDES CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR PREEXISTING
6 CONDITIONS, IF APPLICABLE.

7 **10-4-1607. Prohibited acts.** (1) (a) A PROVIDER SHALL NOT USE
8 IN ITS NAME:

9 (I) THE WORDS "INSURANCE", "CASUALTY", "SURETY", "MUTUAL",
10 OR ANY OTHER WORDS DESCRIPTIVE OF THE INSURANCE, CASUALTY, OR
11 SURETY BUSINESS; OR

12 (II) A NAME DECEPTIVELY SIMILAR TO THE NAME OR DESCRIPTION
13 OF ANY INSURANCE OR SURETY CORPORATION, OR TO THE NAME OF ANY
14 OTHER PROVIDER. THE WORD "GUARANTY" OR SIMILAR WORD MAY BE
15 USED BY A PROVIDER.

16 (b) (I) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PROVIDER THAT WAS
17 USING ANY OF THE PROHIBITED LANGUAGE IN ITS NAME PRIOR TO THE
18 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 16.

19 (II) A PROVIDER USING THE PROHIBITED LANGUAGE IN ITS NAME
20 SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS SERVICE CONTRACTS A STATEMENT IN
21 SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM: "THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT AN
22 INSURANCE CONTRACT."

23 (2) A PROVIDER OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE SHALL NOT IN ITS SERVICE
24 CONTRACTS OR LITERATURE MAKE, PERMIT, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE ANY
25 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENT, OR DELIBERATELY OMIT ANY
26 MATERIAL STATEMENT THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED MISLEADING IF
27 OMITTED.

1 (3) A MANUFACTURER OR SELLER OF ANY PRODUCT SHALL NOT
2 REQUIRE THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT AS A CONDITION FOR THE
3 SALE OF ANY PROPERTY.

4 (4) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION LIMITS OR PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM
5 PURSUING ANY CLAIM, CAUSE OF ACTION, OR RIGHT AVAILABLE UNDER
6 COLORADO LAW.

7 **10-4-1608. Required record-keeping.** (1) A PROVIDER SHALL
8 KEEP ACCURATE ACCOUNTS, BOOKS, AND RECORDS CONCERNING
9 TRANSACTIONS REGULATED UNDER THIS PART 16.

10 (2) A PROVIDER'S ACCOUNTS, BOOKS, AND RECORDS MUST
11 INCLUDE:

12 (a) COPIES OF EACH TYPE OF SERVICE CONTRACT SOLD;

13 (b) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER
14 TO THE EXTENT THAT THE NAME AND ADDRESS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED BY
15 THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER;

16 (c) A LIST OF THE LOCATIONS WHERE SERVICE CONTRACTS ARE
17 MARKETED, SOLD, OR OFFERED FOR SALE; AND

18 (d) WRITTEN CLAIMS FILES CONTAINING AT LEAST THE DATES AND
19 DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL CLAIMS RELATED TO THE SERVICE CONTRACTS.

20 (3) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, A
21 PROVIDER SHALL RETAIN ALL RECORDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION
22 FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR AFTER THE SPECIFIED PERIOD OF COVERAGE HAS
23 EXPIRED.

24 (4) THE RECORDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE, BUT
25 ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE, MAINTAINED IN ELECTRONIC FORM OR OTHER
26 RECORD-KEEPING TECHNOLOGY. IF THE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN
27 OTHER THAN HARD COPY, THE RECORDS MUST BE CAPABLE OF

1 DUPLICATION TO LEGIBLE HARD COPY AT THE REQUEST OF THE
2 COMMISSIONER.

3 (5) A PROVIDER DISCONTINUING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE SHALL
4 MAINTAIN ITS RECORDS UNTIL IT HAS DISCHARGED ALL OBLIGATIONS TO
5 CONTRACT HOLDERS IN THIS STATE.

6 **10-4-1609. Enforcement provisions - rules.** (1) (a) THE
7 COMMISSIONER MAY CONDUCT MARKET EXAMINATIONS OR FINANCIAL
8 EXAMINATIONS OF PROVIDERS UNDER SECTIONS 10-1-201 TO 10-1-205 TO
9 ENFORCE THIS PART 16.

10 (b) UPON THE COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST, THE PROVIDER SHALL
11 MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER ALL ACCOUNTS, BOOKS, AND
12 RECORDS CONCERNING SERVICE CONTRACTS SOLD BY THE PROVIDER THAT
13 ARE NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER TO REASONABLY
14 DETERMINE THE PROVIDER'S COMPLIANCE OR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THIS
15 PART 16 AND THE COMMISSIONER'S RULES ADOPT IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS
16 PART 16.

17 (2) THE PROVIDER EXAMINED IN ANY FINANCIAL OR MARKET
18 CONDUCT EXAMINATION SHALL BEAR THE COST OF THE EXAMINATION IN
19 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-1-205 (4).

20 (3) (a) IF A PROVIDER VIOLATES THIS PART 16, THE COMMISSIONER
21 MAY TAKE THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

22 (I) ISSUE AN ORDER DIRECTING THE PROVIDER TO CEASE AND
23 DESIST FROM COMMITTING VIOLATIONS OF THIS PART 16;

24 (II) ISSUE AN ORDER PROHIBITING A SERVICE CONTRACT PROVIDER
25 FROM SELLING OR OFFERING FOR SALE SERVICE CONTRACTS IN VIOLATION
26 OF THIS PART 16;

27 (III) ISSUE AN ORDER IMPOSING A CIVIL PENALTY ON THE

1 PROVIDER; OR

2 (IV) ANY COMBINATION OF THE ACTIONS SET FORTH IN
3 SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) TO (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a).

4 (b) ANY CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSED BY THE COMMISSIONER IS
5 LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER VIOLATION AND
6 NOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE FOR ALL
7 VIOLATIONS OF A SIMILAR NATURE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH
8 (b), VIOLATIONS ARE OF A SIMILAR NATURE IF THE VIOLATIONS CONSIST OF
9 THE SAME OR SIMILAR COURSE OF CONDUCT, ACTION, OR PRACTICE,
10 REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE NONCOMPLIANT ACT,
11 CONDUCT, OR PRACTICE OCCURRED.

12 (c) A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY ANY ACTION TAKEN OR PENALTY
13 ASSESSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3) MAY REQUEST A REVIEW IN
14 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-1-205 (4).

15 (4) (a) THE COMMISSIONER MAY BRING AN ACTION IN ANY COURT
16 OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION FOR AN INJUNCTION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE
17 RELIEF TO ADDRESS THREATENED OR EXISTING VIOLATIONS OF THIS PART
18 16.

19 (b) AN ACTION FILED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (4) MAY ALSO SEEK
20 RESTITUTION ON BEHALF OF PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A VIOLATION OF THIS
21 PART 16 OR ORDERS OR RULES OF THE COMMISSIONER.

22 (5) THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT
23 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 16.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-11-101, **amend**
25 (2) as follows:

26 **42-11-101. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
27 otherwise requires:

1 (2) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle subject to registration
2 under section 42-1-102 (58) OR ANY POWERSPORTS VEHICLE AS DEFINED
3 IN SECTION 12-6-502 (10), C.R.S.

4 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
5 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect January 1, 2015; except that, if a
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
8 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
9 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
10 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
11 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on January 1, 2015, or on the date
12 of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever
13 is later.

14 (2) This act applies to service contracts issued on or after the
15 applicable effective date of this act.