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Introduced by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Botzow of Pownal

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Insurance; limited lines; portable electronics insurance

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to revise the
notice requirements related to portable electronics insurance.

An act relating to portable electronics insurance

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4260 is amended to read:

§ 4260. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

(a) Whenever notice or correspondence with respect to a policy of portable
electronics insurance is required pursuant to the policy or is otherwise required
by law, it shall be in writing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
notices and correspondence may be sent either by mail or by electronic means
as set forth in this section. If the notice or correspondence is mailed, it shall be
sent to the portable electronics vendor at the vendor's mailing address
specified for such purpose and to its affected customers' last known mailing
address on file with the insurer. The insurer or vendor of portable electronics
shall maintain proof of mailing in a form authorized or accepted by the U.S.

1 Postal Service or other commercial mail delivery service. If the notice or
2 correspondence is sent by electronic means, it shall be sent to the portable
3 electronics vendor at the vendor's electronic mail address specified for such
4 purpose and to its affected customers' last known electronic mail address as
5 provided by each customer to the insurer or vendor of portable electronics. A
6 ~~customer is deemed to consent to receive notice and correspondence by~~
7 ~~electronic means if the insurer or vendor first discloses to the customer that by~~
8 ~~providing an electronic mail address the customer consents to receive~~
9 ~~electronic notice and correspondence at the address, and the customer provides~~
10 ~~an electronic mail address~~ customer's provision of an electronic mail address
11 to the insurer or vendor of portable electronics is deemed consent to receive
12 notices and correspondence by electronic means at such address if notice of
13 that consent is provided to the customer within a reasonable time. The insurer
14 or vendor of portable electronics shall maintain proof that the notice or
15 correspondence was sent.

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17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017 and shall apply to portable
19 electronics insurance policies issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2017.