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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Sections 38.5, 663, 678, 678.1, 10083, 10086, and 10087 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 251, Calderon. Insurance: notice: electronic transmission.

Existing law authorizes any written notice required to be given or mailed to any person by an insurer relating to any insurance on risks or on operations in this state, with exceptions, to be provided by electronic transmission if each party has agreed to conduct the transaction by electronic means, as provided.

This bill would, until January 1, 2019, authorize certain notices pertaining to workers' compensation to be provided by electronic transmission. The bill would authorize certain notices and disclosures relating to renewal and conditional renewal of an offer of coverage for automobile and specified property insurance to be provided by electronic transmission if an insurer complies with certain requirements. The bill would require the Insurance Commissioner to submit a report, on or before January 1, 2018, to the Governor and to the committees of the Senate and Assembly having jurisdiction over insurance and the judiciary, regarding the impact and implementation of the authorization of the electronic transmission of certain insurance renewal offers, notices, or disclosures, as specified.

Existing law prohibits residential property insurers from issuing or delivering property insurance without offering earthquake coverage. The offer of coverage is authorized to be made prior to, concurrent with, or within 60 days following the issuance or renewal of a residential property insurance policy. If the offer of coverage is mailed to the named insured or applicant, it is required to be mailed to the mailing address shown on the policy of residential property insurance or on the application.

This bill would, until January 1, 2019, authorize the offer of earthquake coverage to be made electronically, as provided.

Existing law authorizes an earthquake insurer, at any renewal, to modify the terms and conditions of an existing policy, rider, or endorsement, and that if the insurer modifies the terms and conditions of an existing policy, rider, or endorsement, the insurer is required to provide the insured with the renewal notice in a stand-alone disclosure document stating the changes in the terms and conditions of the insured's existing policy, rider, or endorsement. Existing law also provides that, if an offer of earthquake coverage is not accepted, the insurer or any affiliated insurer is required to offer earthquake coverage every other year in connection with any continuation, renewal, or reinstatement of the policy following any lapse, or with respect to any other policy that extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces the policy of residential property insurance.

This bill would, until January 1, 2019, authorize the renewal notice for earthquake coverage and the offer of earthquake coverage required to be made every other year to be made electronically, as provided.

This bill would also delete obsolete cross-references and make conforming changes.

This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code proposed by SB 752 that would become operative if this bill and SB 752 are both chaptered and this bill is chaptered last.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, as amended by Section 36 of Chapter 181 of the Statutes of 2012, is amended to read:

1633.3. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), this title applies to electronic records and electronic signatures relating to a transaction.

(b) This title does not apply to transactions subject to the following laws:

(1) A law governing the creation and execution of wills, codicils, or testamentary trusts.

(2) Division 1 (commencing with Section 1101) of the Uniform Commercial Code, except Sections 1206 and 1306.

(3) Divisions 3 (commencing with Section 3101), 4 (commencing with Section 4101), 5 (commencing with Section 5101), 8 (commencing with Section 8101), 9 (commencing with Section 9101), and 11 (commencing with Section 11101) of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(4) A law that requires that specifically identifiable text or disclosures in a record or a portion of a record be separately signed, including initialed, from the record. However, this paragraph does not apply to Section 1677 or 1678 of this code or Section 1298 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(c) This title does not apply to any specific transaction described in Section 17511.5 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 56.11, 56.17, 798.14, 1133, or 1134 of, Section 1689.6, 1689.7, or 1689.13 of, Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1695) of Title 5 of Part 2 of Division 3 of, Section 1720, 1785.15, 1789.14, 1789.16, or 1793.23 of, Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1801) of Title 2 of Part 4 of Division 3 of, Section 1861.24, 1862.5, 1917.712, 1917.713, 1950.5, 1950.6, 1983, 2924b, 2924c, 2924f, 2924i, 2924j, 2924.3, or 2937 of, Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 2945) of Chapter 2 of Title 14 of Part 4 of Division 3 of, Section 2954.5 or 2963 of, Chapter 2b (commencing with Section 2981) or 2d (commencing with Section 2985.7) of Title 14 of Part 4 of Division 3 of, Section 3071.5 of, or Part 5 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 4 of this code, subdivision (b) of Section 18608 or Section 22328 of the Financial Code, Section 1358.15, 1365, 1368.01, 1368.1, 1371, or 18035.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 662, paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 663, Section 664, 667.5, 673, 677, paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 678, subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 678.1, Section 786, 10113.7, 10127.7, 10127.9, 10127.10, 10192.18, 10199.44, 10199.46, 10235.16, 10235.40, 10509.4, 10509.7, 11624.09, or 11624.1 of the Insurance Code, Section 779.1, 10010.1, or 16482 of the Public Utilities Code, or Section 9975 or 11738 of the Vehicle Code. An electronic record may not be substituted for any notice that is required to be sent pursuant to Section 1162 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the recordation of any document with a county recorder by electronic means.

(d) This title applies to an electronic record or electronic signature otherwise excluded from the application of this title under

subdivision (b) when used for a transaction subject to a law other than those specified in subdivision (b).

(e) A transaction subject to this title is also subject to other applicable substantive law.

(f) The exclusion of a transaction from the application of this title under subdivision (b) or (c) shall be construed only to exclude the transaction from the application of this title, but shall not be construed to prohibit the transaction from being conducted by electronic means if the transaction may be conducted by electronic means under any other applicable law.

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1789.16, or 1793.23 of, Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1801) of Title 2 of Part 4 of Division 3 of, Section 1861.24, 1862.5, 1917.712, 1917.713, 1950.5, 1950.6, 1983, 2924b, 2924c, 2924f, 2924i, 2924j, 2924.3, or 2937 of, Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 2945) of Chapter 2 of Title 14 of Part 4 of Division 3 of, Section 2954.5 or 2963 of, Chapter 2b (commencing with Section 2981) or 2d (commencing with Section 2985.7) of Title 14 of Part 4 of Division 3 of, Section 3071.5 of, Part 5 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 4 of, or Part 5.3 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 4 of this code, subdivision (b) of Section 18608 or Section 22328 of the Financial Code, Section 1358.15, 1365, 1368.01, 1368.1, 1371, or 18035.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 662, paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 663, 664, 667.5, 673, 677, paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 678, subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 678.1, Section 786, 10113.7, 10127.7, 10127.9, 10127.10, 10192.18, 10199.44, 10199.46, 10235.16, 10235.40, 10509.4, 10509.7, 11624.09, or 11624.1 of the Insurance Code, Section 779.1, 10010.1, or 16482 of the Public Utilities Code, or Section 9975 or 11738 of the Vehicle Code. An electronic record may not be substituted for any notice that is required to be sent pursuant to Section 1162 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the recordation of any document with a county recorder by electronic means.

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Vehicle Code. An electronic record may not be substituted for any notice that is required to be sent pursuant to Section 1162 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the recordation of any document with a county recorder by electronic means.

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(g) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 4. Section 38.5 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

38.5. (a) Any written notice required to be given or mailed to any person by an insurer relating to any insurance on risks or on operations in this state not excepted by subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (g) of Section 1851 from the coverage of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 1850.4) of Part 2 of Division 1 of this code may, if not excluded by subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, be provided by electronic transmission pursuant to Title 2.5 (commencing with Section 1633.1) of Part 2 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, if each party has agreed to conduct the transaction by electronic means pursuant to Section 1633.5 of the Civil Code. The affidavit of the person who initiated the electronic transmission, stating the facts of that transmission into an information processing system outside of the control of the sender or of any person that sent the electronic record on behalf of the sender, is prima facie evidence that the notice was transmitted and shall be sufficient proof of notice. Any notice provided by electronic transmission shall be treated as if mailed or given for the purposes of any provision of this code, except as provided by subdivision (g) of Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code. The insurance company shall maintain a system for confirming that any notice or document that is to be provided by electronic means has been sent in a manner consistent with Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code. A valid electronic signature shall be sufficient for any provision of law requiring a written signature. The insurance company shall retain a copy of the confirmation and electronic signature, when either is required, with the policy information so that they are retrievable upon request by the Department of Insurance while the policy is in force and for five years thereafter.

(b) The offer of renewal required by Sections 663 and 678, the notice of conditional renewal required by Section 678.1, and the offer of coverage or renewal or any disclosure required by Section 10086 and the offer of renewal for a workers' compensation policy may be provided by electronic transmission if an insurer complies with all of the following:

(1) An insurer, or insurer's representative, acquires the consent of the insured to opt in to receive the offer, notice, or disclosure by electronic transmission, and the insured has not withdrawn that consent, prior to providing the offer, notice, or disclosure by electronic transmission. An insured's consent may be acquired

verbally, in writing, or electronically. If consent is acquired verbally, the insurer shall confirm consent in writing or electronically. The insurer shall retain a record of the insured's consent to receive the offer, notice, or disclosure by electronic transmission with the policy information so that it is retrievable upon request by the Department of Insurance while the policy is in force and for five years thereafter.

(2) An insurer discloses, in writing or electronically, to the insured all of the following:

(A) The opt in to receive the offer, notice, or disclosure by electronic transmission is voluntary.

(B) That the insured may opt out of receiving the offer, notice, or disclosure by electronic transmission at any time, and the process or system for the insured to opt out.

(C) A description of the offer, notice, or disclosure that the insured will receive by electronic transmission.

(D) The process or system to report a change or correction in the insured's email address.

(E) The insurer's contact information, which includes, but is not limited to, a toll-free number or an insurer's Internet Web site address.

(3) An insurer shall include the insured's email address on the policy declaration page.

(4) An insurer shall annually provide one free printed copy of any offer, notice, or disclosure described in this subdivision upon request by the insured.

(5) An insurer shall maintain a process or system that can demonstrate that the offer, notice, or disclosure provided by electronic transmission was both sent and received consistent with Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code. If a different method of sending or receiving is agreed upon by the insurer and the insured pursuant to Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code, an insurer shall comply with the provisions of this subdivision. The insurer shall retain and document information so that the documentation and information is retrievable upon request by the Department of Insurance while the current policy is in force and for five years thereafter related to its process or system demonstrating that the offer, notice, or disclosure provided by electronic transmission was sent to the insured by the applicable statutory regular mail delivery deadlines and received electronically. The offer, notice, or disclosure

provided by electronic transmission shall be treated as if mailed so long as the insurer delivers it to the insured in compliance with the applicable statutory regular mail delivery deadlines.

(A) Acceptable methods for an insurer to demonstrate that the offer, notice, or disclosure was sent to the insured include simple mail transfer protocol server log files indicating transmission, or other methodologies indicating sent transmission consistent with standards set forth in Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code.

(B) Acceptable methods for an insurer to demonstrate that the offer, notice, or disclosure was received by the insured include server log files indicating that the email or application has been received, or log files showing that the insured logged into his or her secured account with the insurer, or other methodologies indicating received transmission consistent with standards set forth in Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code.

(6) If the offer, notice, or disclosure is not delivered directly to the electronic address designated by the insured, but placed at an electronic address accessible to the insured, an insurer shall notify the insured in plain, clear, and conspicuous language at the electronic address designated by the insured that describes the offer, notice, or disclosure, informs that insured that it is available at another location, and provides instructions to the insured as to how to obtain the offer, notice, or disclosure.

(7) (A) Upon an insurer receiving information indicating that the offer, notice, or disclosure sent by electronic transmission was not received by the insured, the insurer shall, within two business days, either clause (i) or (ii):

(i) Contact the insured to confirm or update the insured's email address and resend the offer, notice, or disclosure by electronic transmission. If the insurer elects to resend the offer, notice, or disclosure by electronic transmission, the insurer shall demonstrate the transmission was received by the insured, pursuant to paragraph (5). If the insurer is unable to confirm or update the insured's email address, the insurer shall resend the offer, notice, or disclosure by regular mail to the insured at the address shown on the policy.

(ii) Resend the offer, notice, or disclosure initially provided by electronic transmission by regular mail to the insured at the address shown on the policy.

(B) If the insurer sends the first electronic offer, notice, or disclosure within the time period required by law and the insurer

complies with both paragraph (5) and subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the electronic offer, notice, or disclosure sent pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall be treated as if mailed in compliance with the applicable statutory regular mail delivery deadlines.

(8) On or before January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor and to the committees of the Senate and Assembly having jurisdiction over insurance and the judiciary, regarding the impact and implementation of the authorization of the electronic transmission of certain insurance renewal offers, notices, or disclosures as authorized by this section. The report shall include input from insurers, consumers, and consumer organizations, and shall include an assessment of the department's experience pertaining to the authorization of the electronic transmission of insurance renewals as authorized by this section.

(c) The department may suspend an insurer from providing offers, notices, or disclosures by electronic transmission if there is a pattern or practices that demonstrate the insurer has failed to comply with the requirements of this section. An insurer may appeal the suspension and resume its electronic transmission of offers, notices, or disclosures upon communication from the department that the changes the insurer made to its process or system to comply with the requirements of this section are satisfactory.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 5. Section 38.5 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

38.5. (a) Any written notice required to be given or mailed to any person by an insurer relating to any insurance on risks or on operations in this state not excepted by Section 1851 from the coverage of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 1850.4) of Part 2 of Division 1 of this code may, if not excluded by subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, be provided by electronic transmission pursuant to Title 2.5 (commencing with Section 1633.1) of Part 2 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, if each party has agreed to conduct the transaction by electronic means pursuant to Section 1633.5 of the Civil Code. The affidavit of the person who initiated the electronic transmission, stating the facts of that transmission into an information processing system outside

of the control of the sender or of any person that sent the electronic record on behalf of the sender, is prima facie evidence that the notice was transmitted and shall be sufficient proof of notice. Any notice provided by electronic transmission shall be treated as if mailed or given for the purposes of any provision of this code, except as provided by subdivision (g) of Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code. The insurance company shall maintain a system for confirming that any notice or document that is to be provided by electronic means has been sent in a manner consistent with Section 1633.15 of the Civil Code. A valid electronic signature shall be sufficient for any provision of law requiring a written signature. The insurance company shall retain a copy of the confirmation and electronic signature, when either is required, with the policy information so that they are retrievable upon request by the Department of Insurance while the policy is in force and for five years thereafter.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 6. Section 663 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

663. (a) Before policy expiration, an insurer shall deliver or mail to the named insured, at the address shown on the policy, one of the following:

(1) At least 20 days before expiration, a written or verbal offer of renewal of the policy, contingent upon payment of premium as stated in the offer.

(2) At least 30 days before expiration, a written notice of nonrenewal of the policy, including the statement required by Section 666.

(b) (1) An insurer that delivers a verbal offer to renew that is declined by an insured shall, at least 20 days before expiration of the policy, deliver to or mail to the named insured, at the address shown on the policy, a written confirmation of the offer and rejection.

(2) An insurer that attempts to satisfy subdivision (a) with a verbal offer to renew, but is unable to contact the named insured directly at least 20 days before policy expiration, shall, at least 20 days before policy expiration, deliver to or mail to the named insured, at the address shown on the policy, a written offer to renew the policy, contingent upon payment of premium as stated in the offer.

(c) In the event that an insurer fails to give the named insured either an offer of renewal or notice of nonrenewal as required by this section, the existing policy, with no change in its terms and conditions, shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date that either the offer to renew or the notice of nonrenewal is delivered or mailed to the named insured. A notice to this effect shall be provided by the insurer to the named insured with the policy or the notice of renewal or nonrenewal. Notwithstanding the failure of an insurer to comply with this section, the policy shall terminate on the effective date of any other replacement or succeeding automobile insurance policy procured by the insured, or his or her agent or broker, with respect to any automobile designated in both policies.

(d) The insurer shall not be required to notify the named insured, or any other insured, of nonrenewal of the policy if the insurer has mailed or delivered a notice of expiration or cancellation, on or prior to the 30th day preceding expiration of the policy period.

(e) The offer of renewal pursuant to this section may be provided electronically to the email address shown on the policy if the insurer complies with subdivision (b) of Section 38.5.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 7. Section 663 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

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(b) (1) An insurer that delivers a verbal offer to renew that is declined by an insured shall, at least 20 days before expiration of the policy, deliver to or mail to the named insured, at the address shown on the policy, a written confirmation of the offer and rejection.

(2) An insurer that attempts to satisfy subdivision (a) with a verbal offer to renew, but is unable to contact the named insured

directly at least 20 days before policy expiration, shall, at least 20 days before policy expiration, deliver to or mail to the named insured, at the address shown on the policy, a written offer to renew the policy, contingent upon payment of premium as stated in the offer.

(c) In the event that an insurer fails to give the named insured either an offer of renewal or notice of nonrenewal as required by this section, the existing policy, with no change in its terms and conditions, shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date that either the offer to renew or the notice of nonrenewal is delivered or mailed to the named insured. A notice to this effect shall be provided by the insurer to the named insured with the policy or the notice of renewal or nonrenewal. Notwithstanding the failure of an insurer to comply with this section, the policy shall terminate on the effective date of any other replacement or succeeding automobile insurance policy procured by the insured, or his agent or broker, with respect to any automobile designated in both policies.

(d) The insurer shall not be required to notify the named insured, or any other insured, of nonrenewal of the policy if the insurer has mailed or delivered a notice of expiration or cancellation, on or prior to the 30th day preceding expiration of the policy period.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 8. Section 678 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

678. (a) At least 45 days prior to policy expiration, an insurer shall deliver to the named insured or mail to the named insured at the address shown in the policy, either of the following:

(1) An offer of renewal of the policy contingent upon payment of premium as stated in the offer, stating each of the following:

(A) Any reduction of limits or elimination of coverage.

(B) The telephone number of the insurer's representatives who handle consumer inquiries or complaints. The telephone number shall be displayed prominently in a font size consistent with the other text of the renewal offer.

(2) A notice of nonrenewal of the policy. That notice shall contain each of the following:

(A) The reason or reasons for the nonrenewal.

(B) The telephone number of the insurer's representatives who handle consumer inquiries or complaints. The telephone number

shall be displayed prominently in a font size consistent with the other text of the notice of nonrenewal.

(C) A brief statement indicating that if the consumer has contacted the insurer to discuss the nonrenewal and remains unsatisfied, he or she may have the matter reviewed by the department. The statement shall include the telephone number of the unit within the department that responds to consumer inquiries and complaints.

(b) In the event an insurer fails to give the named insured either an offer of renewal or notice of nonrenewal as required by this section, the existing policy, with no change in its terms and conditions, shall remain in effect for 45 days from the date that either the offer to renew or the notice of nonrenewal is delivered or mailed to the named insured. A notice to this effect shall be provided by the insurer to the named insured with the policy or the notice of renewal or nonrenewal.

(c) Any policy written for a term of less than one year shall be considered as if written for a term of one year. Any policy written for a term longer than one year, or any policy with no fixed expiration date, shall be considered as if written for successive policy periods or terms of one year.

(d) This section applies only to policies of insurance specified in Section 675.

(e) The offer of renewal pursuant to this section may be provided electronically to the email address shown on the policy if the insurer complies with subdivision (b) of Section 38.5.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 9. Section 678 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

678. (a) At least 45 days prior to policy expiration, an insurer shall deliver to the named insured or mail to the named insured at the address shown in the policy, either of the following:

(1) An offer of renewal of the policy contingent upon payment of premium as stated in the offer, stating each of the following:

(A) Any reduction of limits or elimination of coverage.

(B) The telephone number of the insurer's representatives who handle consumer inquiries or complaints. The telephone number shall be displayed prominently in a font size consistent with the other text of the renewal offer.

(2) A notice of nonrenewal of the policy. That notice shall contain each of the following:

(A) The reason or reasons for the nonrenewal.

(B) The telephone number of the insurer's representatives who handle consumer inquiries or complaints. The telephone number shall be displayed prominently in a font size consistent with the other text of the notice of nonrenewal.

(C) A brief statement indicating that if the consumer has contacted the insurer to discuss the nonrenewal and remains unsatisfied, he or she may have the matter reviewed by the department. The statement shall include the telephone number of the unit within the department that responds to consumer inquiries and complaints.

(b) In the event an insurer fails to give the named insured either an offer of renewal or notice of nonrenewal as required by this section, the existing policy, with no change in its terms and conditions, shall remain in effect for 45 days from the date that either the offer to renew or the notice of nonrenewal is delivered or mailed to the named insured. A notice to this effect shall be provided by the insurer to the named insured with the policy or the notice of renewal or nonrenewal.

(c) Any policy written for a term of less than one year shall be considered as if written for a term of one year. Any policy written for a term longer than one year, or any policy with no fixed expiration date, shall be considered as if written for successive policy periods or terms of one year.

(d) This section applies only to policies of insurance specified in Section 675.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 10. Section 678.1 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

678.1. (a) This section applies only to policies of insurance of commercial insurance that are subject to Sections 675.5 and 676.6.

(b) A notice of nonrenewal shall be in writing and shall be delivered or mailed to the producer of record and to the named insured at the mailing address shown on the policy. Subdivision (a) of Section 1013 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be applicable if the notice is mailed.

(c) An insurer, at least 60 days, but not more than 120 days, in advance of the end of the policy period, shall give notice of nonrenewal, and the reasons for the nonrenewal, if the insurer intends not to renew the policy, or to condition renewal upon reduction of limits, elimination of coverages, increase in deductibles, or increase of more than 25 percent in the rate upon which the premium is based.

(d) If an insurer fails to give timely notice required by subdivision (c), the policy of insurance shall be continued, with no change in its terms or conditions, for a period of 60 days after the insurer gives the notice.

(e) With respect to policies defined in subdivision (b) of Section 676.6, in addition to the bases for conditional renewal set forth in subdivision (c), an insurer may also condition renewal upon requirements relating to the underlying policy or policies. If the requirements are not satisfied as of (1) the expiration date of the policy, or (2) 30 days after mailing or delivery of such notice, whichever is later, the conditional renewal notice shall be treated as an effective notice of nonrenewal, provided the insurer has sent written confirmation to the first named insured and the producer of record that the conditions were not met and that coverage ceased at the expiration date shown in the expiring policy.

(f) A notice of nonrenewal shall not be required in any of the following situations:

(1) The transfer of, or renewal of, a policy without a change in its terms or conditions or the rate on which the premium is based between insurers that are members of the same insurance group.

(2) The policy has been extended for 90 days or less, if the notice required in subdivision (c) has been given prior to the extension.

(3) The named insured has obtained replacement coverage or has agreed, in writing, within 60 days of the termination of the policy, to obtain that coverage.

(4) The policy is for a period of no more than 60 days and the insured is notified at the time of issuance that it may not be renewed.

(5) The named insured requests a change in the terms or conditions or risks covered by the policy within 60 days prior to the end of the policy period.

(6) The insurer has made a written offer to the insured, within the time period specified in subdivision (c), to renew the policy under changed terms or conditions or at a changed premium rate. As used herein, “terms or conditions” includes, but is not limited to, a reduction in limits, elimination of coverages, or an increase in deductibles.

(g) The notice of conditional renewal described in subdivision (c) may be provided electronically to the email address shown on the policy if the insurer complies with subdivision (b) of Section 38.5.

(h) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 11. Section 678.1 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

678.1. (a) This section applies only to policies of insurance of commercial insurance that are subject to Sections 675.5 and 676.6.

(b) A notice of nonrenewal shall be in writing and shall be delivered or mailed to the producer of record and to the named insured at the mailing address shown on the policy. Subdivision (a) of Section 1013 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be applicable if the notice is mailed.

(c) An insurer, at least 60 days, but not more than 120 days, in advance of the end of the policy period, shall give notice of nonrenewal, and the reasons for the nonrenewal, if the insurer intends not to renew the policy, or to condition renewal upon reduction of limits, elimination of coverages, increase in deductibles, or increase of more than 25 percent in the rate upon which the premium is based.

(d) If an insurer fails to give timely notice required by subdivision (c), the policy of insurance shall be continued, with no change in its terms or conditions, for a period of 60 days after the insurer gives the notice.

(e) With respect to policies defined in subdivision (b) of Section 676.6, in addition to the bases for conditional renewal set forth in subdivision (c), an insurer may also condition renewal upon requirements relating to the underlying policy or policies. If the requirements are not satisfied as of (1) the expiration date of the policy, or (2) 30 days after mailing or delivery of such notice, whichever is later, the conditional renewal notice shall be treated

as an effective notice of nonrenewal, provided the insurer has sent written confirmation to the first named insured and the producer of record that the conditions were not met and that coverage ceased at the expiration date shown in the expiring policy.

(f) A notice of nonrenewal shall not be required in any of the following situations.

(1) The transfer of, or renewal of, a policy without a change in its terms or conditions or the rate on which the premium is based between insurers that are members of the same insurance group.

(2) The policy has been extended for 90 days or less, if the notice required in subdivision (c) has been given prior to the extension.

(3) The named insured has obtained replacement coverage or has agreed, in writing, within 60 days of the termination of the policy, to obtain that coverage.

(4) The policy is for a period of no more than 60 days and the insured is notified at the time of issuance that it may not be renewed.

(5) The named insured requests a change in the terms or conditions or risks covered by the policy within 60 days prior to the end of the policy period.

(6) The insurer has made a written offer to the insured, within the time period specified in subdivision (c), to renew the policy under changed terms or conditions or at a changed premium rate. As used herein, “terms or conditions” includes, but is not limited to, a reduction in limits, elimination of coverages, or an increase in deductibles.

(g) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 12. Section 10083 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

10083. (a) The offer of coverage required by Section 10081 may be made prior to, concurrent with, or within 60 days following the issuance or renewal of a residential property insurance policy. If the offer of coverage is mailed to the named insured or applicant, it shall be mailed to the mailing address shown on the policy of residential property insurance or on the application. The offer may be made electronically pursuant to Section 38.5. The offer of earthquake coverage shall contain the following language in at least 10-point boldface type:

YOUR POLICY DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE AGAINST THE PERIL OF EARTHQUAKE.

CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THAT EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE BE OFFERED TO YOU AT YOUR OPTION.

WARNING: THESE COVERAGES MAY DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM AND PROVIDE LESS PROTECTION THAN THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY YOUR HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE POLICY. THERE ARE EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS SUCH AS OUTBUILDINGS, SWIMMING POOLS, MASONRY FENCES, AND MASONRY CHIMNEYS. THIS DISCLOSURE FORM CONTAINS ONLY A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGES AND IS NOT PART OF YOUR EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE POLICY. ONLY THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF YOUR POLICY WILL DETERMINE WHETHER A PARTICULAR LOSS IS COVERED AND, IF SO, THE AMOUNT PAYABLE.

THE COVERAGE, SUBJECT TO POLICY PROVISIONS, MAY BE PURCHASED AT ADDITIONAL COST ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

(A) AMOUNT OF DWELLING COVERAGE: _____

(B) APPLICABLE DEDUCTIBLE: _____ IF YOUR LOSS IS BELOW THIS AMOUNT, YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY PAYMENT FROM YOUR COVERAGE.

YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE AS TO HOW THE DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES TO THE MARKET VALUE OF YOUR COVERAGE, THE INSURED VALUE OF YOUR COVERAGE, OR THE REPLACEMENT VALUE OF YOUR COVERAGE.

(C) CONTENTS COVERAGE: _____

IF YOUR LOSS DOES NOT EXCEED THE DEDUCTIBLE FOR THE DWELLING, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY PAYMENT FOR THIS COVERAGE.

YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE AS TO HOW THE DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES TO THE AMOUNT YOU RECEIVE PURSUANT TO THIS COVERAGE.

(D) ADDITIONAL LIVING EXPENSES: _____

(E) RATE OR PREMIUM: _____

YOU MUST ASK THE COMPANY TO ADD EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS NOTICE OR IT SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED THAT YOU HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THIS OFFER.

THIS COVERAGE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON THE DAY YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFER IS RECEIVED BY US.

(b) When the insurer, agent, or broker establishes delivery of the disclosure form by obtaining the signature of the applicant or insured, or when an insurer, agent, or broker provides the applicant with the disclosure form and the applicant does not return a signed acknowledgment of receipt within 60 days of the date it was provided, there shall be a conclusive presumption that the insurer, agent, or broker has complied with the disclosure requirements of this section.

(c) The offer may contain additional provisions not in conflict with or in derogation of this section.

(d) The commissioner may only approve modifications to the language prescribed in subdivision (a) if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The modifications are not in conflict with or in derogation of any provision of this section or Section 10089.

(2) The modifications are necessary to ensure that the disclosure statement accurately reflects the coverage actually provided by the policy being offered.

(3) The modifications are strictly limited to necessary changes so that the modified disclosure statement is otherwise identical to the disclosure statement prescribed in this section.

(e) Use of the language prescribed by this section, or modified language approved pursuant to subdivision (d), shall constitute compliance with the requirements of Section 10081 by an insurer subject thereto.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 13. Section 10083 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

10083. (a) The offer of coverage required by Section 10081 may be made prior to, concurrent with, or within 60 days following the issuance or renewal of a residential property insurance policy.

If the offer of coverage is mailed to the named insured or applicant, it shall be mailed to the mailing address shown on the policy of residential property insurance or on the application. The offer of earthquake coverage shall contain the following language in at least 10-point boldface type:

YOUR POLICY DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE AGAINST THE PERIL OF EARTHQUAKE.

CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THAT EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE BE OFFERED TO YOU AT YOUR OPTION.

WARNING: THESE COVERAGES MAY DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM AND PROVIDE LESS PROTECTION THAN THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY YOUR HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE POLICY. THERE ARE EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS SUCH AS OUTBUILDINGS, SWIMMING POOLS, MASONRY FENCES, AND MASONRY CHIMNEYS. THIS DISCLOSURE FORM CONTAINS ONLY A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGES AND IS NOT PART OF YOUR EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE POLICY. ONLY THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF YOUR POLICY WILL DETERMINE WHETHER A PARTICULAR LOSS IS COVERED AND, IF SO, THE AMOUNT PAYABLE.

THE COVERAGE, SUBJECT TO POLICY PROVISIONS, MAY BE PURCHASED AT ADDITIONAL COST ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

(A) AMOUNT OF DWELLING COVERAGE: _____

(B) APPLICABLE DEDUCTIBLE: _____ IF YOUR LOSS IS BELOW THIS AMOUNT, YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY PAYMENT FROM YOUR COVERAGE.

YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE AS TO HOW THE DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES TO THE MARKET VALUE OF YOUR COVERAGE, THE INSURED VALUE OF YOUR COVERAGE, OR THE REPLACEMENT VALUE OF YOUR COVERAGE.

(C) CONTENTS COVERAGE: _____

IF YOUR LOSS DOES NOT EXCEED THE DEDUCTIBLE FOR THE DWELLING, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY PAYMENT FOR THIS COVERAGE.

YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE AS TO HOW THE

DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES TO THE AMOUNT YOU RECEIVE PURSUANT TO THIS COVERAGE.

(D) ADDITIONAL LIVING EXPENSES: _____

(E) RATE OR PREMIUM: _____

YOU MUST ASK THE COMPANY TO ADD EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS NOTICE OR IT SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED THAT YOU HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THIS OFFER.

THIS COVERAGE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON THE DAY YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFER IS RECEIVED BY US.

(b) When the insurer, agent, or broker establishes delivery of the disclosure form by obtaining the signature of the applicant or insured, or when an insurer, agent, or broker provides the applicant with the disclosure form and the applicant does not return a signed acknowledgment of receipt within 60 days of the date it was provided, there shall be a conclusive presumption that the insurer, agent, or broker has complied with the disclosure requirements of this section.

(c) The offer may contain additional provisions not in conflict with or in derogation of this section.

(d) The commissioner may only approve modifications to the language prescribed in subdivision (a) if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The modifications are not in conflict with or in derogation of any provision of this section or Section 10089.

(2) The modifications are necessary to ensure that the disclosure statement accurately reflects the coverage actually provided by the policy being offered.

(3) The modifications are strictly limited to necessary changes so that the modified disclosure statement is otherwise identical to the disclosure statement prescribed in this section.

(e) Use of the language prescribed by this section, or modified language approved pursuant to subdivision (d), shall constitute compliance with the requirements of Section 10081 by an insurer subject thereto.

(f) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 14. Section 10086 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

10086. (a) If an offer of earthquake coverage is accepted, the coverage shall be continued at the applicable rates and conditions for the policy term, provided the policy of residential property insurance is not terminated by the named insured or insurer.

(1) At any renewal, an insurer may modify the terms and conditions of an existing policy, rider, or endorsement providing coverage against loss or damage caused by the peril of earthquake if the modified terms and conditions provide the minimum coverages required by Section 10089.

(2) An insurer that modifies the terms and conditions of an existing policy, rider, or endorsement shall provide the insured with the renewal notice in a stand-alone disclosure document stating the changes in the terms and conditions of the insured's existing policy, rider, or endorsement. The offer of renewal may be made electronically pursuant to Section 38.5. Proof of mailing of the disclosure document by first-class mail to a named insured at the mailing address shown on the policy or application, or proof consistent with Section 38.5 that the offer of renewal of coverage was sent to the named insured or applicant by electronic transmission, creates a conclusive presumption that the disclosure document was provided. The disclosure shall include the following statement in 14-point boldface type:

THE COVERAGE IN THE POLICY WE ARE OFFERING YOU WITH THIS RENEWAL HAS BEEN REDUCED, AND SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERS FROM THE COVERAGES PROVIDED BY YOUR HOMEOWNERS' POLICY. INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE ALLOWED TO RENEW EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE POLICIES WITH COVERAGE THAT IS REDUCED FROM THE COVERAGE YOU PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED. YOU MAY REQUEST A SAMPLE COPY OF THIS NEW POLICY TO REVIEW PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION TO ACCEPT THIS RENEWAL, AND WE WILL MAIL OR DELIVER IT TO YOU WITHIN 14 DAYS OF YOUR REQUEST. A REQUEST FOR THE SAMPLE COPY SHALL NOT CHANGE OR EXTEND THE POLICY EXPIRATION DATE SPECIFIED IN THE RENEWAL NOTICE. A SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

The commissioner shall approve the form of the summary at the time he or she approves the policy. The summary shall include the

information contained in subdivision (a) of Section 10083, and may be included with the renewal notice in standard type.

The commissioner may approve substantially similar disclosure forms if necessary to accurately disclose relevant information to the policyholder. The commissioner may also approve disclosure forms substantially similar to the disclosure statement required by Section 10083 if necessary to accurately disclose relevant information to the policyholder.

(3) If the earthquake coverage is provided by a policy issued by the California Earthquake Authority, the following disclosure shall be provided in 14-point boldface type:

**CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY POLICY
DISCLOSURE**

THIS POLICY IS BEING PURCHASED FROM THE CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY (“CEA”). THE COVERAGE IN THIS CEA POLICY SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERS FROM THE COVERAGES PROVIDED IN YOUR HOMEOWNER’S POLICY. THE CEA IS NOT PART OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE COMPANY. IF LOSSES AS A RESULT OF AN EARTHQUAKE OR A SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES EXCEED THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES OF THE CEA, THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION. THEREFORE, THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION WILL NOT PAY YOUR CLAIMS OR PROTECT YOUR ASSETS IF THE CEA BECOMES INSOLVENT AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE PAYMENTS AS PROMISED. IN ADDITION, YOUR CEA POLICY MAY BE SUBJECT TO FUTURE SURCHARGES OF THE POLICY PREMIUM IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE AN EARTHQUAKE OR SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES HAS EXCEEDED AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO PAY CLAIMS. IN THAT CASE, THIS MEANS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL PREMIUM, YOU MAY BE CHARGED UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 20% OF THE PREMIUM.

(b) If the offer is not accepted, the insurer or any affiliated insurer shall be required on an every other year basis to offer

earthquake coverage in connection with any continuation, renewal, or reinstatement of the policy following any lapse thereof, or with respect to any other policy that extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces the policy of residential property insurance. The offer may be made electronically pursuant to Section 38.5.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the named insured from terminating the earthquake coverage at any time.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 15. Section 10086 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

10086. (a) If an offer of earthquake coverage is accepted, the coverage shall be continued at the applicable rates and conditions for the policy term, provided the policy of residential property insurance is not terminated by the named insured or insurer.

(1) At any renewal, an insurer may modify the terms and conditions of an existing policy, rider, or endorsement providing coverage against loss or damage caused by the peril of earthquake if the modified terms and conditions provide the minimum coverages required by Section 10089.

(2) An insurer that modifies the terms and conditions of an existing policy, rider, or endorsement shall provide the insured with the renewal notice in a stand-alone disclosure document stating the changes in the terms and conditions of the insured's existing policy, rider, or endorsement. Proof of mailing of the disclosure document by first-class mail to a named insured at the mailing address shown on the policy or application creates a conclusive presumption that the disclosure document was provided. The disclosure shall include the following statement in 14-point boldface type:

THE COVERAGE IN THE POLICY WE ARE OFFERING YOU WITH THIS RENEWAL HAS BEEN REDUCED, AND SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERS FROM THE COVERAGES PROVIDED BY YOUR HOMEOWNERS' POLICY. INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE ALLOWED TO RENEW EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE POLICIES WITH COVERAGE THAT IS REDUCED FROM THE COVERAGE YOU PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED. YOU MAY REQUEST A SAMPLE COPY OF THIS NEW POLICY TO REVIEW PRIOR

TO MAKING A DECISION TO ACCEPT THIS RENEWAL, AND WE WILL MAIL OR DELIVER IT TO YOU WITHIN 14 DAYS OF YOUR REQUEST. A REQUEST FOR THE SAMPLE COPY SHALL NOT CHANGE OR EXTEND THE POLICY EXPIRATION DATE SPECIFIED IN THE RENEWAL NOTICE. A SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

The commissioner shall approve the form of the summary at the time he or she approves the policy. The summary shall include the information contained in subdivision (a) of Section 10083, and may be included with the renewal notice in standard type.

The commissioner may approve substantially similar disclosure forms if necessary to accurately disclose relevant information to the policyholder. The commissioner may also approve disclosure forms substantially similar to the disclosure statement required by Section 10083 if necessary to accurately disclose relevant information to the policyholder.

(3) If the earthquake coverage is provided by a policy issued by the California Earthquake Authority, the following disclosure shall be provided in 14-point boldface type:

CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY POLICY DISCLOSURE

THIS POLICY IS BEING PURCHASED FROM THE CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY (“CEA”). THE COVERAGE IN THIS CEA POLICY SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERS FROM THE COVERAGES PROVIDED IN YOUR HOMEOWNER’S POLICY. THE CEA IS NOT PART OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE COMPANY. IF LOSSES AS A RESULT OF AN EARTHQUAKE OR A SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES EXCEED THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES OF THE CEA, THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION. THEREFORE, THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION WILL NOT PAY YOUR CLAIMS OR PROTECT YOUR ASSETS IF THE CEA BECOMES INSOLVENT AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE PAYMENTS AS PROMISED. IN ADDITION, YOUR CEA POLICY MAY BE SUBJECT TO FUTURE SURCHARGES OF THE POLICY PREMIUM IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE AN EARTHQUAKE OR SERIES

OF EARTHQUAKES HAS EXCEEDED AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO PAY CLAIMS. IN THAT CASE, THIS MEANS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL PREMIUM, YOU MAY BE CHARGED UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 20% OF THE PREMIUM.

(b) If the offer is not accepted, the insurer or any affiliated insurer shall be required on an every other year basis to offer earthquake coverage in connection with any continuation, renewal, or reinstatement of the policy following any lapse thereof, or with respect to any other policy that extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces the policy of residential property insurance.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the named insured from terminating the earthquake coverage at any time.

(d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 16. Section 10087 of the Insurance Code is amended to read:

10087. (a) As used in this chapter, “policy of residential property insurance” shall mean a policy insuring individually owned residential structures of not more than four dwelling units, individually owned condominium units, or individually owned mobilehomes, and their contents, located in this state and used exclusively for residential purposes or a tenant’s policy insuring personal contents of a residential unit located in this state. “Policy of residential property insurance,” as defined, shall not include insurance for real property or its contents used for any commercial, industrial, or business purpose, except a structure of not more than four dwelling units rented for individual residential purposes. A policy that does not include any of the perils insured against in a standard fire policy shall not be included in the definition of “policy of residential property insurance.”

(b) Proof of mailing of the offer by first-class mail addressed to a named insured or applicant at the mailing address shown on the policy or application, or proof consistent with Section 38.5 that the offer of coverage was sent to the named insured or applicant by electronic transmission, shall create a conclusive presumption that the offer was made.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 17. Section 10087 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

10087. (a) As used in this chapter “policy of residential property insurance” shall mean a policy insuring individually owned residential structures of not more than four dwelling units, individually owned condominium units, or individually owned mobilehomes, and their contents, located in this state and used exclusively for residential purposes or a tenant’s policy insuring personal contents of a residential unit located in this state. “Policy of residential property insurance,” as defined, shall not include insurance for real property or its contents used for any commercial, industrial or business purpose, except a structure of not more than four dwelling units rented for individual residential purposes. A policy that does not include any of the perils insured against in a standard fire policy shall not be included in the definition of “policy of residential property insurance.”

(b) Proof of mailing of the offer by first-class mail addressed to a named insured or applicant at the mailing address shown on the policy or application shall create a conclusive presumption that the offer was made.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2019.

SEC. 18. Section 1.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code proposed by both this bill and Senate Bill 752. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2014, (2) each bill amends Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Senate Bill 752, in which case Section 1 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 19. Section 2 of this bill shall only become operative if (1) this bill is enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2014, (2) this bill amends Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, and (3) Senate Bill 752 is not enacted, or if enacted on or before January 1, 2014, does not amend Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, in which case Section 3 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 20. Section 3 of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both this bill and Senate Bill 752 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2014, and (2) each bill amends Section 1633.3 of the Civil Code, in which case Section 2 of this bill shall not become operative.

Approved _____, 2013

Governor