

The Surplus Line Association of California

12667 Alcosta Boulevard Suite 450 San Ramon, CA 94583

P 415.434.4900 F 415.434.3117

slacal.com

December 8, 2023

BULLETIN #1464

Re: <u>Amendment to Law Requiring Licensees to Include Their License</u> Number on E-Mails

Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1578 into law on September 30, 2023, and the new law takes effect January 1, 2024. It amends Insurance Code Section 1725.5 to clarify a provision from last year's Senate Bill 1242, which required licensees to include their license number in email communications.

This amendment specifies that the license number of an organizational licensee must appear in an email only if both (i) the email is sent from the organization and not an individual licensee, AND (ii) the communication involves an activity for which a license is required. Where the email is sent from an individual, only the individual's license number is required.

All other requirements of Insurance Code section 1725.5, as described by California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara in his notice dated December 22, 2022, remain the same. Click here to see the commissioner's notice. To see the SLA's prior bulletins regarding the requirement to include the license number on emails, see Bulletin 1438 (Nov. 18, 2022) and Bulletin 1440 (Dec. 20, 2022).

To view Assembly Bill No. 1578 in its entirety, please click here.