

- 4 Requirement; content.** Similar to section 1, regarding the form in which an insurance company may give a notice to an applicant for insurance. It eliminates the current requirement that the authorization the customer must give must be in writing. (The section of law being amended here applies to all types of insurance and involves a disclosure form about an authorization form that an insurance company requires an applicant for coverage to sign which allows the insurance company to disclose or collect certain personal or privileged information about the applicant. The disclosure form typically specifies what information would be collected or disclosed, the purpose of the collection or disclosure, and so on. For instance, a life insurance company would need the right to collect information about the applicant's health history and medical condition. If the applicant does not sign the authorization, the insurance company will not accept the application for coverage.)
- 5 Verbal authorization in lieu of signed authorization.** Permits an insurance company to rely on a "verbal authorization" ("verbal" means "in words," which may be spoken or written) given by an insurance customer, instead of a signed written authorization, to authorize the insurance company to collect and disclose personal or privileged information about the customer, if the verbal authorization is recorded electronically and retained by the insurance company.