

Committee on Banking and Insurance

CS/HB 157 —Delivery of Insurance Policies

by Insurance and Banking Subcommittee and Rep. Holder (CS/SB 262 by Banking and Insurance Committee and Senator Smith)

The bill allows an insurer to use electronic transmission as an acceptable means to meet statutory requirements for delivery of an insurance policy. Under current law, an insurer must mail or deliver a policy to the insured within 60 days after the insurance takes effect. The bill further specifies electronic transmission of an insurance policy related to commercial risks constitutes delivery of the policy to the policyholder unless the policyholder notifies the insurance company in writing or in an electronic format that they do not agree to have their policy delivered by electronic transmission. If a policy covering commercial risks is transmitted to the policyholder electronically, the transmission is required to include notice to the policyholder indicating the policyholder has a right to receive the policy by mail instead of electronic transmission. In addition, a paper copy of the policy must be provided to policyholders upon request.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0