40-5209. Same; required forms; contents. A notice of transfer and form for response by an insured to such a notice shall be deemed to be sufficient for the purposes of this act if it substantially conforms with the following form:

 ${\tt IMPORTANT: THIS\,NOTICE\,AFFECTS\,YOUR\,CONTRACT\,\,RIGHTS.\,PLEASE\,READ\,IT\,\,CAREFULLY}.$

Transfer of Policy

The [ABC Insurance Company] has agreed to replace us as your insurer under [insert policy/certificate name and number] effective [insert date]. The [ABC Insurance Company's] principal place of business is [insert address] and certain financial information concerning both companies is attached, including (1) ratings for the last five years, if available, or for such lesser period as is available from two nationally recognized insurance rating services; (2) balance sheets for the previous three years, if available, or for such lesser period as is available and as of the date of the most recent quarterly statement; (3) a copy of the Management's Discussion and Analysis that was filed as a supplement to the previous year's annual statement; and (4) an explanation of the reason for the transfer. You may obtain additional information concerning [ABC Insurance Company] from reference materials in your local library or by contacting your Insurance Commissioner at [insert address and phone number].

The [ABC Insurance Company] is licensed to write this coverage in your state. The Commissioner of Insurance in your state has reviewed the potential effect of the proposed transaction, and has approved the transaction.

Your Rights

You may choose to consent to or reject the transfer of your policy to [ABC Insurance Company]. If you want your policy transferred, you may notify us in writing by signing and returning the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid card or by writing to us at:

[Insert name, address and facsimile number of contact person.]

Payment of your premium to the assuming company will also constitute acceptance of the transaction. However, a method will be provided to allow you to pay the premium while reserving the right to reject the transfer.

If you reject the transfer, you may keep your policy with us or exercise any option under your policy. If we do not receive a written rejection you will, as a matter of law, have consented to the transfer. However, before this consent is final you will be provided a second notice of the transfer 24 months from now. After the second notice is provided, you will have one month to reply. If you have paid your premium to the [ABC Insurance Company], without reserving your right to reject the transfer, you will not receive a second notice.

Effect of Transfer

If you accept this transfer, [ABC Insurance Company] will be your insurer. It will have direct responsibility to you for the payment of all claims, benefits and for all other policy obligations. We will no longer have any obligations to you.

If you accept this transfer, you should make all premium payments and claims submissions to [ABC Insurance Company] and direct all questions to [ABC Insurance Company].

If you have any further questions about this agreement, you may contact [XYZ Insurance] or [ABC Insurance].

Sincerely, _[XYZ Insurance Company [ABC Insurance Company 111 No Street 222 No StreetSmithville, USA Jonesville, USA555/555-5555] 333/333-3333]

For your convenience, we have enclosed a pre-addressed postage-paid response card. Please take time now to read the enclosed notice and complete and return the response card to us.

[Notice Date]

RESPONSE CARD

_____ Yes, I accept the transfer of my policy from [name of transferring company] to [name of assuming company].

_____ No, I reject the proposed transfer of my policy from [name of transferring company] to [name of assuming company] and wish to retain my policy with [name of transferring company].

__Date Signature Name: ___Street Address: ___City, State, Zip:

This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2004.

History: L. 2004, ch. 128, § 14; May 20.