Attention: Franchise Registrants
Re: Notary Requirement Waiver
Date: March 30, 2020

Regulatory Guidance 20-11

Issued March 30, 2020

Authority.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-01, declaring a peacetime emergency related to COVID-19.

On March 28, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed House File 4531 authorizing Commissioner of Commerce Steve Kelley ("Commissioner") to delay, stay, or waive the following licensing, investigative and other deadlines related to the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner and regulated entities required to effectively continue the business of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and to assist regulated entities during the current peacetime emergency.

In light of the challenges related to the COVID-19 virus, the Commissioner of Commerce has issued an Order granting temporary extensions of certain filing deadlines and waivers for a number of licensees, registrants and regulated industries.

Guidance.

Given the disruption caused by COVID-19, certain notarization requirements for franchises pursuant to Minn. R. Chapter 2860.9920 and 2860.9930 are waived. The waiver for notarizing forms is for new applications, amendments and annual reports filed through June 30, 2020.

Questions.

For any questions regarding this, please email securities.commerce@state.mn.us.

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