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**NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED
BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.**

AGENCY: WV Division of Banking TITLE NUMBER: 106

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES , NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 17

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Notice and Treatment of Joint Accounts

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

THE ABOVE RULE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

AUTHORIZATION IS CITED IN (house or senate bill number) SB 131

SECTION 64-7-2(b), PASSED ON March 11, 1995

THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON
THE FOLLOWING DATE: May 5, 1995



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

TITLE 106
LEGISLATIVE RULES
COMMISSIONER OF BANKING

SERIES 17
NOTICE AND TREATMENT OF JOINT ACCOUNTS

§ 106-17-1. General.

1.1. Scope-- This rule establishes procedures for the notice to holders of joint deposit accounts opened on or after July 1, 1994 regarding their rights and liabilities as to those accounts. In addition, this rule pertains to the treatment of joint deposit accounts in the event of receipt of written notice by a bank from one of their joint deposit account holders informing the bank not to pay, pledge, or encumber the account upon the demand or request of another named party to the joint account.

1.2. Authority-- W. Va. Code §§ 31A-4-33 and 31A-2-4(c) (11).

1.3. Filing Date-- April 5, 1995

1.4. Effective Date-- May 5, 1995

§ 106-17-2. Definitions.

2.1. "Joint Account" means a federally insured deposit account at a bank which is held in the name of two or more individual persons, wherein any one of the named account holders may, without the signature or approval of any other persons to the account, obtain account funds, close the account, or otherwise withdraw the whole amount in the account. Such accounts include, but are not limited to, joint checking accounts, joint savings accounts, joint passbook savings accounts, joint Christmas/Vacation club accounts, and joint certificate of deposit accounts.

2.2. "Bank" means any state-chartered or federally-chartered banking institution authorized to conduct the business of banking in West Virginia, including any savings bank, or savings and loan association.

§ 106-17-3. Notice.

3.1. Opening New Joint Accounts-- Upon the request of a customer to open a new joint account, a bank shall provide notice to the joint account holders that the joint account may be paid out to, pledged by, or otherwise encumbered by each and any of the individuals to the joint account-- unless prior written notice is given by one of the account holders not to permit it. The wording of the notice provided by the banks to their customers must be

approved by the Commissioner of Banking and printed in a clearly legible type size. A bank may comply with this subsection by:

3.1.1 Obtaining the signature of at least one joint account holder on a separate document containing the required disclosures and approved for such use by the Commissioner of Banking, and then maintaining this signed separate document either together with the joint account's signature card, or in another manner whereby the document is easily retrievable as to each joint account;

3.1.2. Incorporating the required and approved disclosure notice within the signature card or the account opening agreement with the bank; or

3.1.3. Establishing a procedure for ensuring that a person opening a covered joint account is given the required notice in a form approved by the Commissioner of Banking, and that fact is recorded by a checkbox marked upon the signature card or the account opening agreement accompanying that joint account.

3.2. Notice Forms-- The form of the notice, including the wording contained in the disclosures, shall be approved by the Commissioner of Banking together with any restrictions or specific use of a particular form that the Commissioner may establish. In addition to any other notice form which may be, from time to time, approved by the Commissioner of Banking, banks may use the forms set forth in Appendix A and B of this rule as prescribed in this subsection:

3.2.1. The form in Appendix A may be used when the bank is following the notice procedure set forth in subdivision 3.1.1. of this rule; and

3.2.2. The form in Appendix B may be used when the bank is following the notice procedure set forth in subdivisions 3.1.2. or 3.1.3. of this rule.

3.3. Use of Previously Approved Forms-- Unless a change in law, legislative rule, or determination by a court necessitates immediately altering a notice form previously approved for use by the Commissioner of Banking, banks shall have a reasonable amount of time, up to six months, to replace their existing approved forms. And during that time the banks may continue to use their previously approved forms.

§ 106-17-4. Effect of Written Notice.

4.1. Closing the Account-- Upon receipt of written notice from a customer holding a joint account directing the bank not to

allow one or more of the other named parties to that joint account to withdraw funds, close the account, pledge or otherwise encumber the account solely on that party's own signature, then the bank may, unless prevented by federal law, treat that notice as a request to end the joint account relationship and the bank may choose to close the account either by issuing a check in the name of the customer requesting the change, or by transferring the account monies to another account which is in the name of the customer requesting the change.

If there is any loss of accrued interest or other penalty for early withdrawal associated with closing the joint account, the bank may impose the loss or penalty.

4.2. Payment of Interest-- If the account is closed and the monies in the account placed in an escrow account by the bank, then interest shall accrue as is normally paid by the bank on its escrow accounts.

4.3. Noninterference with Bank Pledging Policy-- Nothing within this rule prohibits a bank from adopting as a matter of bank policy, a requirement that all joint account holders must agree and/or sign before any pledge of a joint account can be made.

§ 106-17-5. Non-Liability of Bank

5.1. Upon Closing the Account-- To the extent the bank closes the account acting upon written notice of a joint account holder made pursuant to W. Va. Code § 31A-4-33 the bank has no liability to any affected joint account holder in consequence for taking such action.

5.2. Upon Following Agreement of Parties-- To the extent the bank follows or complies with an agreement among and between all the parties to a joint account as to the apportionment or disposition of funds held in the joint account, the bank has no liability to any affected joint account holder in consequence for taking such action.

5.3. Upon Compliance with a Court Order-- To the extent the bank follows or complies in good faith with an order from a court as to the apportionment or disposition of funds held in a joint account affected by notice pursuant to W. Va. Code § 31A-4-33, or makes any payment or attachment to a creditor or other legal claimant pursuant to legal process, the bank has no liability to any affected joint account holder in consequence for taking such action.

5.4. Upon Taking Commercially Reasonable Action-- To the extent the bank, in good faith, takes all commercially reasonable action to promptly prevent a joint account holder from withdrawing,

closing, pledging or otherwise encumbering such account as directed by another joint account holder's written notice received by the bank, the bank has no liability to any affected joint account holder for being unable to prevent the withdrawal, closing, pledge, or encumbrment.

§ 106-17-6. Severability.

If any word, phrase, or provision of this rule is held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule shall, to the fullest extent possible, not be affected by that holding.

Acct. No. _____

NOTICE TO JOINT ACCOUNT HOLDERS

This joint account is payable in both your name "or" in the name of the other person(s) listed on the account (Example "Mr. Smith or Mrs. Smith").

Please be advised and forewarned that:

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I have read and understand the above rules about this joint account.

Signature of Joint Account Holder 1: _____

Signature of Joint Account Holder 2: _____

Signature of Joint Account Holder 3: _____

[Optional addition-- "At least one account holder must sign."]

8/13/94

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[This form is to be used in incorporating the language in the signature card, or where a checkbox indicating the above disclosure has been made is part of the signature card.]

7/13/93

Bill-Banking, Joint Accts

106-9

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H. B. 2133

(By Delegates Gallagher, Douglas, Compton,
Linch, Faircloth and Riggs)

(Introduced January 23, 1995 ; referred to the
Committee on Banking and Insurance then the Judiciary .)

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March 27, 1995

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SB 131 authorizing, **Title 106, Series 17, Notice and Treatment of Joint Accounts**, passed the Legislature on **March 11, 1995**. It was signed by the Governor on March 23, 1995.

You have sixty (60) days after the Governor signs SB 131, to final file the legislative rule with the Secretary of State's office. To final file your legislative rule, fill in the blanks on the enclosed form #6, the "Final Filing" form and file the form with our office with a promulgation history of the rule. Authorization for your legislative rule is cited in **SB 131** section **64-7-2(b)**. The agency may set the effective date of the legislative rule up to ninety (90) days from the date the legislative rule is final filed with the Secretary of State's office. Please have an authorized signature on the bottom line.

*****IMPORTANT: YOUR AGENCY MUST SUBMIT A CLEAN COPY OF THE LEGISLATIVE RULE ON DISK, WITH ALL UNDERLINING, STRIKE-THROUGHS AND HEADERS/FOOTERS TAKEN OUT, TO OUR OFFICE WHEN FINAL FILING THE RULE. THE DISK MUST BE ON A WORD PERFECT (5.1 OR 5.2 VERSION) OR WORD PERFECT COMPATIBLE COMPUTER SYSTEM 3 1/2" DOUBLE DENSITY DISK. STATE ON THE DISK THE FORMAT THE RULE IS IN AND THE TITLE IT IS FILED UNDER. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO ENTER YOUR RULES ON THE LEGISLATIVE DATA BASE. REMEMBER THE TEXT OF THE COMPUTER FILED RULE MUST BE IDENTICAL - WORD FOR WORD, COMMA FOR COMMA, WITH ALL UNDERLINING, STRIKE-THROUGHS AND HEADERS/FOOTERS TAKEN OUT, AS THE HARD COPY AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE.**

After the final rule is entered into the legislative data base, the rule will be sent to the agency for review and proofing. Following confirmation or corrections, as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall submit to the agency a final version of the rule for their records.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Thank You
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TO: Tim Winslow

AGENCY: Banking

FROM: JUDY COOPER, DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION

DATE: May 23, 1995

THE ATTACHED RULE FILED BY YOUR AGENCY HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM. PLEASE REVIEW, PROOF AND RETURN IT WITH ANY CORRECTIONS. IF THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS, PLEASE SIGN THIS MEMO AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE. YOU WILL BE SENT A FINAL VERSION OF THE RULE FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE RETURN EITHER THE CORRECTED RULE OR THIS FORM WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS REQUEST. CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SERIES: 17 TITLE: 106 Banking

* THE ATTACHED RULE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IS CORRECT.

SIGNED: *Matthew C. Winborne*

TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING: General Counsel

DATE: May 31, 1995

* THE ATTACHED RULE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND NEEDS CORRECTING. THE CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MARKED.

SIGNED: _____

TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING: _____

DATE: _____

NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT THE PERSON WHO HANDLES THIS RULE, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE CORRECT PERSON.