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**LEGISLATORS LAUNCH DEBATE ON CONTROVERSIAL
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY/RIDESHARING PROPOSED MODEL**

Charleston, South Carolina, March 1, 2015 — On March 1 at the NCOIL Spring Meeting here, legislators kicked off debate on a proposed and controversial model law to regulate transportation network companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft. The draft *Model Act to Regulate Insurance Requirements for Transportation Network Companies and Transportation Network Drivers* would offer regulatory guidance to state policymakers at a time of growing international concern over insurance and safety implications of ridesharing activities.

The proposed model act, sponsored by Rep. Michael Stinziano (OH), would preempt local ordinances and laws. It would establish, among other insurance requirements, that TNCs must provide primary liability coverage—beginning when a TNC driver is logged into the TNC’s online system and is waiting to be matched with a passenger and ending when the passenger is out of the vehicle at his/her destination.

The proposed model also calls for various disclosures to TNC drivers and to passengers. It would not require private passenger auto insurance policies to cover a driver’s TNC activity.

According to Rep. Matt Lehman (IN), chair of the Property-Casualty Insurance Committee:

States and municipalities are moving quickly to protect passengers and drivers involved in ridesharing activities, and so NCOIL must take swift and thoughtful action to guide policymakers making tough choices. The transportation network industry is innovative and popular, but it’s also a battleground for interested parties with strong and often competing belief systems when it comes to how much regulation is too much. I applaud Rep. Stinziano’s leadership and look forward to more in-depth discussion at the NCOIL Summer Meeting.

The March 1 NCOIL discussion included conversation regarding, among other things, recent state activity and how it compares to provisions in the proposed model. Participating in the debate were Director Ray Farmer (SC) on behalf of the NAIC, as well as representatives of Demotech; the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI); the Taxi, Limousine & Paratransit Association; and Uber.

Consideration of the proposed *Model Act to Regulate Insurance Requirements for Transportation Network Companies and Transportation Network Drivers* builds on an NCOIL Annual Meeting special session in which representatives of the California Department of Insurance, insurance and taxi industries, Demotech, and Uber debated insurance and other ridesharing concerns.

The NCOIL Spring Meeting took place in Charleston from February 27 to March 1. The Summer Meeting will be held in Indianapolis from July 16 to 19.

NCOIL is an organization of state legislators whose main area of public policy interest is insurance legislation and regulation. Most legislators active in NCOIL either chair or are members of the committees responsible for insurance legislation in their respective state houses across the country. More information is available at www.ncoil.org.

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