PROPOSAL IS FOR: ☒ Data Definitions

APPLICABLE LINE(S) OF BUSINESS:
☐ Annuity ☐ Lender Placed Auto and Home ☐ Private Flood
☐ Disability Income ☐ Life ☒ Private Passenger Auto
☐ Health ☐ Long-Term Care ☐ Travel
☒ Homeowners ☐ Other Health ☐ STLD

PROVIDE A CONCISE STATEMENT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE:
Change the first bullet point on the existing definition of lawsuit to “For non-claims related lawsuits, include only lawsuits brought by an applicant for insurance, a policyholder or claimant as a plaintiff against the reporting insurer as a defendant.”

Existing definition of lawsuit – Include only lawsuits brought by applicant for insurance, a policyholder or claimant as a plaintiff against the reporting insurer as a defendant.

PROVIDE THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE:
The current wording of the first bullet-point was added to provide a definition for non-claims related lawsuits. It was copied from the Disability Income MCAS definition of lawsuit, but the last portion of it should have been deleted.

The intent of adding this bullet-point was to define non-claims related lawsuits. But since it was added to the entire definition of lawsuit, the bullet-point also alters how claims-related lawsuits are to be reported. From the inception of MCAS to the most recent filing, claims-related lawsuits were any lawsuit against the insured arising from a claim regardless of whether the insurer was a named defendant. The current wording would drastically reduce the reported number of claims-related lawsuits if the companies read and apply this new definition without questioning the change.

IF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS CONTAIN DEFINITIONS, BLANK MOCK-UPS, ETC, PROVIDE A LISTING OF THESE DOCUMENTS BELOW. SEND THE LISTED DOCUMENTS TO NAIC STAFF ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED FORM: