NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE CONTRACT PROVIDERS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Division of Insurance proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code relating to motor vehicle service contract providers and administrators. The proposed regulations establish provider application and administrator registration procedures, requirements, and fees, provider qualifications, and definitions.

The Division of Insurance proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with motor vehicle service contract providers and motor vehicle service contract administrators including the following:

3 AAC 31.060 is amended to establish fees for motor vehicle service contract provider initial license applications and biennial renewals and for motor vehicle service contract administrator initial registration applications and biennial renewals.

New sections are proposed as follows:

3 AAC 31.700 describes the applicability of the regulations to motor vehicle service contracts, motor vehicle service contract providers, and motor vehicle service contract administrators.

3 AAC 31.705 establishes the term for an initial motor vehicle service contract provider license and the biennial renewal date for the license.

3 AAC 31.710 identifies the information and fee required in motor vehicle service contract provider license applications and exempts certain employees or agents of a firm licensed as a motor vehicle service contract provider from the licensing requirement. An individual identified in a firm's application as the firm's designated responsible licensed producer must be licensed as a motor vehicle service contract provider.

3 AAC 31.715 establishes motor vehicle service contract provider qualifications.

3 AAC 31.720 identifies the information and fee required in motor vehicle service contract administrator registration applications.

3 AAC 31.725 defines "consumer", "firm", and "individual".

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Division of Insurance; Attention: Chris Murray, P.O. Box 110805, Juneau, AK 99811-0805 or by e-mail to <u>chris.murray@alaska.gov</u>; or by fax to (907) 465-2816. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the

system and using the comment link. All comments must be received **not later than 5:00 p.m.**, Alaska Time Zone (ATZ), April 28, 2017.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on April 18, 2017 in conference room B which is on the ninth floor of the State Office Building located at 333 Willoughby Ave., Juneau, Alaska. The hearing will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., ATZ, and may be extended to accommodate those present before 10:30 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person and would like to participate by teleconference, please call 1-800-315-6338 and enter the access code 42070 followed by # (pound sign).

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Chris Murray, Program Coordinator II, Division of Insurance, P. O. Box 110805, Juneau, AK 99811-0805 or by e-mail to <u>chris.murray@alaska.gov</u>. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The division will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available on the division's website at <u>https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/ins/Resources/Notices.aspx</u> and on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. The division may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in the process, please contact Laura Watson at <u>laura.watson@alaska.gov</u>, (907) 465-2597 or TDD (907) 465-5437 not later than **April 13, 2017** to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, or by contacting Chris Murray at <u>chris.murray@alaska.gov</u> or (907) 465-2545, or by accessing the division's website at

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/ins/Resources/Notices.aspx.

After the public comment period ends, the Division of Insurance will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED. Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 21.06.090; AS 21.59.200.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 21.59.110 – AS 21.59.290. Fiscal Information: This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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