



Sarah Palin, Governor Emil Notti, Commissioner Linda S. Hall, Director

Division of Insurance

NOTICE

TO: Resident Firm Licensees and their Compliance Officers, Admitted Insurers, and Other Interested Parties

RE: Change in Fingerprint Processing Fee

The Alaska Department of Public Safety recently announced that there will be a reduction in the fees charged for national criminal history background checks, <u>effective October 1, 2007</u>. This reduction reflects changes in the rate that the Federal Bureau of Investigation charges the Criminal Records Bureau of the Alaska Department of Public Safety and represents a savings for resident applicants that are subject to criminal history record checks.

Currently, the fee charged to an applicant for both state and national criminal fingerprint-based background checks is \$59.00 (\$35.00 for a state background check and \$24.00 for a national background check). As of October 1, the fee for the national fingerprint-based check will be **reduced to \$19.25.** This means a set of two fingerprint cards submitted to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for both state and national background checks will costs resident applicants only \$54.25 instead of the previous \$59.00 fee.

The \$59.00 fee will continue to be charged for resident applications received by the Division of Insurance on or before September 25, 2007, so that the DPS will receive the fingerprint cards prior to October 1, 2007. The fee for applications that include fingerprint cards **received by the Division of Insurance after September 25, 2007** is \$54.25.

Any fingerprint cards that are received with the incorrect \$59.00 fee after September 25, 2007 will be processed and forwarded to DPS. Any overpayment submitted **will not** be refunded, in accordance with state refund policy that allows an agency receiving revenues in excess of charged fees resulting in an overpayment of \$5.00 or less to not refund that overpayment.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Licensing Section at (907) 465-2515 or by e-mail at insurance@alaska.gov.

Date this 10th day of September, 2007 in Juneau, Alaska.

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