



AICP New England Chapter “E-Day” May 12, 2017

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RI Insurance Division Staff Directory: <http://www.dbr.ri.gov/contact/>

DBR Staffing Updates-

3 new Analysts: Consumer Services and Policy Forms and Rate Filings Unit

Holly Campbell, Insurance Analyst (P/C)

Jennifer Castaldi (P/C)

Sarah Neil, Senior Insurance Analyst (Life/Annuity consumer complaints & filings)

We also have 2 new Licensing Aides and 7 new Insurance Examiners

We encourage industry to follow us on social media for current news, updates and job opportunities, **and to subscribe to our interested parties list** to receive electronic notices of all regulatory proposals/changes/bulletins/alerts.

Send an email to dbr.insnotice@dbr.ri.gov requesting to be added to our IP list.

LinkedIn: Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation/DBR

Twitter: @RIDBRInsurance

Interested Parties List: email dbr.insnotice@dbr.ri.gov and request to be added

Website: www.dbr.ri.gov

SERFF: Primary Contacts for LAH filings (non-ACA)

RI SERFF Contact for Life/Annuity/LTC Filings

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Recent DBR Updates – LAH

- The Life Insurance Policy Locator Service via the NAIC launched in November 2016.
- [LAH Filing Instructions](#) available via DBR's website and SERFF.
- Movement on pending LTC rate increase filings.
- Fee assessed for informational filings.

SERFF Filing Issues:

- Previously approved contracts/policies with which a new form will be used
- Missing filing fees
- Lack of side-by-side or tracked changes
- Incorrect Filing Mode

Complaint correspondence: Reminder: [Insurance Bulletin 2012-3](#) requires all licensees to reply to DOI inquiries/correspondence electronically.

2017 DBR/Insurance Legislative Package:

Link to General Assembly Website: <http://status.rilin.state.ri.us/>

H5628: Life Insurance

1. Requires that the department of business regulation provide a mandatory disclosure notice, at no cost to insurers, to certain policy holders regarding their rights and alternatives to lapse or surrender.

H5937/S0782: Consumer protection

1. Removes an exemption for blanket and group policies from accident and sickness laws. Amends R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-18-1 to clarify that the Department has authority over Disability Insurance policies.
2. Eliminates requirement that service of process be forwarded to insurance companies by certified mail.

S0783 Financial Regulation

1. **Credit for Reinsurance** – Amend R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1.1 to bring the section into compliance with the most recent version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model act.
2. **Protected Cell** – An amendment is necessary to address premium that is subject to guaranty association protection. This amendment to R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-64-6 would make that change.
3. **Premium Tax** – Amends R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-14-1 to change the definition to one that has been determined to properly reflect the intent of the statute while allowing more flexibility in the information to be obtained.

2017 Bills of Interest
Link to General Assembly Website:
<http://status.rilin.state.ri.us/>

General:

- H5631 - Creates a system of consumer protection for regulation by DBR of noninsurance business entities in disclosing personal identifiable financial information for insurance sales.
- S0433 – Provides that municipal insurance corporations would be subject to laws regulating insurance companies and regulated by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation.
- H5804 – Establishes the Rhode Island retirement security program to make retirement plans available to employees not otherwise available to them, and to promote and enhance retirement savings for private sector employees in the state.
- H5951 – Prohibits domestic and foreign insurance companies from any distinction or discrimination against individuals in a domestic partner relationship regarding policies issued or renewed in this state.

Insurance Regulations:

The State of Rhode Island is in the process of transitioning regulations to an administrative code system. The Department of Business Regulations has been assigned Title 230 and the Insurance Division has been assigned chapter 200. Regulations will be categorized by sub chapter and part, and the citations will be in the format 230 RICR 200-xx-xx. As regulations are reformatted the Department will update the following chart with hyperlinks to the reformatted regulations. Any questions concerning the process or the status of a regulation should be sent to dbr.insurance@dbr.ri.gov.

Regulation 230-RICR-200-45-7 (formerly Insurance Regulation 87)

Annual Financial Reporting

The purpose of this of this regulation is to improve the Rhode Island Insurance Division's surveillance of the financial condition of insurers by requiring (1) an annual audit of financial statements reporting the financial position and results of operations of insurers by independent certified public accountants, (2) Communication of Internal Control Related Matters Noted in an Audit, and (3) Management's Report of Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

Final Regulation adopted August 26, 2016

Repeal of Insurance Regulation 36 Insurance Producer Pre Licensing.

No Hearing date unless objection received by May 22, 2017

Repeal of Insurance Regulation 79 Independent Medical Examinations

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Insurance Bulletins:

- 2017-1 Insurance Producer, Adjuster, and Appraiser Renewal Reminder Notices
Rhode Island discontinued the practice of mailing reminder notices of license renewals on March 1, 2017. For all renewals after March 1, 2017 licensees will receive an email renewal notice. It is very important to keep the Department up-to-date with changes to email addresses.

Consumer Alerts:

- 2016-4 Act Now to Make Filing a Claim Easier After the Storm
Issued June 3, 2016
- 2016-5 Cybersecurity Risk Management
Issued October 26, 2016
- 2016-6 Looking in the “Lost and Found”
Issued November 28, 2016
- 2016-7 Don’t Get Frozen Out by Your Insurance Company
Issued November 28, 2016
- 2017-1 Breaking for Spring Travel
Issued April 3, 2017

Miscellaneous issues worthy of noting

Enforcement Actions: http://www.dbr.ri.gov/decisions/decisions_insurance.php

Self-Reporting: We encourage licensees to self-report errors detected (i.e., rating errors) and/or any non-compliance issues that result from internal reviews.

Special reporting requirements: REMINDER: All special reports must be filed electronically. [2017 special reporting](#) requirements/instructions are posted on our website.

Website: Our website has been reformatted. We continue to make changes and improvements. Please feel free to reach out with any comments.
<http://www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/insurance/>

NAIC/IIPRC Activities:

RI Assignments on Letter Committees:

“A”- Life Insurance and Annuities

“F”- Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation

Cybersecurity Working Group: RI Superintendent Elizabeth Dwyer, Vice-Chair

NAIC Adopted: http://www.naic.org/cmte_ex_cswg.htm

- Cybersecurity and Identity Theft Insurance Coverage Supplement: due 4/1
- Principles for Effective Cybersecurity: Insurance Regulatory Guidance
- Roadmap for Cybersecurity Consumer Protections
- **Draft** Data Security Model Law: V4 recently issued and discussed on May 9, 2017 conference call. Brings NAIC version closer to NY Regulation.

Producer Licensing Task Force: RI Superintendent Elizabeth Dwyer, Chair

NIPR: RI Superintendent Elizabeth Dwyer appointed to NIPR Board in January 2017.

Working Groups:

Annuity Disclosure, Annuity Suitability, Life Insurance Buyer’s Guide, Promoting Appropriate Sales Practices in Life Insurance and Annuities, and Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits

IIPRC:

Product Standards Committee, Rulemaking Committee, Communications Committee

As of May 11, 2017