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TO: All Insurers, Producers, Surplus Lines Brokers, Bail Bondsmen, and other Licensed or Authorized Persons Transacting the Business of Insurance in South Carolina

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RE: Discontinuation of Temporary Producer Licenses for New Applicants Due to COVID-19

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This Bulletin modifies temporary licensing section of Bulletin 2020-03 originally issued on April 2, 2020. Effective September 15, 2020, the Department of Insurance will no longer issue temporary producer licenses related solely to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Testing centers are now able to test at full capacity and online proctoring of examinations is available. There is no longer any disruption to the ability of a producer to secure a license. Temporary licenses that have already been issued will expire automatically 180 days after the issue date.

Any active temporary producer license issued pursuant to this Bulletin may be converted to a regular producer license by completion of all prerequisites for a license for the desired line or lines of insurance, including meeting all examination and fingerprint requirements pursuant to the applicable statutes. No additional fee shall be required in association with the issuance of the regular producer license prior to the expiration of the temporary license. If an individual applies for a regular producer license after the expiration of the temporary license, they must pay the applicable fee.

Remote testing for South Carolina license examinations is available through the Department's third-party vendor. To register for an exam, individuals should visit home.psiexams.com or call 833-518-7457.

Producers may contact the Department's Individual Licensing Office with any questions at 803-737-6095 or email agentmail@doi.sc.gov.

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