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RE: Notice of Intent to Repeal Regulation 21—Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements

Dear President Henry, Speaker DeVillier, Senator Talbot, and Representative Firment:

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., gives notice of its intent to repeal Regulation 21 - Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements. The Department of Insurance is repealing Regulation 21 because existing statutory language provides sufficient guidance, and regulatory clarification is no longer necessary by the Department of Insurance. Therefore, Regulation 21 is being repealed in its entirety.

Enclosure: Notice of Intent to Repeal Regulation 21—Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT

#### Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 21—Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 69)

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq, hereby gives notice of its intent to repeal Regulation 21—Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements.

The purpose of Regulation 21 was to protect the Louisiana insurance-buying public and the insurers from the effect of sales of certain types of insurance policies which experience has shown, in this and other states, has not been in the public interest. Regulation 21 is being repealed because existing statutory language provides sufficient guidance, and regulatory clarification is no longer necessary. Therefore, it is being repealed in its entirety.

#### Title 37 INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 69. Regulation 21—Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements

§6901. Policy Directive Number Seven to All Companies Authorized to Write Life Insurance in the State of Louisiana

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:162(C) and 22:163. Recodified to R.S. 22:751 and 22:753.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, October 1, 1962, repealed LR 51:

#### **Family Impact Statement**

- 1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed repealed regulation should have no measurable impact upon the stability of the family.
- 2. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of Their Children. The proposed repealed regulation should have no impact upon the rights and authority of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
- 3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed repealed regulation should have no direct impact upon the functioning of the family.

- 4. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on Family Earnings and Budget. The proposed repealed regulation should have no direct impact upon family earnings and budget.
- 5. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed repealed regulation should have no impact upon the behavior and personal responsibility of children.
- 6. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Rule. The proposed repealed regulation should have no impact upon the ability of the family or a local governmental unit to perform the function as contained in the rule.

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

- 1. Describe the Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed repealed regulation should have no effect on household income assets and financial security.
- 2. Describe the Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed repealed regulation should have no effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development.
- 3. Describe the Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed repealed regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.
- 4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed repealed regulation should have no effect on taxes and tax credits.
- 5. Describe the Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation and Utilities Assistance. The proposed repealed regulation should have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

#### **Small Business Analysis**

The impact of the proposed repealed regulation on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed repealed regulation is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental, and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed repealed regulation that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

- 1. Identification and Estimate of the Number of the Small Businesses Subject to the Proposed Rule. The proposed repealed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 2. The Projected Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Required for Compliance with the Proposed Rule, Including the Type of Professional Skills Necessary for Preparation of the Report or Record. The proposed repealed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed repealed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

4. Describe any Less Intrusive or Less Costly Alternative Methods of Achieving the Purpose of the Proposed Rule. The proposed repealed regulation should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative method of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

- 1. Describe the Effect on the Staffing Level Requirements or Qualifications Required to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed repealed regulation will have no effect.
- 2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed repealed regulation will have no effect.
- 3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed repealed regulation will have no effect.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Jacob Carter, Staff Attorney, the Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, or by faxing comments to (225) 342-1632, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2025.

Timothy J. Temple Commissioner

## FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Regulation 21—Special Policies and Provisions: Prohibitions, Regulations, and Disclosure Requirements

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units. The proposed rule is being repealed. The rule was implemented to standardize the forms used in the billing and reimbursement of health care, reduce the number of forms utilized, and increase efficiency in the reimbursement of health care through standardization. There is insufficient legal authority at this time to support Regulation 21; therefore, it is obsolete and being repealed in its entirety.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. The proposed rule is obsolete and is being repealed in its entirety.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no effect on competition and employment.

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of State Police

Approval of Instruments to Conduct Blood Alcohol Analysis by Breath Samplings (LAC 55:I.501)

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, in accordance with R.S. 32:663 and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., hereby gives notice that it intends to amend LAC 55:I.501—Approval of Instruments to Conduct Blood Alcohol Analysis by Breath Samplings. This amendment removes the Instrument Intoxilyzer 5000. The Intoxilyzer 5000 is no longer in use. It also removes the breath analysis specialist and the applied technology director as those positions no longer exists.

## Title 55 PUBLIC SAFETY Part I. State Police

Chapter 5. Breath and Blood Alcohol Analysis Methods and Techniques

Subchapter A. Analysis of Breath

§501. Approval of Instruments to Conduct Blood Alcohol Analysis by Breath Sampling

A. After the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections has approved a prototype breath testing device as an acceptable model for chemical analysis in blood alcohol testing by breath sampling it shall be necessary for each individual instrument of the approved model to be inspected and approved for use by the Office of State Police, Applied Technology Unit, and an instrument certification form shall be maintained for each individual instrument in the Applied Technology Unit. For the Intoxilyzer 9000, each individual instrument shall be inspected, checked, and certified once every six months by the breath analysis supervisor, breath analysis instructor specialist, or applied technology specialist of the Applied Technology Unit and a recertification form shall be maintained in the Applied Technology Unit. A copy of this certificate may be filed with the clerk of the applicable court in the respective parish in which each device is used for blood/breath testing, and this copy shall be prima facie evidence as to the proper working order of the instrument. The inspecting breath analysis supervisor, breath analysis instructor specialist, or applied technology specialists permit number shall also be affixed to this certificate. Any manufacturer of any apparatus, device, or equipment made for the purpose of analyzing the alcoholic contents of the blood by breath sampling may request the Applied Technology Unit to approve such apparatus, device or equipment. The Applied Technology Unit will consider such a request upon submission of such information, instructions for use, exemplars and other pertinent data as the Applied Technology Unit may request. Before any blood/breath alcohol testing will be approved it must have undergone inspection and testing by the Applied Technology Unit. This period of testing and evaluation is for the purpose of assuring that an instrument is free of any design error, malfunction or operating problems and accurately and consistently determines the percent by weight by volume of alcohol in the blood at the time the test is