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RE: Notice of Intent to Repeal Regulation 19 - Inclusion of Burial Plots, Vaults, etc., as Part of Funeral Service – Change in Reserve Basis

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

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, <u>R.S.</u> 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, <u>R.S.</u> 49:950 et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to repeal Regulation 19 - Inclusion of Burial Plots, Vaults, etc., as Part of Funeral Service – Change in Reserve Basis. Regulation 19 is being repealed as existing statutory language provides sufficient guidance, and regulatory clarification is no longer necessary.

Enclosure: Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 19—Inclusion of Burial Plots, Vaults, etc., as Part of Funeral Service – Change in Reserve Basis

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Insurance

Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 19 —Inclusion of Burial Plots, Vaults, etc., as Part of Funeral Service – Change in Reserve Basis (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 63)

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Title 37

INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 63. Regulation 19 —Inclusion of Burial Plots, Vaults, etc., as Part of Funeral Service – Change in Reserve Basis

§6701. Policy Directive Number Six to All Insurance Issuing Funeral Policies

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, July 9, 1962, repealed LR

Family Impact Statement

- 1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed amended 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 amended regulation should have no impact upon the rights and authority of children regarding the education and supervision of their children.
- 3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.
- 4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed amended 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 amended 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 regulation on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action 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 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 amended 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 amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed amended 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 amended regulation should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, will have no less intrusive or less cost alternative methods.

Provider Impact Statement

- 1. Describe the Effect on the Staffing Level Requirements or Qualifications Required to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended 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 amended regulation will have no effect.
- 3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.

Public Comments

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Evelyn Danielle Linkford, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, by faxing comments to (225) 342-7821, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., August 10, 2024.

Timothy J. Temple

Commissioner

Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement

1. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS. (Summary)

The proposed regulation change will not result in additional costs or savings for state and local government units. The proposed regulation change is to repeal Regulation 19 as existing statutory language provides sufficient guidance, and regulatory clarification is no longer necessary.

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

The proposed regulation will have no impact on the state or local government revenues.

3. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS. (Summary)

The proposed regulation change will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. The proposed regulation change promulgates Regulation 19 due to existing statutory language providing sufficient guidance, and regulatory clarification is no longer necessary.

4. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT. (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact upon competition and employment in the state.