



Legislative Update

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Online License Renewals

The Department of Insurance has announced a new and improved online system that will allow licensees to renew licenses and change their address of record paper free. The new system will help applicants verify the accuracy of the application even before it is electronically sent to the DOI. The DOI has indicated that those who use the online service will have their renewed licenses mailed to them within three business days of submission.

A licensee renewing online will be asked to complete the same set of questions which are listed on the traditional paper renewal application and will have the opportunity to review their addresses and make any necessary changes. A licensee will then submit a credit card payment for the amount of the renewal fee.

The DOI has indicated that agents and brokers often neglect to notify the Department when they move to a new residence or business location. Without a current mailing address on file, the DOI cannot send important information to the licensee, including any renewal notices. As a result, the current process is quite time consuming, usually taking one month for an address change to show on the licensee's record.

With the new online service, it may be more convenient, allowing licensees to change their mailing, business and resident address information in addition to changing their e-mail addresses and telephone numbers.

To utilize this new system, please visit the DOI's website at www.insurance.ca.gov and click on "Online License Application." NAIFA-California members who may not feel comfortable with this new process may continue to mail their change of address or renewal application to the DOI Producer Licensing Bureau.

2006 Day on the Hill – Register Now!

Register now to join NAIFA-California for the 2006 Day on the Hill (DOTH) Wednesday, March 29 in Sacramento. DOTH provides a unique and worthwhile opportunity to learn first hand about the events taking place at the Capitol as well as opportunities to meet with your legislators in their Capitol offices.

In addition to updates on the regulatory and legislative events taking place in Sacramento, NAIFA-California is fortunate to have a number of dynamic speakers participating at DOTH. This year NAIFA-California is proud to announce the participation of two exceptional speakers and candidates for California Insurance Commissioner:

- Cruz Bustamante, Lieutenant Governor – Democratic Candidate for Insurance Commissioner
- Steve Poizner – Republican Candidate for Insurance Commissioner

For more information on DOTH, please contact NAIFA-California at (916) 646-8600.

If you have any questions regarding these topics or others not mentioned in this update, please contact Shari McHugh, Legislative Advocate for NAIFA-California, or Dawn Sanders Koepke at 916/440-0850. Thank you!