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New York State Department of State
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Re: January 2019 Regulatory Agenda

Dear Ms. Hamm:

Attached is the Department of Financial Services’ Regulatory Agenda for publication in the January 30, 2019 issue of the State Register. Please note that the Regulatory Agenda is divided into three sections: Insurance Regulations, Banking Regulations, and Financial Services Regulations.

Sincerely yours,

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REGULATORY AGENDA

Pursuant to State Administrative Procedure Act (“SAPA”) Section 202-d, the following Regulatory Agenda is a list of the regulatory additions and amendments to Titles 3, 11, and 23 of the NYCRR that the New York State Department of Financial Services (“Department”) is presently considering proposing during 2019. Some of these items were previously published in the January 2018 Regulatory Agenda. **Items that have already been published in the State Register as “proposed” actions are not included on the list.** The Department’s regulatory plans are subject to change, and the Department reserves the right to add to, delete from, or modify items in the Regulatory Agenda without further notice.

This notice also is intended to provide small businesses, local governments, and public and private interests in rural areas with the opportunity to participate in the rule making process, as required by Sections 202-b and 202-bb of SAPA.

I. Insurance Regulations

For inquiries about a specific item, please contact the person identified in the item. For general inquiries about the Insurance Regulations included in this Regulatory Agenda, or to obtain copies of current Insurance Regulations, please contact:

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1. **Summary description of proposal:** Amendment of 11 NYCRR 390 (Service Contracts) (Insurance Regulation 155) to conform its provisions to later-enacted amendments to the service contract law and to strengthen consumer and financial protection provisions in the regulation. Agency contact: Barbara A. Kluger, Principal Attorney, Office of General Counsel – (212) 480-7211.

2. **Summary description of proposal:** Adoption of a new Part 5 to 11 NYCRR (Insurance Regulation 195) to implement the authority of the Superintendent of Financial Services under Insurance Law Section 316 to require an insurer or other person or entity making a filing or submission with the Superintendent to do so by electronic means, unless the insurer or other person or entity applies for, and the Superintendent grants, an exemption from the electronic filing requirement. Agency contact: Joana Lucashuk, Supervising Attorney, Office of General Counsel – (212) 480-2125.

3. **Summary description of proposal:** Amendment of 11 NYCRR 82 (Enterprise Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment) (Insurance Regulation 203) to permit the Superintendent of Financial Services to act as group-wide supervisor for an internationally active
insurance group. Agency contact: Joana Lucashuk, Supervising Attorney, Office of General Counsel – (212) 480-2125.


5. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 82 (Enterprise Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment) (Insurance Regulation 203) to require a holding company and certain domestic insurers to describe their enterprise risk management functions in their enterprise risk reports and to clarify certain language. Agency contact: Joana Lucashuk, Supervising Attorney, Office of General Counsel – (212) 480-2125.

6. Summary description of proposal: Addition of a new subpart 65-6 to 11 NYCRR (Insurance Regulation 65-F), amendment of 11 NYCRR 65 (Regulations Implementing the Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Insurance Reparations Act) (Insurance Regulation 68), and amendment of 11 NYCRR 68 (Charges for Professional Health Services) (Insurance Regulation 83) to implement an alternative dispute resolution process for disputes involving claims of independent livery drivers that are processed pursuant to pre-authorization procedures and medical treatment guidelines set forth in 12 NYCRR 324, and other applicable provisions of Article 2 of the Workers’ Compensation Law. Agency contact: Camielle A. Barclay, Associate Attorney, Office of General Counsel – (212) 480-5299.

7. Summary description of proposal: Adoption of a new Part 90 to 11 NYCRR to require an insurer to adopt a corporate governance function and submit to the Superintendent of Financial Services a corporate governance annual disclosure. Agency contact: Joana Lucashuk, Supervising Attorney, Office of General Counsel – (212) 480-2125.

8. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 89 (Audited Financial Statements) (Insurance Regulation 118) to require an internal audit function, conform to an amendment to Insurance Law Section 1202, and make other technical amendments. Agency contact: Joana Lucashuk, Supervising Attorney, Office of General Counsel – (212) 480-2125.


11. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 216 (Unfair Claims Settlement Practices and Claim Cost Control Measures) (Insurance Regulation 64) to update
12. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 65-4 (Arbitration) (Insurance Regulation 68-D) to amend rules related to both the manner in which the first party motor vehicle insurance arbitration programs are administered and the manner in which the costs of these programs are assessed to the insurance industry. Agency contact: Hoda Nairooz, Supervising Insurance Examiner, Property Bureau – (212) 480-5595.


15. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 53 (Life and Annuity Cost Disclosure and Sales Illustrations) (Insurance Regulation 74) to revise and clarify the delivery, signature and certification form requirements for life insurance sales illustrations, including electronic delivery, for policies marketed with an illustration; to modify the basis used for illustrations for life insurance policies with non-guaranteed elements, including universal life; to add additional requirements on the disciplined current scale underlying the illustrations; and to require additional disclosures for such policies. Agency contact: Rebecca Bollam, Associate Insurance Attorney, Life Bureau – (518) 474-4552.

16. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 50 (Separate Accounts and Separate Account Annuities) (Insurance Regulation 47) to establish revised standards for the operation of separate accounts, contract provisions, and actuarial requirements to reflect statutory changes, recent innovations in product design, and changes in contract administration of separate account and variable annuity products. Agency contact: Peter Dumar, Chief Insurance Attorney, Life Bureau – (518) 474-4552.


18. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 45 (Applications for Life Insurance) (Insurance Regulation 19) to expand Insurance Regulation 19 to apply to all life insurance policy forms containing any war or travel exclusion or restriction and to implement the amendment to Insurance Law Section 3201(c)(4) by expanding and describing the permissible formats for the disclosure required by Section 3201(c)(4) to appear on the face page of policy forms containing any war or travel exclusion or restriction. Agency contact: Rebecca Bollam, Associate Insurance Attorney, Life Bureau – (518) 474-4552.


21. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 52 (Minimum Standards for Form, Content and Sale of Health Insurance, Including Standards of Full and Fair Disclosure) (Insurance Regulation 62) to establish minimum standards for the form, content, and sale of policies and contracts of accident and fixed indemnity insurance. Agency contact: Jason St. James, Senior Attorney (Financial Services), Health Bureau – (518) 486-7815.

22. Summary description of proposal: Adoption of a new Part 228 to 11 NYCRR (Issuance of Stop-Loss and Health Insurance Policies to Small Groups) to establish standards relating to the activities of insurers issuing stop-loss and health insurance policies to small groups in order to preserve and maintain the small group health insurance market in New York. Agency contact: Jon Thayer, Associate Attorney, Health Bureau – (518) 486-9088.

23. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 52 (Minimum Standards for Form, Content and Sale of Health Insurance, Including Standards of Full and Fair Disclosure) (Insurance Regulation 62) to establish minimum standards for the form, content, and sale of policies and contracts of dental insurance. Agency contact: Ryan Harrison, Senior Attorney (Financial Services), Health Bureau – (518) 486-7815.

24. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 58 (Insurance Regulation 193) to conform the minimum standards for the form, content and sale of Medicare supplement insurance to federal law. Agency contact: Jeremy O. Bollam, Senior Attorney (Financial Services), Health Bureau – (518) 474-8975.

25. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 350 (Insurance Regulation 140) to broaden the range of permitted investments for Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs), clarify the oversight of numerous financial transactions between CCRCs and affiliated entities, add an annual financial reporting requirement related to the transfer or sale of capital assets, and add a new type of optional contract, the continuing care at home contract. Agency contact: Martin J. Wojcik, Associate Attorney (Financial Services), Health Bureau – (518) 474-8975.

26. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 86 (Fraud Prevention Plans and Special Investigations Unit) (Insurance Regulation 95) to establish a requirement that a licensee required to submit a fraud prevention plan must revise its fraud prevention plan to reflect changes to the holding company, the lines of business that affect the Special Investigations Unit (“SIU”), and changes to SIU personnel or the provider of SIU services. Also, to revise Section
86.6(d) to correct the due date of the filing of the annual report from January 15 to March 15, in compliance with Insurance Law Section 409(g). Agency contact: Kathleen Grogan, Principal Examiner, Criminal Investigations Unit – (212) 480-5683.

27. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of 11 NYCRR 86 (Fraud Prevention Plans and Special Investigations Unit) (Insurance Regulation 95) to modify certain fraud warning requirements for hospital, medical and dental insurance claim forms that the Superintendent has established as standard forms under 11 NYCRR 17 (Insurance Regulation 88), to facilitate the usage of standard claims forms developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the American Dental Association. Agency contact: Kathleen Grogan, Principal Examiner, Criminal Investigations Unit – (212) 480-5683.

II. Banking Regulations

For inquiries about the Banking Regulations included in this Regulatory Agenda, or to obtain copies of current Banking Regulations, please contact:

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1. Summary description of proposal: Adoption of new rules to implement the provisions of legislation addressing the mortgage foreclosure-related issues in the state, including:

   (a) rules governing the registration and financial responsibility requirements for mortgage loan servicers (rules on this subject were adopted on an emergency basis most recently on October 5, 2018); and

   (b) rules governing the business conduct of mortgage loan servicers (rules on this subject were adopted on an emergency basis most recently on October 15, 2018).

2. Summary description of proposal: Amendments of Part 38 of the General Regulations of the Superintendent to enhance advertising, disclosure and conduct rules for mortgage bankers and brokers and to incorporate applicable changes under federal laws and regulations.

3. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of the Superintendent’s Regulations regarding the Banking Development District program.

4. Summary description of proposal: Various amendments of the Superintendent’s Regulations regarding check cashers, licensed lenders, money transmitters, sales finance companies, premium finance agencies and budget planners.

5. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of Part 41 of the General Regulations of the Superintendent to address threshold limits, the impact of lender paid fees, and otherwise to conform to the requirements of Section 6-1 of the Banking Law.

7. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of Parts 410 and 413 of the Superintendent’s Regulations and Supervisory Procedures 101, 102, 103 and 104 to eliminate certain outdated regulatory requirements and to clarify language, the minimum licensing standards, and other requirements in connection with mortgage banker and mortgage broker applications.

8. Summary description of proposal: Adoption of new rules clarifying that when financial statements submitted to the Department are required by law or regulation to be audited, the external auditors who provide the audit opinion on the statements may not also perform bookkeeping services for the audited entity.

9. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of Supervisory Procedure CB 117 in connection with the Department’s consideration of adopting the interagency change of control application used by the federal financial institutions regulatory agencies.

10. Summary description of proposal: Adoption of a new regulation formalizing the assessment process for persons regulated under the Banking Law. (Rules on this subject were adopted on an emergency basis most recently on November 8, 2018.)

11. Summary description of proposal: Amendment of Part 322.7 of the Superintendent’s Regulations in connection with the elimination by the Federal Reserve System of the Strength of Support Assessment (SOSA) rating for all foreign banking organizations subject to the interagency program for supervising the U.S. operations of foreign banking organizations.


III. Financial Services Regulations

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