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NOTICE

To: Insurers, Education Providers and all Other Interested Parties

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Subject: Fingerprint Fee Reduction

Effective June 12, 2006, the California Department of Insurance (CDI) reduced its fingerprint processing fee from $76 to $65.95. This 13 percent fee reduction represents a significant savings to insurers, license applicants and all other persons who are required to submit fingerprint impressions to the CDI.

In an effort to reduce costs to the insurance industry, the CDI recently competitively bid its fingerprinting contract. The result of the competitive bid process was to reduce the fingerprinting vendor's share of the fees from $20 to $9.95, resulting in an overall decrease in fingerprinting fees of 13 percent. In addition to the vendor's share, $32 is remitted to the California Department of Justice and $24 is remitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The contract was awarded to Identix Identification Services.

For further information regarding the new fingerprint processing fee, please visit the CDI Web site at www.insurance.ca.gov. To review the fingerprint information, please drop down the Quick Links menu, click on Producer Licensing, then click on Insurance License Applicant Information. On the Insurance License Applicant Information Web page, scroll down and click on number 7, Insurance License Examination Information, then click on Examination Fingerprint Requirement.

To review fingerprint information pertaining to nonresidents, drop down the Quick Links menu, click on Producer Licensing, then click on Insurance License Applicant Information. On the Insurance License Applicant Information Web page, scroll down and click on number 9, Nonresident Applicant and Licensee Information, then press Nonresident Applicant Requirements. On the Nonresident Applicant Requirements Web page click the Fingerprint Requirement to review the fingerprint information.

To expedite the license issuance for all qualified license applicants requiring an examination, the CDI encourages applicants to have their fingerprints taken prior to submitting their license application. This will expedite the issuance of a license once the examination is passed. To schedule your fingerprint appointment in advance, you can contact Identix Identification Services at 1-800-315-4507.

You may also leave a voice mail on the Producer Licensing Bureau's Examination number at (916) 492-3570.