

**TITLE 37
INSURANCE
PART XI CHAPTER 27: EMERGENCY RULE 18**

**SUSPENSION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR LIFE, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT PRODUCERS LICENSED IN THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

TO: All persons and/or entities currently licensed as Life, Health and Accident insurance producers in the state of Louisiana

Emergency Rule 18 is issued pursuant to the plenary authority of the Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Louisiana, including, but not limited to, the following: Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005 issued on August 26, 2005 by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco declaring a State of Emergency in response to Hurricane Katrina; Proclamation No. 53 KBB 2005 issued on September 20, 2005 by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco declaring a State of Emergency in response to Hurricane Rita; Proclamation No. 54 KBB 2005 issued September 22, 2005 issued by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco extending the State of Emergency issued in conjunction with Hurricane Katrina; Executive Order KBB 05-40 issued September 18, 2005 by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco transferring authority over any and all insurance matters to Commissioner of Insurance J. Robert Wooley; LSA-R.S. 29:724; LSA-R.S. 29:766; LSA-R.S. 22:2; LSA-R.S. 22:3; LSA-R.S. 22:1214(7), (12) and (14); LSA-R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*

On August 29, 2005 and September 24, 2005, the state of Louisiana experienced catastrophic loss of life and property due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As a result, many citizens of Louisiana have been displaced from their homes and employment without knowing when or how their lives will return to a state of normalcy. Among these displaced persons are several thousand producers who have been licensed by the Louisiana Department of Insurance to market insurance products to consumers in this state.

Moreover, in acknowledging that many of the convention centers and hotels around the state of Louisiana have become temporary homes for the thousands of displaced citizens, the Louisiana Department of Insurance is aware that it may be overly burdensome on licensed producers to meet their respective continuing education requirements prior to the May 1, 2006 producer license renewal period. Therefore, I hereby issue Emergency Rule 18 to all Life, Health and Accident producers who are currently licensed in the state of Louisiana. As Commissioner of Insurance, I, pursuant to the aforementioned Executive Order issued by Governor Blanco, as well as LSA-R.S. 22:1193(B), am suspending the

continuing education requirements for all licensed Life, Health and Accident producers. By way of this emergency rule, I, hereby, enact the following provisions:

- 18.1 The continuing education requirements for all Louisiana resident Life, Health and Accident producers will be suspended for those persons whose licenses will expire as of April 30, 2006.
- 18.2 For Property and Casualty insurance producers whose licenses were renewed in April of 2005, the continuing education requirements will not be suspended. As such, all continuing education requirements must be met to ensure the renewal of a producer's license in April 2007.
- 18.3 Producers who have allowed their licenses to lapse and wish to reinstate their licenses within five (5) years of the license expiration date are still required to meet all requirements outlined in LSA-R.S. 22:1137(D).
- 18.4 Producers who seek a wavier for continuing education requirements because they are 1.) in the military, or 2.) age 65 or older, or 3.) members of the legislature are required to comply with the provisions set forth in all parts of LSA-R.S. 22:1193(I).

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the Louisiana Department of Insurance at (225) 342-5900 or (800) 259-5300. Please be governed accordingly.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 4th day of October, 2005.

J. Robert Wooley
Commissioner of Insurance