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BEFORE THE SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE CHANGES AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-3, 50-13-4 and 50-13-6, 50-13-21 and O.C.G.A. Section 33-2-9 of the proposal by the Commissioner of Insurance to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

The Rules and Regulations of the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner are proposed to be amended by the following actions:

Amend Regulation Chapter 120-3-3 entitled "Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards" by replacing the current Chapter 120-3-3 with a new Chapter 120-3-3.

Amend Regulation Chapter 120-3-23 entitled "Rules and Regulations for Installation, Inspection, Recharging, Repairing, Servicing and Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers or Fire Suppression Systems" by replacing the current Chapter 120-3-23 with a new Chapter 120-3-23.

Copies of the proposed new Chapter 120-3-3 and the proposed new Chapter 120-3-23 are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

The change to Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Safety Fire Commissioner entitled "Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards" is to update the State's minimum fire Safety Codes and Standards to the later editions of the national codes and standards, and add further clarifications.

The change to Chapter 120-3-23 of the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Safety Fire Commissioner entitled "Rules and Regulations for Installation, Inspection, Recharging, Repairing, Servicing and Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers or Fire Suppression Systems" is to change the qualifications of licensees and permittees to reflect current national requirements and standards, and to add further clarifications.

The aforesaid proposals, which are being forwarded to the Attorney General for approval as to legality pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 33-2-9, are now on file in the Administrative Procedure Division of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 612 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, and is hereby declared to be a public record as follows:

Proposed new Regulation Chapter 120-3-3 entitled "Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards": Docket Number SF-06-R-2.

Proposed new Regulation Chapter 120-3-3 entitled "Rules and Regulations for Installation, Inspection, Recharging, Repairing, Servicing and Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers or Fire Suppression Systems": Docket Number SF-06-R-3.

Interested persons may participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting their written comments to **Fred Meyer, Administrative Procedure Division, Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 612 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All comments must be received by the Administrative Procedure Division by 4:30 P.M. on Friday, December 29, 2006.** Interested persons may also participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting oral comments at a hearing to be held at **10:00 A.M. on Friday, January 5, 2007, in the Hearing Room of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, Seventh Floor, West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.** Oral presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes per person in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard. If you have a physical impairment and require assistance or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Fred Meyer.

Based upon full consideration of all written and oral comments regarding the above matters, the Commissioner of Insurance may reject or adopt the proposed rules or may make changes to the proposed rules which may require another rulemaking hearing.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal this _____ day of November, 2006.

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