

## **Compliance Newsletter**

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## Credit Insurance

### NEW ITEMS:

#### South Carolina:

##### **Insurance Department Order 2020-04 – 2021 Credit Property Insurance Rates**

On October 12, 2020, the Department promulgated new credit property rates for consumer credit transactions subject to 1966 S.C. Act No. 988, Consumer Finance Law. The Department has ordered a decrease in the Automobile, Fire and Theft – Single Interest rate; the Automobile Collision – Single Interest rate; and the Household Goods – Dual Interest rate.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2021

**Licensing Impact:** No changes necessary.

**Product/Program Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes necessary.

**Rate Impact:** Rate decrease Automobile, Fire and Theft – Single Interest; the Automobile Collision – Single Interest; and the Household Goods – Dual Interest programs. A Bulletin with revised rate pages will be provided to affected accounts and programming will be required.

#### Wisconsin:

##### **Bulletin: October 15, 2020 – Revised Prima Facie Credit Life and Credit Accident and Sickness Insurance Rates.**

The Wisconsin Office of the Commission of Insurance issued a Bulletin on October 15, 2020, informing all insurers authorized to write credit life and/or credit accident and sickness insurance that credit life prima facie rates will be increasing and credit accident and sickness rates will be decreased, effective January 1, 2021.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2021

**Licensing Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Product/Program Impact:** No anticipated impact to credit insurance products.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Rate Impact:** Increase in credit life rates and decrease in credit accident and sickness rates, effective January 1, 2021. A Bulletin concerning these changes will be sent to all affected accounts.

### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED:

#### California:

##### **SB 482 – Amendments to the California Financing Law.**

Would require that ancillary products, including credit insurance, only be sold in California Financing Law lending transactions after disbursement. (Has been modified to no longer place restrictions on when ancillary products can be sold during the loan transaction.)

**Effective Date:** Upon enactment.

**Licensing Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Product/Program Impact:** Potential impact to timing of sale of ancillary products.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Rate Impact:** No changes anticipated.

#### Georgia:

##### **SB 482 – Amendments to the California Financing Law.**

The regulation of consumer finance company small installment loans and lenders (up to \$3k) is being transferred from the Commissioner of Insurance (Industrial Loan Act) to the Department of Banking and Finance (Georgia Installment

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Loan Act) on July 1, 2020. The Commissioner of Insurance will regulate all insurance offered in connection with these loans. The Department of Banking and Commissioner of Insurance are proposing rules to implement this change, which rules mirror the current rules under the Industrial Loan Act.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2020.

**Licensing Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Product/Program Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Rate Impact:** No changes anticipated.

#### **New York:**

##### **AB 6506 – Credit Creation Pilot Program Act of New York.**

Would create a five-year pilot program called the “Credit Creation Pilot Program Act of New York.” The pilot program is for loans in the amount of \$300-\$5,000 and contains strong consumer protections, which in many cases exceed those under existing law. The pilot program sets limits on fees and interest rates for small loans, and credit insurance and other ancillary products are not permitted to be sold in conjunction with such loans.

**Effective Date:** 180 days after becoming law.

**Licensing Impact:** Pilot program contains own licensing structure.

**Product/Program Impact:** Credit insurance not permitted to be sold.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Rate Impact:** No changes anticipated.

#### **Federal:**

##### **S 2883 & HR 5050 – Federal All-In APR.**

Would amend the Truth in Lending Act to extend the Military Lending Act “all-in APR” to all consumers.

#### **NO LONGER MONITORING:**

#### **Hawaii:**

##### **HB 79 & SB 537 – Relating to Consumer Protection.**

**Died due to end of legislative session.**

Would impact installment loans up to \$1,000. Credit insurance premiums would not be allowed to be collected by the lender/licensee.

**Effective Date:** Proposed – January 1, 2020.

**Licensing Impact:** Credit insurance products would not be permitted to be sold.

**Product/Program Impact:** Credit insurance products would not be permitted to be sold.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** Credit insurance products would not be permitted to be sold.

**Rate Impact:** Credit insurance products would not be permitted to be sold.

#### **New Hampshire:**

**Died due to end of legislative session.**

##### **HB 1419 – Requiring banks to offer small dollar loans and credit building products.**

Would amend New Hampshire code to require banks to offer small dollar loans. Small dollar loans are those with a maximum value of \$2,500, a repayment plan of no more than 12 months, and an interest rate of no more than 26% APR.

**Effective Date:** Effective 60 days after passage.

**Licensing Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Product/Program Impact:** No anticipated impact to credit insurance products. However, this proposed “all-in APR” cap may inhibit the sale of credit insurance in conjunction with these loans.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Rate Impact:** No changes anticipated.

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## Ohio:

### **Regulation Changes – Imposes limits to other transactions occurring during small loan transactions.**

Imposes restrictions as to what “other transactions” may be financed with the loan transaction.

**Effective Date:** Upon enactment.

**Licensing Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Product/Program Impact:** Credit insurance products would be permitted to be sold, but may impact motor club sales.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Rate Impact:** No changes anticipated.

### **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) – Small Dollar Rule**

On October 5, 2017, the CFPB published its final rule that will set new rules and restrictions on payday loans, auto title loans, deposit advance products, and certain installment and open-end loans. The rule will cover any short-term loans with a term of 45 days or less and certain long-term loans with terms of more than 45 days. The proposed rule will only cover long-term loans that (1) have a greater than 36% “all-in APR” (2) where the lender either (a) secures the loan by holding a vehicle as collateral or (b) collects payment using a form of “leveraged payment mechanism” that gives lenders the right to initiate transfers from a consumer’s account or to obtain payment through payroll deduction or other direct access to the consumer’s paycheck. The rule excludes from coverage purchase-money credit secured solely by the vehicle or other consumer goods purchased, real property or dwelling-secured credit if the lien is recorded or perfected, credit cards, student loans, non-recourse pawn loans, overdraft services and overdraft lines of credit and credit sales contracts. The rule requires that lenders perform a “full payments test”, which requires a lender to determine affordability and requirements for justifying additional loans. Among other things, lenders dealing in covered loans will also be required to use credit reporting systems to report and obtain information about covered loans and consumers. July 2020 Update: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau issued a final rule concerning small dollar lending in order to maintain consumer access to credit and competition in the marketplace. The final rule rescinds the mandatory underwriting provisions of the 2017 rule after re-evaluating the legal and evidentiary bases for these provisions and finding them to be insufficient. The final rule does not rescind or alter the payments provisions of the 2017 rule.

**Effective Date:** July 2020 – The CFPB finalized the Rule.

**Licensing Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Product/Program Impact:** No substantive impact anticipated to credit insurance products themselves.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No impact to insurance contracts anticipated.

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## Lender-Placed Insurance

### NEW ITEMS:

None.

### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED:

#### **New York:**

##### **S4629 – Credit Creation Pilot Program Act of New York.**

**Passed Senate.**

Would amend the New York code to Prohibit mortgagees from requiring mortgagors of certain real property to purchase flood insurance exceeding a coverage amount that exceeds the outstanding mortgage thereon, or that includes coverage for contents.

**Effective Date:** Effective upon passage.

**Licensing Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Product/Program Impact:** Would establish limits as to amount of insurance required.

**Consumer Contract Impact:** No changes anticipated.

**Rate Impact:** No changes anticipated.

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None.

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## **Licensing Reminders**

License appointment renewals for agents are automatically processed each year unless we hear otherwise from you. To avoid paying for terminated or inactive employees, please send your changes to [licensing@fortegra.com](mailto:licensing@fortegra.com) or contact Lynnette Rackley at 800-888-2738 then 8 x7267. The upcoming termination cut-off dates are as follows: WA – 10/01/2020; IL – 10/21/2020; OK – 10/28/2020; AL/GA/KS – 12/15/2020; MI – 12/20/2020; IA – 12/28/2020; KY/PA/WI – 12/31/2020.

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