

Notice of Filing

The Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association (TAIPA) filed three petitions to amend its plan of operation. TAIPA's governing committee approved the amendments.

Petition No. A-0614-04 asks the commissioner of insurance to approve amendments to the introduction and sections 6, 7, 15, 22, 23, and 33 of TAIPA's plan of operation to make the Electronic Application Submission interface (EASi) system mandatory for all applications, and to eliminate paper applications. The Producer Certification Manual will also reflect these amendments.

Petition No. A-0811-06 asks the commissioner to approve amendments to section 50 of TAIPA's plan of operation, which implements the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority Pass-Through Fee. The amendments update the language in section 50 to conform to HB 1541, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011. HB 1541 amended Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4413(37) to increase the fee from \$1 to \$2.

Petition No. A-0412-02 asks the commissioner to approve amendments to section 15 and section 33 of TAIPA's plan of operation, which provide performance standards for producers writing TAIPA private passenger and other than private passenger assignments. A producer that violates a performance standard is subject to enforcement action under TAIPA rules and procedures. The amendments insert subsection A.1.c. in both section 15 and section 33.

Subsection A.1.c. states that a producer may not submit an application for assignment if

- the applicant or any person who usually drives the motor vehicle does not hold a valid Texas driver's license;
- the applicant was previously assigned through TAIPA and was terminated or non-renewed for failure to obtain, or make a good-faith effort to obtain, a Texas driver's license; and
- the producer submitted the application that resulted in the previous assignment.


Insurance Code §2151.151 provides that TAIPA's governing committee may amend the plan of operation, subject to the commissioner's approval.

The Texas Department of Insurance has prepared this description of the proposed amendments. For the full text of the proposed amendments or a copy of the petitions, see TDI's website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/rules/2014/exrules.html>.

The commissioner may issue an order approving these amendments without a hearing. If you wish to comment on the amendments or request a hearing, please do so in writing no later than 5 p.m. Central time no later than 20 days after the publication of this notice. A hearing request must be on a separate page from any written comments. TDI requires two copies of your comments or hearing request. Send one copy by mail to the Texas Department of Insurance, Office of the Chief Clerk, Mail Code 113-2A, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104; or by email to chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov. Send the other copy by mail to the Texas Department of

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