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SUBCHAPTER E. TEXAS WINDSTORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION DIVISION 10. ELIGIBILITY AND FORMS

28 TAC §5.4906

INTRODUCTION. The Commissioner of Insurance adopts new 28 TAC §5.4906,

concerning the renewal premium grace period of the Texas Windstorm Insurance

Association (TWIA). The new section is adopted without changes to the proposed text

published in the January 28, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* (47 TexReg 248).

REASONED JUSTIFICATION. House Bill 2920, 87th Legislature, 2021, requires the Texas

Department of Insurance (TDI) to adopt rules to establish a grace period of not more than

10 days after the due date for the receipt of payment of premium for the renewal of a

policy.

Section 5.4906. Section 5.4906(a) establishes a premium payment grace period

for TWIA policy renewals. Section 5.4906(b) provides that the grace period applies to

certain premium surcharge payments made by TWIA policyholders under Insurance Code

§2210.259 or §2210.6132. The surcharges are included to give effect to the grace period

required by HB 2920 because these surcharges are part of the payment a policyholder

must make to TWIA at renewal.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS. TDI did not receive any comments on the proposed new

section.

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The Commissioner adopts new 28 TAC §5.4906 under

Insurance Code §§2210.008, 2210.203(c-1), and 36.001.

Insurance Code §2210.008 provides that the Commissioner may adopt rules as

reasonable and necessary to implement Chapter 2210.

Insurance Code §2210.203(c-1) requires TDI to adopt rules establishing a grace

period of not more than 10 days after the due date for the receipt of payment of premium

for the renewal of a policy.

Insurance Code §36.001 provides that the Commissioner may adopt any rules

necessary and appropriate to implement the powers and duties of TDI under the

Insurance Code and other laws of this state.

TEXT.

§5.4906. Renewal Premium Grace Period.

(a) Grace period. The premium payment for policy renewal is considered timely if

the Association receives it within 10 calendar days after the due date.

(b) Applicability of the grace period to certain premium surcharges. The grace

period described in subsection (a) of this section applies to a premium surcharge payment

by an Association policyholder under Insurance Code §2210.259, concerning Surcharge

for Certain Noncompliant Structures, or §2210.6132, concerning Contingent Source of

Payment for Class 2 and Class 3 Public Securities.

CERTIFICATION. This agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and

found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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The Commissioner adopts new 28 TAC §5.4906.

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