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TO: ALL FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES, THEIR AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY

Re: Solicitation of Insurance By Agents Whose Licenses Have Been Previously Revoked

The Texas Department of Insurance has received reports that some fraternal benefit societies may be employing agents whose licenses have been revoked.

The Legislature, in 1993, amended the Texas Insurance Code, article 10.37-2, to prohibit a fraternal benefit society from employing or otherwise retaining a person to solicit business if that person has had a license revoked under articles 21.07, 21.14, or 21.07-1. Violations of this provision are subject to sanctions under articles 10.37, 10.37-1, and 1.10, § 7 of the Insurance Code.

The Texas Department of Insurance can assist you in determining the licensing status of any person or entity you are considering employing or have employed. To obtain information regarding licensing status, you may send a list of agents' names via facsimile to (512) 475-1819, or call the Texas Department of Insurance at (512) 322-4105.

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