

RULES – APPROVED

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BUSINESSOWNERS

LI-BP-2021-071

SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESSOWNERS RULE 23. REVISION APPROVED

KEY MESSAGE

Businessowners revised annual individual payroll amounts specific to South Carolina have been approved.

UPGRADE TO WORD AND EXCEL DOCUMENTS

As previously noted, ISO is implementing changes to our authoring and delivery systems so that **newly created** documents will be delivered in Office 365 .docx/.xlsx format to be phased in by product/service tentatively beginning in second quarter 2021. We are pleased to announce that you will soon be receiving **form** documents in .docx format delivered/accessed via Circulars, CLM, EFD, ERC, Filings, FIRST, Forms Library, PRM and Suite +. Changes continue for other document types to be phased in by product/service. Products impacted include, but are not limited to, documents delivered/accessed via Circulars, CLM, EFD, ERC, Filings, FIRST, Forms Library (including PolicyWriting Support Forms Instructional Supplement), PRM, Statistical Plans and Suite +.

BACKGROUND

In circular [LI-BP-2021-062](#), we advised you that we submitted filing BP-2020-RPAY to the Insurance Department.

CONSIDERATION OF COVID-19

While there will almost certainly be long-term behavioral, social and economic changes as a result of COVID-19, we expect, based on the information currently available, that those changes will have negligible and/or offsetting effects on prospective loss costs for Businessowners. Therefore, ISO is not making any explicit adjustment to the prospective loss costs referenced in this filing due to COVID-19. Additionally, the loss costs referenced in this filing do not contemplate the possibility of widespread viral resurgence or the renewal of stay-at-home orders during the period in which the newly filed loss costs will be in effect. We have assumed that any recurrence of such extreme and unpredictable circumstances would generally be addressed, as appropriate, by individual carriers.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ACTION

The Insurance Department has approved this revision as filed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

We do not establish an effective date for Businessowners rules revisions in this state. Each insurer that elects to utilize this revision is responsible for determining its own effective date.

COMPANY ACTION

ISO has not filed this revision on behalf of insurers.

You must independently determine what revision to make and when to make any revision effective. If you decide to use all or any part of our revision, you are NOT required to file anything with the Insurance Department.

You must document your files in case the Insurance Department wishes to review the information at a later date. In all internal correspondence on this revision, you should refer to ISO Filing Number BP-2020-RPAY, NOT this circular number. Communications with the regulator concerning a filing affecting multiple lines of business (i.e., CL, PL, AL filing designation) should specify the line(s) of business that you are addressing.

RATING SOFTWARE IMPACT

No new attributes are being introduced with this revision.

POLICYHOLDER NOTIFICATION

If you decide to implement this revision, you should check all applicable laws for the state(s) to which this revision applies, to determine whether or not a specific policyholder notice requirement may apply. Please note that circular LI-CL-2021-004 contains the ISO Guide To Renewals With Changed Conditions For Commercial Lines, which is available only as a guide to assist participating companies in complying with various conditional renewal statutes or regulations, for the major commercial lines of insurance serviced by ISO. The information in the Guide does not necessarily reflect all requirements or exceptions that may apply, and it is not intended as a substitute for your review of all applicable statutes and regulations concerning policyholder notification.

REVISION DISTRIBUTION

We will issue a Notice to Manualholders with an edition date of 1-22 (or the earliest possible subsequent date), along with any new and/or revised manual pages.

RELATED LOSS COSTS REVISION

We are announcing in a separate circular the approval of a corresponding loss costs revision. Please refer to the Reference(s) block for identification of that circular.

REFERENCE(S)

- LI-BP-2021-072 (06/02/2021) South Carolina Businessowners Advisory Prospective Loss Cost Revision Approved
- LI-BP-2021-062 (05/24/2021) South Carolina Businessowners Rule 23. Revision Submitted
- LI-CL-2021-004 (02/17/2021) Revised Lead Time Requirements Listing

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