

TECHNICAL ADVISORY

Independent Insurance Agents of Louisiana

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*****IMPORTANT TECHNICAL ADVISORY*****

SUBJECT: NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTO ID CARDS
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1996

BACKGROUND: The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections has issued new guidelines for automobile ID cards. Enclosed are the notice and technical information for the changes.

MAIN POINTS: IIAL recently met with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections to discuss our concerns with the new auto ID card requirements. We have explained to the Department that insurance companies and agents do not have the automation capabilities or, in some cases, enough information to complete the new auto ID cards as required. We have emphasized that the the administrative burden of manually issuing these cards would be an extreme hardship on the entire industry.

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections has indicated that they would be lenient in enforcing the April 1, 1996, implementation of these new requirements. However, they have not provided us with a specific time line, nor could they guarantee us that all law enforcement agencies throughout the state would be lenient in enforcing the new requirements. As a result, there is some risk that insureds with auto ID card issued after April 1, 1996, could be ticketed for failure to comply with the new auto ID card requirements.

This problem will be extremely difficult to resolve. IIAL will continue to discuss the issue with the Department of Public Safety in an effort to simplify the requirements. However, the Department has made it clear that the new requirements are necessary and that changes are unlikely. IIAL will also discuss these new requirements with Acord in an effort to make the revisions part of the Acord auto ID card format. Several major agency automation system vendors have indicated that any changes necessary to issue auto ID cards in the revised format need to be part of the Acord auto ID card standard.

Please be advised of the new requirements as outlined in the attached notice. You may want to discuss these revisions with your insurance carriers to determine how they will respond. Auto ID cards issued from your agency are supposed to conform with the new requirements.

IIAL will continue to address this issue and will notify you of any future developments.

**NECESSARY
ACTION:**

Please review and discuss the enclosed information with your insurance companies to determine how you will respond to the new requirements. Discuss your agency response with all appropriate agency personnel.

Enclosure:

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Office of Motor Vehicles