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NOTICE

TO: All Life Insurers

DATE: January 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Life – Limited to the Payment of Funeral and Burial Expenses License

(Previously known as the Life – Limited to PreNeed License)

Effective January 1, 2007, the California Insurance Code (CIC) was amended by adding Section 1676 (j). Section 1676(j) states that an applicant for a life agent license that is limited by the terms of a written agreement with an insurer to transact only specific life insurance policies or annuities having an initial face amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or less that are designated for the payment of funeral and burial expenses, shall not be required to take the full life agent examination to obtain a license.

Applicants for a Life license limited to the payment of funeral and burial expenses must file an Individual License Application, Form 441-9. The applicant will need to select Life Agent (LX) in item number 2 and answer "Yes" to item number 33 to be identified as a Life – Limited to Funeral/Burial expense applicant.

Applicants for the limited life license shall be required to pass an examination developed to test their knowledge of topics relevant to the type of policies that they are restricted to sell. Section 1677 of the CIC requires that this limited life agent examination be of sufficient scope to satisfy the Insurance Commissioner that an applicant has sufficient knowledge of insurance and insurance laws to transact the type of policies that they are restricted to sell. The California Department of Insurance (CDI) has available on its website the Examination Objectives for this limited life license. The Objectives provide applicants with an outline of items to study prior to taking the examination. The CDI's Web page is located at www.insurance.ca.gov. Once at the CDI Web site, type "Life – Limited to Funeral/Burial" in the search field on the CDI's main page. A link for the limited Life license Examination Objectives will appear on your screen. You will then click on the link to review the information.

Although Section 1749.01 of the CIC exempts those limited Life applicants and licensees from the prelicensing and continuing education requirements, Section 1749.8 of the CIC requires all Life Agents, including limited Life licensees, who intend to sell annuity products to complete the annuity training. Therefore, all Life agents who intend to sell annuity products must satisfactorily complete eight hours of annuity training prior to soliciting individual consumers. After completing the initial eight-hour training, the agent must complete the four-hour annuity continuing training requirement during subsequent license terms.

If you have any questions or concerns with this Notice, please contact the Education Section at (916) 492-3064.