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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

**Re: Amendments - Rules 5.B.1.a.(4) & 5.B.1.a.(5)
Safe Driver Insurance Plan
Personal Auto Manual**

The Commissioner of Insurance has approved amendments to Rules 5.B.1.a.(4) and 5.B.1.a.(5) in the Personal Auto Manual which were filed on behalf of the member companies of this Rate Bureau and the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility. Enclosed herewith is a memorandum which sets forth the approved amendments.

Recently, the North Carolina Department of Transportation raised the speed limit to 70 miles per hour for certain sections of interstate highways in North Carolina. The amendments to the Safe Driver Insurance Plan are designed to (1) recognize the new 70 miles per hour speed limit; (2) accommodate the provisions of G.S. 58-36-75(f) which provides for the "forgiveness" of certain convictions of "speeding 10 miles or less over the posted speed limit"; and (3) eliminate the necessity of having to re-rate for certain speeding convictions in excess of 75 miles per hour.

These amendments become effective October 15, 1996 in accordance with the following Rule of Application:

These amendments apply to all new and renewal policies written on or after October 15, 1996.

Please see to it that this circular letter is brought to the attention of all interested personnel in your Company.

Very truly yours,

John W. Watkins

General Manager

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Enclosure

