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TO:

All Fire and Property and Casualty Companies

Authorized to Issue Motor Vehicle Policies in Florida

FROM:

Julie W. Gentry, Chief

Bureau of Motorist Compliance

SUBJECT: Insurance Cancellation Notices for Commercial Motor Vehicles (Reminder)

This is to remind you that effective January 1, 2013, Section 320.02(5)(e) F.S. will require the insurer to provide notice to the department at the same time the cancellation notice is provided to the insured as indicated in s. 627.7281, F.S.

To clarify our position on when we should be notified, the department interprets this statute to mean when a policy either has been cancelled or *is going to be cancelled* by your company *with no possibility of renewal/reinstatement prior to the cancellation date*. Please do NOT provide us with notices of cancellations if there is any possibility of the policy being renewed/reinstated prior to the cancellation date. Notice of cancellation should be sent to this department 45 days prior to the cancellation date for those policies that you know will be cancelled. Otherwise, please notice us immediately upon actual cancellation of a policy for any other reason.

The 30 day cancellation notice language listed below will no longer be required on any document for registration purposes.

"This policy may not be cancelled on less than 30 days written notice by the insurer to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, such 30 days notice to commence from the date notice is received by the Department."

If you have any other questions, please contact Laura Freeman at: laurafreeman@flhsmv.gov.

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