NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Insurance will hold a public hearing on July 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation building, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine to receive comments concerning proposed adoption of Rule Chapter 175, “Private Passenger Motor Vehicle” Definition for Rental Vehicle Coverage. The hearing will be held by an audio-visual link, and before the hearing the Superintendent will post instructions for attending the hearing remotely on the Bureau of Insurance web site.

The purpose of the proposed rule is to clarify the types of vehicles that a personal motor vehicle policy must cover when the vehicle is rented by an authorized driver under the policy.


The amendments are proposed in accordance with 24-A M.R.S. §§ 212, 2927(1)(D), and 2927(5).

Primary sources of information relied upon by the Bureau of Insurance in developing the proposed rule are legislation enacted during the First Regular Session of the 129th Maine Legislature. The legislation is Public Law 2019, Chapter 376, “An Act To Update the Laws Governing Personal Vehicle Rental Coverage,” and Bureau staff’s professional judgment.

All interested persons are invited to provide oral comments during the hearing or to submit written comments. Written comments must be received no later than August 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and should be addressed to: Susan Tardiff, Maine Bureau of Insurance, 34 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, or Susan.P.Tardiff@maine.gov. A copy of the statement of impact on small business may be obtained from Ms. Tardiff.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities. Individuals in need of auxiliary aid for effective communication in the hearing are invited to make their needs and preference known to Susan Tardiff at the Bureau of Insurance, telephone (207) 624-8415, sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATED: July 1, 2020

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Superintendent of Insurance