The Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) hereby adopts amendments to Insurance Regulation 36 effective January 1, 2007 and makes this statement in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-35-2.3. The Department makes these amendments in order to update prelicensing education requirements for resident insurance producers. Sections 3 and 7 and were amended solely to correct typographical errors. The changes are not intended to substantively alter the provisions. There are four differences between the text of the proposed rule as published in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-35-3 and the rule as adopted. Those differences are:

Section 4 was amended to correct the section references.

Section 5 was amended to add additional unaffiliated members of the advisory boards.

Section 10 was amended to clarify the exemption for limited line credit.

Section 12 was amended to provided for a January 1, 2007 effective date.

Comments made at the hearing with regard to two sections were considered and rejected. Those sections are:

The Department did not make changes suggested to add requirements for instructors and to change the membership of the Advisory Boards because neither of these concepts were proposed by the Department and, therefore, the Department does not believe that it has the authority under the Administrative Procedures Act to make these changes. The proposals will, however, be taken into consideration in future amendments of this regulation.

The Department declined to add CLU to the section 10 exemption for accident & health or sickness because the designation is not included as an exemption by the NAIC in its uniformity guidelines.