

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM OIR-08-7M ISSUED

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Office of Insurance Regulation **Kevin M. McCarty**

Commissioner

All Life and Health Insurers

Credit Life and Credit Disability Insurance`

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify Life and Health Insurers of the legislative changes to Sections 627.553, 627.679, and 627.681, Florida Statutes (F.S.), enacted in the 2008 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature. This notice is not intended to be a comprehensive analysis of the bill. You are encouraged to review specific bills found by legislative bill number at www.leg.state.fl.us.

HOUSE BILL 343

Section 4

Section 627.553, F.S., Debtor Groups, is amended to remove the \$50,000 limit and the exception for loans not exceeding one year in duration.

Section 5

Section 627.679, F.S., is amended to remove the \$50,000 limit for credit life and allows for a limit not to exceed the amount of the indebtedness.

Section 6

Section 627.681, F.S., is amended to remove the ten (10) year limit for credit disability and allows for a term not to exceed the term of indebtedness.

To assure compliance with Florida Statutes, all rates, notices, and contract amendments applicable to Chapter 627, Part IX, F.S., must be filed with the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation.

If you have questions regarding the filing process for credit disability, please contact Gary Edenfield, Life and Health Product Review, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation at Gary. Edenfield@floir.com or (850) 413-3152.

If you have questions regarding the filing process for credit life, please contact Jim Walker, Life and Health Product Review, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation at <u>James.Walker@floir.com</u> or (850) 413-5148.