

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU

November 1, 2010

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2165

To All Members and Subscribers of the WCRIBMA:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS' REVISED FORM 154 FOR VERIFICATION OF OUT-OF-STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE

Attached is a revised copy of the Department of Industrial Accidents' Circular Letter No. 335, dated October 28, 2010, announcing a revised form for verifying out-of-state workers' compensation coverage. *This WCRIBMA Circular Letter No. 2165 supersedes WCRIBMA's Circular Letter No. 2160.*

Any questions regarding this new form should be directed to Ray Marchand, Director of Investigations, at 617-727-4900 x413.

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Attachment

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Industrial Accidents

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Commissioner

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Lieutenant Governor

CIRCULAR LETTER #335 - AMENDMENT

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Paul V. Buckley, Commissioner

RE: Amended Circular Letter #335 - Form for Verification of

Workers' Compensation Coverage for Out-of-State Employers

Operating in Massachusetts

Date: October 28, 2010

This Amended Circular Letter is in place of and supersedes Circular Letter #335 issued on August 26, 2010.

The Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) has promulgated a new form to be used by employers located in other states but conducting business and employing workers in Massachusetts. Form 154 – Verification of Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Coverage for Out-of-State Employers Operating in Massachusetts (amended Form 154 attached) will be completed by said employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier only upon the request of the DIA.

To clarify the usage of Form 154, it shall be completed by the <u>insurance carrier</u> of any out-of-state employer conducting business in Massachusetts at the request of the DIA's Office of Investigations. The DIA may also require an out-of-state business to submit this form at any time.

Use of this form shall commence immediately.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Buckley Commissioner

FORM 154

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Industrial Accidents Office of Investigations - Dept. 154

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VERIFICATION OF MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR OUT OF STATE EMPLOYERS OPERATING IN MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts law mandates that all employers must provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for their employees. Out of state employers are required to provide Massachusetts workers' compensation coverage for all their employees working in Massachusetts. Employers whose existing workers' compensation insurance policies specifically list Massachusetts in section 3A of said policy's information page, satisfy this requirement.

Please note that employers whose workers' compensation insurance policies specifically list Massachusetts in section 3C regarding all states coverage (with or without certain state exclusions) shall provide verification from their insurance carrier that coverage is provided in Massachusetts. To satisfy this requirement, the insurance carrier must complete this form verifying that the employer meets all the mandatory requirements for indemnity workers' compensation insurance coverage for all employees engaged in the employer's Massachusetts operations. Upon request, this form, a copy of the policy's information page and a copy of any policy clause or clauses, which set forth conditions under which section 3C will become effective, must be submitted to the Office of Investigations of the Department of Industrial Accidents.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE INSURANCE CARRIER PROVIDING COVERAGE TO THE EMPLOYER.

INSURED'S INFORMATION

1. Legal Name and Address of the Insured (P.O. Box	Not Acceptable):
2. All Massachusetts Work Locations of Insured:	
3. Business Telephone Number of Insured:	
4. Federal Employer ID Number or Social Security N	umber of Insured:

INSURER'S INFORMATION 1. Name of Insurance Carrier: 2. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Insurance Carrier Contact **Person:** 3. Policy Number of Insured: 4. Policy Term: 5. List the name of the Proprietor, or all Partners or all Officers of the Insured and check the appropriate box below: All individuals listed above are included in the coverage provided by the insurance carrier. Some of the above listed individuals are excluded from the coverage provided by the insurance carrier. These individuals are:

This certifies that the insurance carrier listed above provides workers' compensation insurance coverage for its above-named insured's employees in Massachusetts. The information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.