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DON'T FORGET TO FORWARD THIS TO YOUR STAFF!

Next Week:

September 14, 2011-Businessowners Policy 9am-1pm

Note:

Shelley and Rebekah will be attending an Education Convocation and the National Board of Directors Meeting in Minnesota this week.

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UPCOMING

MIA BULLETINS

The Maryland Insurance Administration has been very busy over the past several weeks and many MIA Bulletins have been issued directly relating to 'Irene' and storm related issues. Agents should be aware of the Bulletins. Click and print the Bulletins, which are also stored on our website under the heading 'Technical'.

[MIA Bulletin 11-22-Temporary Moratoriums and Weather Events](#)

[MIA Bulletin 11-23-Cancellations of Insurance Policies](#)

[MIA Bulletin 11-25-Hurricane Irene Percentage Deductible Under 19-909](#)

[MIA Bulletin 11-27-Application of Percentage Deductible Requirements of Â§19-209 to Surplus Lines Carriers](#)

Although not storm related, agents should also review [Bulletin 11-24](#) that reviews the new 'Federal Nonadmitted Reinsurance Reform Act in Maryland.'

Big "I" Applauds Senate Committee Passage of Flood Insurance Reform Bill *Senate Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs overwhelmingly passes five year extension.*

WASHINGTON, D.C., - The Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA or the Big "I") praised the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs for their work on the "Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act." The legislation would extend the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for five years and make much needed reforms to the program. The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

"The Big 'I' commends the Senate Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs for their work on the 'Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act'," says Charles Symington, Big "I" senior vice president of government affairs. "A five year extension is of the utmost importance, as are reforms to put the program on sound financial footing. The Big 'I' strongly supports efforts to extend and improve the NFIP and we urge the full Senate to take up this legislation as soon as possible to avoid the program's looming expiration on September 30."

The Senate "Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act" includes a five year reauthorization of the program. It also phases out subsidies for many properties, provides for greater

SEMINARS:

[The Businessowners Policy \(3 P/C\)](#)
14 Sep 2011 9:00 AM

[Principles of Agency Management - AAI 83A](#)
21 Sep 2011 8:30 AM

[INS 23 - Segment A \(Commercial Insurance\) 6 P/C](#)
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[Insurance Ethics](#)
06 Oct 2011 9:00 AM

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enforcement of the mandatory purchase requirement, provides for a transition for properties newly mapped into a flood zone, and includes important studies of ways to modernize the program so as to enhance its benefit to policyholders and increase participation.

The Senate's "Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act" must still be considered on the full Senate floor, and at this time that consideration has yet to be scheduled. The House passed H.R. 1309, the "Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011," before the August recess. Once the Senate passes its legislation the House and the Senate will still have to reconcile the differences between their two bills.

"The Big 'I' very much appreciates the Senate Committee's work on this legislation upon their return from the August recess," says Charles Symington, Big "I" senior vice president of government affairs. "With almost exactly three weeks left before the expiration of the NFIP, we urge Senate leadership to quickly bring this bill to the full Senate floor for consideration to allow both the House and Senate enough time to reconcile their two bills. We are now closer to achieving a long term reform and extension bill than at any point in recent memory and we are hopeful that the House and Senate will finally push this over the finish line."

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IIABA Announces Committee Appointments

Michael McCartin, President, the Joseph W. McCartin Insurance Agency, will Chair IIAA Agency Administrative Services, as well as serve on the Big I Advantage Board of Directors and the Professional Liability Committee.

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