

South Carolina Department of Insurance

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Acting Insurance Director Appointed

Columbia, SC- R. David Black announced his resignation as Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance effective December 28, 2011. The Department is proud of the accomplishments it has made under David Black's guidance.

During his tenure, the Department continued its work to make the Agency's processes both more effective and efficient for the stakeholders the Department serves. Through former Director Black's leadership, the Department has worked to attract additional insurers to South Carolina, reorganized the divisions within the agency to more closely align the Department's structure with the Agency's mission, related functional areas and regulatory focus, and automated the Department's licensing, taxation and financial and consumer reporting processes.

In the interim, Gwendolyn Fuller McGriff Acting Deputy Director of Financial Services and General Counsel will serve as Acting Director of Department until a new Director is appointed by Governor Haley. Mrs. McGriff has been with the South Carolina Department of Insurance for sixteen years and has served the agency in various leadership capacities during her tenure including Acting Agency Director in 2004. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tennessee in 1986.

The Department will continue to protect policyholders and beneficiaries by ensuring the solvency of insurers, enforcing and implementing the insurance laws of this State and regulating the insurance industry in an efficient, courteous, responsive, fair, and equitable manner.

Should you have any questions regarding this information please contact Ann Roberson, Public Information Officer at 803-737-6207.