

INTERSTATE INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

**Date Issued:** August 27, 2008

**Proposed Uniform Standard:** Additional Standards for Bonus Benefits (for Individual Deferred Non-Variable Annuity Standards)

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- 1. Purpose of Proposed New Rules:** The Additional Standards for Bonus Benefits (for Individual Deferred Non-Variable Annuity Standards) (the "Proposed Standards) apply to bonus benefit which can be interest bonus, a premium bonus, a persistency bonus or any other amounts/percentages that are credited to the premiums paid, account value, cash value, cash surrender value or annuity/maturity value under a specified condition, other than benefits of the type described above that are provided through any pattern of non-level interest rate guarantees that may be similar to but are not specifically referred to as bonuses or additional credits; applying to provisions that are either built into the annuity contract or added to such contract by rider, endorsement or amendment.
- 2. Legal Authority:** The Commission is authorized to create uniform standards for products by Article IV, Section 2 of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact, as enacted into law by each compacting state.
- 3. Text of Proposed New Rules:** The Proposed Standards are available on the Commission's web site ([www.insurancecompact.org](http://www.insurancecompact.org)) and included with this notice as a separate document.
- 4. Where, When, and How Persons May Present Their Views:** The Management Committee for the Commission will accept written comment on the Proposed Standards until **October 26, 2008**. Written comments may be delivered via electronic mail to [comments@insurancecompact.org](mailto:comments@insurancecompact.org), or via mail to the Management Committee c/o Frances Arricale, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 701 Hall of States, Washington DC 20001-1509.
- 5. Where, When, and How Persons May Request a Public Hearing:** Written requests for a public hearing on the Proposed Standards must be received no later than **September 16, 2008**. Persons who may request a public hearing are Commission members, the Management Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Consumer Advisory Committee, the Industry Advisory Committee, or a person or organization representing at least 25 persons affected by the Proposed Standards. Written requests may be delivered via electronic mail to [comments@insurancecompact.org](mailto:comments@insurancecompact.org), or via mail to the Management Committee c/o Frances Arricale, Executive Director, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 701 Hall of States, Washington DC 20001-1509.