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NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCES SURCHARGE FOR RECOUPMENT OF THE PROPERTY - LIABILITY INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENT

BACKGROUND The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance issued Order No. A03-108 on January 30, 2003 allowing for the imposing of a surcharge to recoup the assessment paid to the Association which is due on February 12, 2003.

SURCHARGE A surcharge of one fourth of one percent (.25%) may be applied to policies issued or renewed on or after March 1, 2003 for all kinds of insurance except those listed in the Order. This surcharge has been reduced from the .333% applied in previous years.

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