



News Flash

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Commissioner Garamendi Rejects Unregulated Title Insurance

Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi issued a Final Decision and Order that prevents the Radian Corporation – a mortgage guaranty insurance company based in Philadelphia – from introducing unregulated title insurance products in California. The Commissioner's Decision represents the final regulatory authority on Radian's attempt to sell its Radian Lien Protection Policy (RLP) in this state. The Commissioner's Final Decision and Order dated July 14, 2003 sustains the Department's original Cease and Desist Order.

Request for Birth or Death Record - *Effective July 1, 2003*

Beginning July 1, 2003, the California Health and Safety Code Section 103526 permits only specific individuals to receive an AUTHORIZED CERTIFIED COPY of a birth or death record. An AUTHORIZED CERTIFIED COPY of a birth/death record may be required to close your escrow and may also be needed for other services related to an individual's identity.

Individuals permitted to receive an AUTHORIZED CERTIFIED COPY include:

* The person listed on the birth record or a

parent or legal guardian of the person listed on the birth or death record.

* A child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner of the person listed on the birth or death record.

* A member or representative of a government agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business.

* A person who has a court order to obtain the record, an attorney or licensed adoption agency seeking the birth record in order to comply with the requirement of Section 3140 or 7603 of the Family Code.

* An attorney representing the person or the person's estate whose name is listed on the birth or death record or any person or agency appointed by a court to act on behalf of the person or the person's estate whose name is listed on the birth or death record.

* Any funeral director that orders certified copies of a death certificate on behalf of any individual specified in paragraph (1) to (5) inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 7100 of the Health and Safety Code.

Those who do not meet the criteria for an AUTHORIZED CERTIFIED COPY may receive an INFORMATIONAL CERTIFIED COPY with the words "INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY" imprinted across the face of the copy.

When ordering in person an authorized individual must complete an approved application including a sworn statement under penalty of perjury to receive an AUTHORIZED CERTIFIED COPY. If you mail your request, your sworn statement

must be notarized. If your mailed request indicates that you want a Certified Copy but does not include a notarized statement sworn under penalty of perjury, the request will be rejected and returned to you without being processed.

For further review of the code section, you may go to the CEA website www.ceaescrow.org go to Links, go to California Government, go to California Codes.

CEA's 2003 Charity – Feed The Children Regional Participation

Help CEA feed California's hungry children – talk to your regional association about donating to the Feed the Children program.

The Ventura County Escrow Association is pleased to announce their recent donation in the amount of \$622.56.

Learn more about the charity on the CEA website – www.ceaescrow.org and click on the button at the bottom of the home page.

Thank you!

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Remember the CEA Membership Contest is wrapping up **this Friday, August 1st**! Please see page 11 of your April/May/June issue of the *CEA News* and get your non-member colleagues to send in their applications today! All applications with referrals that are postmarked by August 1st will be eligible. Act now – win cash!!

CEA's 48th Annual Education Conference October 2-5, 2003 Fairmont, San Jose



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