

NOTICE REGARDING COLLECTION AGENCY BRANCH OFFICE APPLICATIONS

The Illinois Collection Agency Rules were amended effective 8/5/11 where Sections 1210.80 (Doing Business at More Than One Office or Location) and 1210.90 (Additional Offices or Changes of Location of Offices) were repealed. Section 1210.25 (Application for Registration) was amended, in part, to reference an application for a branch office. The branch office has previously been a part of the licensing process for collection agencies, but with the recent Rules change, the requirement for a branch office now includes locations that meet the definition of a branch office including locations outside the State of Illinois.

The definition of branch office "...means another location with the same name and ownership as the main collection agency license." (68 III Admin. Code 1210.10)

Collection agencies not currently in compliance due to this recent Rule change, should submit applications to the Department in a time manner in order to comply with the Rules change to Section 1210.25.

The Collection Agency Rules and the necessary collection agency branch office application forms can be viewed in their entirety and obtained at www.idfpr.com.