

§ 100.723 Special Local Regulation; Fort Lauderdale Grand Prix of the Seas; Fort Lauderdale, FL.

(a) *Location.* The following regulated area is established as a special local regulation. All navigable waters contained within an imaginary line connecting the following points: beginning at Point 1 in position 26°6'21" N., 080°5'51" W.; thence west to Point 2 in position 26°6'21" N., 080°6'13" W.; thence north to Point 3 in position 26°6'57" N., 080°6'13" W.; thence east to Point 4 in position 26°6'57" N., 080°5'52" W.; thence back to origin at point 1. All coordinates are North American Datum 1983.

(b) *Definition.* The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) The term "designated representative" means Coast Guard Patrol Commanders, including Coast Guard coxswains, petty officers, and other officers operating Coast Guard vessels, and Federal, State, and Local officers designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Miami in the enforcement of the regulated areas.

(2) The term "Patrol Commander" means a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the respective Coast Guard Sector Commander to enforce these regulations.

(3) The term "spectators" means all persons and vessels not registered with the event sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels.

(c) *Regulations.*

(1) All non-participant persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative.

(2) Persons and vessels desiring to enter, transit through, anchor in, remain within or transit in excess of wake speed within any of the regulated area may contact the Captain of the Port Miami by telephone at (305) 535-8701, or a designated representative via VHF-FM radio on channel 16 to request authorization. If authorization is granted, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative.

(3) The Coast Guard will use all appropriate means to notify the public in advance of an event of the enforcement of these regulations to include publishing a Notice of Enforcement in the **Federal Register** and through the local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(d) *Enforcement date.* This section will be enforced annually on a weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) in the month of November.

Dated: August 22, 2017.

J.H.D. Solomon,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Captain of the Port Miami.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 9

RIN 2900-AP98

Electronic Submission of Certain Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and Veterans' Group Life Insurance Forms

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to add a regulation governing the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) programs to provide that certain SGLI, Family SGLI (FSGLI) and VGLI applications, elections, and beneficiary designations required by statute to be "written" or "in writing" would include those submitted via an agency approved electronic means that are digitally or electronically signed.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; by mail or hand-delivery to: Director, Regulations Management (OOREG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026 (this is not a toll-free telephone number). Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AP98—Electronic Submission of Certain Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and Veterans' Group Life Insurance Forms."

Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1068, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment (this is not a toll-free telephone number). In addition, comments may be viewed online

through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Berkheimer, Insurance Specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs Insurance Center (310/290B), 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144, (215) 842-2000, ext. 4275 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several statutes regarding entitlement to SGLI, FSGLI, and VGLI require a member or an insured to take action "in writing" or to submit a "written" application or request. *E.g.*, 38 U.S.C. 1967(c), 1970(a), and 1977(a)(3). For example, under 38 U.S.C. 1967(a)(2) and (a)(3)(B), a member of a uniformed service on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training scheduled in advance by a competent authority and certain Ready Reservists may "elect in writing" not to be insured under SGLI, to decline FSGLI coverage for a spouse, or to be insured or insure a spouse for less than the statutory maximum amounts of insurance coverage.

Until recently, members have utilized a paper version of SGLV 8286, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Election and Certificate, to make changes to their SGLI coverage amount and to designate beneficiaries to receive the insurance proceeds upon their death and a paper version of SGLV 8286A, Spouse Coverage Election and Certificate, to make changes to their spousal coverage. The VA Insurance Service, however, partnered with the Department of Defense to develop the SGLI Online Enrollment System (SOES), an electronic application system that allows members to make electronic updates and changes to their SGLI and FSGLI coverage amounts and their SGLI beneficiary designations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition, this electronic system helps to eliminate common errors made by members when completing the paper forms. While the electronic system is the primary means for insured members to manage their SGLI and FSGLI elections, a member may use the paper forms in emergent situations when the member cannot access the electronic system.

In addition to SOES, veterans are currently able to apply for VGLI, reinstate their VGLI, or increase the amount of VGLI by completing an online application through a Web site managed by the Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (OSGLI), <https://giosgli.prudential.com/osgli/web/OSGLIMenu.html>, as well as by mailing a paper copy of SGLV 8714,

Application for Veterans' Group Life Insurance to OSGLI.

In light of this modernized processing of SGLI and VGLI, VA proposes to expressly allow for electronic submission of certain SGLI and VGLI applications, forms, and beneficiary designations by adding section 9.22 to part 9 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations. New section 9.22(a)(1) would define the terms "in writing" and "written" for purposes of certain statutes in chapter 19, subchapter III, of title 38, United States Code, to mean an intentional recording of words in visual form and to include hard-copy documents containing a person's name or mark written or made by that person and electronic applications and forms submitted through a VA approved electronic means that include an electronic or digital signature that identifies and authenticates a particular person as the source of the electronic message and indicates such person's approval of the information contained in the electronic document.

Section 9.22(a)(2) would provide that application or election forms meeting the requirements of new paragraph (a)(1) will satisfy the statutory requirement that such forms be "written" or "in writing" for purposes of: (1) Declining SGLI for the member or FSGLI for the member's insurable spouse; (2) insuring the member under SGLI or the member's spouse under FSGLI in an amount less than the maximum amount of such insurance; (3) restoring or increasing coverage under SGLI for the member or under FSGLI for the member's insurable spouse; (4) designating one or more beneficiaries for the member's SGLI or insured's VGLI; and (5) increasing the amount of coverage under VGLI. This would allow members to submit such applications or elections by mail, hand delivery, or electronic means approved by the Secretary.

Section 9.22(b) would state that applications or forms satisfying the definition in paragraph (a)(1) may be submitted for purposes of applying for VGLI and reinstating lapsed VGLI coverage.

These regulations are consistent with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), Public Law 105-277, tit. XVII, 112 Stat. 2681-749 (codified at 44 U.S.C. 3504 note), which requires Federal agencies to accept electronic signatures and to allow for electronic submission, maintenance, or disclosure of information as a substitute for paper, when it is practicable for agencies to do so. See also 38 U.S.C. 118 (VA must submit reports to Congress in electronic format) and 5103(a)(1) (VA may provide

notice of information and evidence necessary to substantiate claim via electronic communication). GPEA also bars electronic signatures and electronic records from being denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability because they are in electronic form. Public Law 105-277, §1707, 112 Stat. 2681-751.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. This proposed rule will have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rule contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521).

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). Executive Order 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review) emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) defines a "significant regulatory action," requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), unless OMB waives such review, as "any regulatory action that is likely to result in a rule that may: (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; (2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal

mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order."

The economic, interagency, budgetary, legal, and policy implications of this regulatory action have been examined and it has been determined not to be a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866. VA's impact analysis can be found as a supporting document at <http://www.regulations.gov>, usually within 48 hours after the rulemaking document is published. Additionally, a copy of the rulemaking and its impact analysis are available on VA's Web site at <http://www.va.gov/orpm> by following the link for "VA Regulations Published."

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that the adoption of this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This proposed rule would directly affect only individuals and would not directly affect any small entities. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this proposed rule is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

List of Subjects in Part 9

Life insurance, Military personnel, Veterans.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title for the program affected by this document is 64.103, Life Insurance for Veterans.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on July 25, 2017, for publication.

Dated: July 25, 2017.

Jeffrey Martin,

Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, VA proposes to amend 38 CFR part 9 as set forth below:

PART 9—SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND VETERANS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 9 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 1965–1980A, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. By adding the following section to read as follows:

§ 9.22 Submission of certain applications and forms affecting entitlement to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance

(a)(1) Definition. For purposes of this section, the terms *in writing* and *written* mean an intentional recording of words in visual form and include:

(A) Hard-copy applications and forms containing a person's name or mark written or made by that person; and

(B) applications and forms submitted through a VA approved electronic means that include an electronic or digital signature that identifies and authenticates a particular person as the source of the electronic message and indicates such person's approval of the information submitted through such means.

(2) With regard to the following actions, applications or forms that satisfy the definition in paragraph (a)(1) will be deemed to satisfy the requirement in the referenced statutes that an application, election, or beneficiary designation be "in writing" or "written":

(A) Decline Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for the member or Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for the member's insurable spouse (38 U.S.C. 1967(a)(2)(A) or (B));

(B) Insure the member under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or the member's spouse under Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance in an amount less than the maximum amount of such insurance (38 U.S.C. 1967(a)(3)(B));

(C) Restore or increase coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for the member or under Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for the member's insurable spouse (38 U.S.C. 1967(c));

(D) Designate one or more beneficiaries for the member's Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or former member's Veterans' Group Life Insurance (38 U.S.C. 1970(a)); and

(E) Increase the amount of coverage under Veterans' Group Life Insurance (38 U.S.C. 1977(a)(3)).

(b) Applications or forms that satisfy the definition in paragraph (a)(1) may be utilized to—

(1) apply for Veterans' Group Life Insurance; and

(2) reinstate Veterans' Group Life Insurance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R01-OAR-2017-0138; A-1-FRL-9967-26-Region 1]

Air Plan Approval; New Hampshire; Rules for Open Burning and Incinerators

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of New Hampshire on August 9, 2011, and July 23, 2013. These SIP revisions establish rules for open burning and establish emission standards and operating practices for incinerators and wood waste burners that are not regulated pursuant to federal incinerator standards. We are also proposing to approve revisions to the definitions of "Incinerator" and "Wood Waste Burner," submitted by the State on July 23, 2013 and October 26, 2016, respectively. This action will have a beneficial effect on air quality. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R01-OAR-2017-0138 at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or via email to Arnold.Anne@epa.gov. For comments submitted at [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). For either manner of submission, the EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not

consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the Web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 19, 2017.

Deborah A. Szaro,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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