

**Essential Businesses under Executive Order No. 53**  
**Issued by the Governor of Virginia**

- The State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance is receiving numerous inquiries from insurers, insurance agents, and related businesses as to whether these entities are covered under "essential businesses" in the Governor's Executive Order No. 53 on issued March 23, 2020, which reads, in part:

*8. Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, **they should utilize teleworking as much as possible**. Where telework is not feasible, such business must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.*

- Subject to the social distancing and the maximum of 10 people in an office at one time as well as the enhanced sanitizing practices and other guidance from state and federal authorities, the Bureau of Insurance has received confirmation from the Governor's Office that Executive Order No. 53 classifies insurance companies, insurance agents, and related business entities as "essential businesses."