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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 304

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: JAMES J. CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER VJCF

RE: 452 CMR 4.00

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2001

Please be advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 3, and in accordance with the authority granted to the Commissioner under M.G.L. c. 152 § 5, the Department of Industrial Accidents will hold a public comment period from Friday, February 2, 2001, through Friday, February 9, 2001. All comments should be sent to the Department's General Counsel as specified herein.

The purpose of the public comment period is to afford all interested parties an opportunity to provide written testimony regarding the proposed addition to 452 CMR 4.00 Vocational Rehabilitation, which the Department promulgated as emergency regulations on January 9, 2001. The purpose of the addition is to facilitate the purpose of Chapter 152 relative to the provision of appropriate vocational rehabilitation services as overseen by the Office of Education and Vocational Rehabilitation (OEVR). Specifically, a new paragraph entitled "4.11 OEVR Director and Rehabilitation Officers" shall be added. This paragraph will provide as follows: "No Vocational Rehabilitation Review Officer or OEVR Director shall be called to testify at any proceeding within the Division of Dispute Resolution regarding any vocational issue which has come before him as the Director or as the Vocational Review Officer."

Any person wishing to submit written comments concerning this regulation may do so by forwarding the same to: Richard A. Fairbrothers, Esq., General Counsel, Department of Industrial Accidents, 600 Washington Street, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02111 on or before Friday, February 9, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed regulation may be obtained from the Department's Public Information Office.