**Section 1001.210 Definitions**

"Administrative hearing" means a proceeding in which the legal rights, duties, and privileges of a petitioner are determined by the Secretary as required by the Safety Responsibility Law.

"Code" or "IVC" means the Illinois Vehicle Code [625 ILCS 5].

"Continue a hearing" means to re-schedule a hearing to another date certain.

"Department" means the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois.

"Hearing officer" means the person appointed by the Secretary to conduct an administrative hearing held pursuant to this Subpart.

"Interested party" means an insured person, claimant, or parties suffering property damages and/or personal injuries who is not the petitioner.

"Order of Default" means an Order entered by the Department which denies all relief because a petitioner fails to appear for a hearing at the time, date and place specified in the Notice of Hearing or Notice of a continued hearing date without prior notification to the Department of his/her inability to appear.

"Party" means any petitioner or interested party.

"Person" means every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation.

"Petitioner" means any person who could be or is being afforded a hearing pursuant to this Subpart and who is the only party as defined in Sections 7-201 and 7-202 of the Code, as being subject to the Illinois Safety Responsibility Law.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, through the Department of Administrative Hearings.

"Withdraw from a hearing" means to retract one's petition to contest the preliminary finding that a reasonable possibility of a civil judgement exists against that petitioner, upon the motion or at the request of the petitioner.

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