

**STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
INSURANCE DIVISION**

In the Matter of **Earl E. Pruitt.**

) **FINAL ORDER**
) Case No. INS 01-05-023
) File No. 303064 IV

The Director of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (Director) commences the above entitled administrative proceeding pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256 to take action against Earl E. Pruitt (Pruitt).

On 4/26/01, the Director received from the Columbia County District Attorney's office a Notice to Suspend dated 4/24/01 certifying that Pruitt was in arrears in his child support obligation imposed by the Columbia County Circuit Court, Case No. 96-3025, and requesting the Director to suspend Pruitt's Oregon insurance agent license pursuant to ORS 25.780(1).

Therefore, the Director now makes the following final decision in this proceeding in accordance with ORS 731.248, 183.450 and 183.470 and related administrative rules.

Findings of Fact

Licensing

According to the Insurance Division's records, Pruitt has been licensed in Oregon as a resident individual agent since 3/29/00. Pruitt 's license number is 617082. Pruitt 's residence and business street address is 1720 Coal Creek Road, Longview, WA 98632; his residence and business mailing address is PO Box 1237 Rainier, OR 97048; and his residence and business telephone number is 1-360-423-8735.

Arrears in Child Support Obligation

On 4/26/01, the Director received from the Columbia County District Attorney's office a Notice to Suspend dated 4/24/01 certifying that Pruitt was in arrears in his child support obligation imposed by the Columbia County Circuit Court, Case No. 96-3025.

Ultimate Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Pruitt is in arrears in his child support obligation. The Director is required by ORS 25.780(1) to suspend Pruitt's Oregon insurance agent license without further administrative hearing or review.

Order

The Oregon insurance agent license issued to Pruitt shall be suspended pursuant to 744.013(1)(a). The period of suspension shall be from the date of this order until all of the following have occurred: (1) the Director receives from the Columbia County District Attorney's office a letter informing the Director that Pruitt is no longer in arrears in his child support obligation, (2) the Director determines that Pruitt has met all applicable requirements for the license, and (3) the Director issues an order terminating the suspension pursuant to ORS 25.774 and 744.018(2). During the period of suspension, Pruitt shall not transact insurance in Oregon, including servicing clients.

Dated May 17, 2001.

/s/ Mary C. Neidig
Mary C. Neidig
Director
Department of Consumer and Business Services

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