

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

In the Matter of **Safeer D. Hopton**) **STIPULATION** and
) **FINAL ORDER**
) Case No. INS 06-04-004

STIPULATION

The Director of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (director) commenced this administrative proceeding, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256, to take enforcement action against Safeer D. Hopton (Hopton).

Hopton desires to conclude this proceeding without a hearing by entering into this stipulation pursuant to ORS 183.415(5).

Hopton waives all rights relative to an administrative hearing and judicial review thereof.

Hopton stipulates to the following facts, conclusions, action, and to the issuance of a final order incorporating this stipulation.

Facts and Conclusions

Licensing Information

Hopton has been licensed in Oregon as a nonresident individual insurance producer since 1/2/03. Hopton's last recorded residence address is located in San Diego, California.

Failed to Respond to Director's Inquiry

Hopton is subject to enforcement action pursuant to ORS 731.296 because of the following circumstances. ORS 731.296 requires a person licensed in Oregon as an insurance producer to promptly and truthfully respond to an inquiry from the director. On 11/14/05, the Insurance Division mailed by certified mail a letter to Hopton at his last recorded business mailing address of 101 Civic Center Drive, Santee CA 92071-5814. The letter requested Hopton to provide to the Insurance Division by 12/14/05 information about Hopton being convicted on an unknown date

for resisting arrest in Arizona, and about the insurance regulators for the states of California, Florida, Minnesota and Utah taking administrative action against Hopton's nonresident insurance producer licenses in those states. The Insurance Division wanted this information to determine whether Hopton was subject to enforcement action pursuant to (1) ORS 744.074(1)(a) by failing to disclose his conviction on his Oregon license application, (2) ORS 744.074(1)(i) by having his nonresident insurance producer licenses in the other states cancelled, revoked, suspended or refused to be renewed, and (3) ORS 744.089(1) by failing to timely report to Oregon the administrative actions taken by the other states. The letter was received by The Hartford on 11/17/05. On 11/25/05, the Insurance Division received from The Hartford an undated letter saying that Hopton was no longer employed by them. So on 11/29/05, the Insurance Division mailed by certified mail another letter to Hopton at his last recorded resident address of 5610 Mildred Street Unit D, San Diego CA 92110-2436. The letter summarized the Insurance Division's attempts to contact Hopton, requested him to provide his current business address and telephone number as required by ORS 744.068(4)(a), and again asked him to provide the information about his criminal and administrative action history. The US Postal Service attempted to deliver the letter on 12/3/05, and left a notice that the letter could be redelivered or picked up in person. On 4/18/06, the Insurance Division proposed to revoke Hopton's Oregon insurance producer license. On 4/24/06, the Insurance Division received from Hopton a letter dated 4/24/06 providing some of the requested information, and asking the Insurance Division to allow Hopton to surrender his license in lieu of revoking it.

Action

As consideration for the director not further investigating or taking other enforcement action against Hopton, Hopton agrees to surrender his Oregon nonresident insurance producer license effective on the date of this stipulation, and shall never apply for any license authorized by ORS Chapter 744.

Dated April 27, 2006

/s/ Safeer D. Hopton
Safeer D. Hopton

FINAL ORDER

The director incorporates herein and adopts the above stipulation as the director's final decision in this proceeding, and orders that no enforcement action shall be taken.

Dated May 18, 2006

/s/ Joel Ario
Joel Ario
Administrator
Insurance Division
Department of Consumer and Business Services

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