STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

In the Matter of: JOHN THOMAS, an Individual, Respondent.	Case No. INS-25-0005 FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, FINAL ORDER TO REVOKE LICENSE, AND FINAL ORDER DENYING LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION, ENTERED BY DEFAULT

On January 21, 2025, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon ("Director"), by and through the Division of Financial Regulation ("Division"), served an Order to Cease and Desist, Proposed Order to Revoke License, and Proposed Order Denying License Renewal Application ("Notice") on John Thomas ("Respondent").

The Notice offered Respondent an opportunity for a hearing if requested within 60 days of service of the Notice. The Notice further informed Respondent that if a hearing was not conducted because Respondent did not timely request a hearing or otherwise defaulted, then the designated portion of the Division's file and all materials submitted by Respondent in this case would automatically become part of the contested case record for the purpose of proving a prima facie case.

The Director did not receive from Respondent a request for a hearing and did not conduct a hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

1. On August 17, 2022, Respondent was issued an Oregon non-resident insurance producer's license ("License"). Respondent's national producer number is 20395786.

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2. Respondent's business and mailing address is 2033 Goodrich Ave., Flint, Michigan 48503.

3. On August 23, 2007, in the Circuit Court of Michigan, County of Genesee, Respondent pled guilty to first-degree home invasion, a felony.[1]

4. In his 2022 License application, Respondent answered "No" to the question "Have you ever been convicted of a felony, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a felony?" Because Respondent answered "No" to all of the background questions, his application was approved without individualized review.

5. On or around January 20, 2023, the Florida Department of Financial Services ("DFS") denied Respondent's insurance producer license application, and permanently barred him from the Florida insurance industry, due to the 2007 criminal proceeding.

6. On or around October 26, 2023, the Nebraska Department of Insurance ("DOI") revoked Respondent's insurance producer license for failing to identify the DFS proceeding on his license renewal application and/or report the proceeding to the agency.

7. On or around August 12, 2024, the California Insurance Commissioner ("CIC") entered an order against Respondent, finding he failed to identify the 2007 criminal proceeding in his license application and failed to report the DFS proceeding to the agency.[2]

8. Respondent failed to report the DFS and DOI administrative proceedings to the Director.

9. In or around October 2024, Respondent submitted an application to the Director to renew his License. In the application, Respondent answered "No" to the question "Have you been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including a FINRA

[1] The court withheld entry of judgment and placed Respondent on probation. Respondent successfully completed probation and the court dismissed his case without conviction.

[2] Pursuant to the order, CIC restricted Respondent's California insurance producer license.

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sanction or arbitration proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license or registration, which has not been previously reported to this insurance department?"

10. In reviewing the application, the Director learned of the DFS and DOI administrative proceedings, as well as the 2007 criminal proceeding.[3]

11. Respondent's License expired on October 31, 2024.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director CONCLUDES that:

12. Respondent provided incorrect, incomplete, and/or materially untrue information in his 2022 License application by failing to identify the withheld judgment from his 2007 criminal proceeding, in violation of ORS 744.074(1)(a).

13. Respondent provided incorrect, incomplete, and/or materially untrue information in his 2024 renewal application by failing to identify the DFS and/or DOI administrative proceedings taken against him, in violation of ORS 744.074(1)(a).

14. Because Respondent committed the foregoing violations of ORS 744.074(1)(a), the Director may revoke his License and/or deny his renewal application.

15. By failing to report the DFS and/or DOI administrative proceedings to the Director within 30 days of their occurrences, Respondent violated ORS 744.089(1).

16. Because Respondent violated ORS 744.089(1), the Director may revoke his License, and/or deny his renewal application, pursuant to ORS 744.074(1)(b).

17. Because Respondent's Nebraska insurance producer license was revoked, the Director may revoke his License, and/or deny his renewal application, pursuant to ORS 744.074(1)(i).

18. Because the Director has reason to believe that Respondent has been engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in violations of the Insurance Code, the Director may

[3] Respondent had uploaded documents relating to DFS and DOI administrative proceedings to the National Insurance Producer Register ("NIPR") where they were found by the Director.

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issue an order to Respondent to cease and desist, pursuant to ORS 731.252(1).

19. Under ORS 731.988(1), the Director may impose a civil penalty of up to $10,000 *per violation* upon any person who violates a provision of the Insurance Code.

ORDERS

Now therefore, the Director issues the following ORDERS:

20. As authorized by ORS 731.252(1), the Director hereby ORDERS Respondent to CEASE AND DESIST from violating ORS 744.089(1).

21. As authorized by ORS 744.074(1)(a), (b) and (i), the Director hereby REVOKES Respondent's non-resident insurance producer license.

22. As authorized by ORS 744.074(1)(a), (b) and (i), the Director hereby DENIES Respondent's application to renew his non-resident insurance producer license.

23. This is a "Final Order" under ORS 183.310(6)(b). Subject to this provision, the entry of this Order does not limit further remedies that may be available to the Director under Oregon law.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of April, 2025.

ANDREW R. STOLFI, Director
Department of Consumer and Business Services

/s/ Dorothy Bean
Dorothy Bean, Chief of Enforcement
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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL APPEAL

You are entitled to judicial review of this order in accordance with ORS 183.482. You may request judicial review by filing a petition with the Court of Appeals in Salem, Oregon, within 60 days from the date this order is served.

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