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

In the Matter of: LORETTA A. MORRIS, Respondent.	Case No. INS-20-0091 FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, AND ORDER DENYING LICENSE AND IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES, ENTERED BY DEFAULT

On April 29, 2021, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon ("Director"), acting by and through the Division of Financial Regulation ("Division"), served an Order to Cease and Desist, Proposed Order Denying License and Imposing Civil Penalties, and Notice of Right to an Administrative Appeal ("Notice") on Loretta A. Morris ("Respondent").

The Notice offered Respondent an opportunity for a hearing if requested within 60 days of the Notice. The Notice further informed Respondent that if a hearing were 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.

The Director finds that the record of this proceeding proves a prima facie case.

Now, therefore, after considering the relevant portions of the Division's file relating to this matter, the Director finds and orders as follows.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

1. Respondent has been licensed as an Oregon Nonresident Insurance Producer since August 29, 2018. Respondent's NAIC national producer number is 16850954.

2. On September 29, 2020, an authorized third party submitted an application to renew Respondent's Non-Resident Insurance Producer license.

3. Respondent's renewal application disclosed that in 2010, Respondent was convicted of Conversion of Public Money, a misdemeanor, as defined by 18 USC § 641. The factual basis for this conviction was that in 2006 and 2007, Respondent intermittently collected unemployment benefits that she was not eligible to receive.

4. Respondent did not disclose this information in her original application for an Oregon Non-Resident Insurance Producer license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director CONCLUDES that:

5. Pursuant to ORS 731.252(1), whenever the Director has reason to believe that any person has been engaged or is engaging or is about to engage in any violation of the Insurance Code, the Director may issue an order to discontinue or desist from such violation or threatened violation.

6. Pursuant to ORS 744.074(1)(a), the Director may place a licensee on probation or suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew an insurance producer license and may take other actions authorized by the Insurance Code in lieu thereof or in addition thereto, for "[p]roviding incorrect, misleading, incomplete or materially untrue information in the license application."

7. Licensee provided incorrect, misleading, incomplete or materially untrue information by failing to disclose her conviction for Conversion of Public Money on her application for a nonresident insurance producer license.

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ORDERS

The Director issues the following Orders:

8. As authorized by ORS 731.252(1), the Director ORDERS Respondent to CEASE AND DESIST from violating ORS 744.074(1)(a).

9. Based upon the foregoing and in accordance with ORS 744.074(1)(a), the Director DENIES renewal of Respondent's Oregon Nonresident Insurance Producer License.

10. As authorized under ORS 731.988(1), the Director ORDERS that Respondent be subject to a CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of $1,000 for violating ORS 744.074(1).

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

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL APPEAL

Judicial review of final orders in contested cases is governed by ORS 183.482. Respondent 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.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of July, 2021.

Andrew R. Stolfi, Director
Department of Consumer and Business Services

S/ Dorothy Bean
Dorothy Bean, Chief of Enforcement
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