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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

JOSEPH M. SAVERI
3016 Summer Lane
Bethlehem, PA 18017

VIOLATIONS:

40 P.S. §§310.11(2), (7), (20)
and 627-3(a)

Respondent.

Docket No. CO17-04-004

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of June, 2017, this Order is hereby
issued by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to
the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that he has received proper
notice of his rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative
Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S. §101, et seq., or other applicable law.

2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in
this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order
duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the
Administrative Agency Law, *supra*, or other applicable law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

3. The Insurance Department finds true and correct each of the following

Findings of Fact:

- (a) Respondent is Joseph M. Saveri, and maintains his address at 3016 Summer Lane, Bethlehem, PA 18017.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed resident producer.
- (c) Between March 2011 and January 2012, Respondent had eight (8) policyholders purchase annuity policies from one insurance company.
- (d) Between November 2012 and August 2014, Respondent had the same eight (8) policyholders cash in their existing annuity policies in order to purchase another annuity policy from another insurance company he represented with no benefit or gain for the clients.
- (e) Respondent misrepresented to the policyholders that the new annuities would provide financial compensation in the form of a bonus to offset the surrender fees.

- (f) Respondent was responsible for the eight (8) policyholders incurring high surrender fees ranging from \$1,037.89 to \$14,874.00 for a total of \$70,637.29.
- (g) Respondent earned a total of \$74,860.62 in commissions for the above transactions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Insurance Department concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

- (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.
- (b) 40 P.S. §310.11(2) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from violating the insurance laws or regulations of this Commonwealth or a subpoena or order of the commissioner or of another state's insurance commissioner.
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(d) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. §310.11(2).

- (d) 40 P.S. §310.11(7) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of doing business.
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(d) and 3(e) violate 40 P.S. §310.11(7).
- (f) 40 P.S. §310.11(20) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the Department that the licensee is worthy of licensure.
- (g) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(d) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. §310.11(20).
- (h) Respondent's violations of Sections 310.11(2), (7) and (20) are punishable by the following, under 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 310.91:
 - (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the license;
 - (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for every violation of the Act;
 - (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
 - (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

- (i) 40 P.S. §627-3(a) states: In making a recommendation to a consumer for the purchase of an annuity or the exchange of an annuity that results in another insurance transaction or series of insurance transactions, the insurance producer, or the insurer where no insurance producer is involved, shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation is suitable for the consumer's investments and other insurance products and as to the consumer's financial situation and needs.
- (j) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(d) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. §627-3(a).
- (k) Respondent's violations of 627-3(a) are punishable by the following under 40 P.S. §627-6(a): Upon determination by hearing that this article has been violated, the commissioner may pursue one or more of the following courses of action:
 - (1) Issue an order requiring the person in violation to cease and desist from engaging the violation.
 - (2) Suspend or revoke or refuse to issue or renew the certificate or license of the person in violation.
 - (3) Impose a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation
 - (4) Impose any other penalty or remedy deemed appropriate by the commissioner, including restitution.

ORDER

5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Insurance Department orders and Respondent consents to the following:

- (a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
- (b) All licenses of Respondent to do the business of insurance are hereby revoked.
- (c) If Respondent should ever become licensed in the future, his licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under this section is limited to a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of such licenses.
- (d) Respondent specifically waives his right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested,

notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondent's written request.

- (e) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(d) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of an insurance license.
- (f) In the event Respondent's licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, and Respondent either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that he is worthy of a license, Respondent's suspended licenses shall be revoked.

6. In the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, *supra*, or other relevant provisions of law; or, if applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

7. Alternatively, in the event the Insurance Department finds there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Department may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.

8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

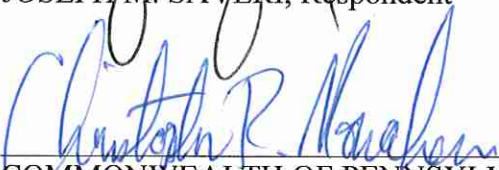
11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Insurance Department. Only the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violations of

law contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or duly authorized delegee.

BY:



JOSEPH M. SAVERI, Respondent



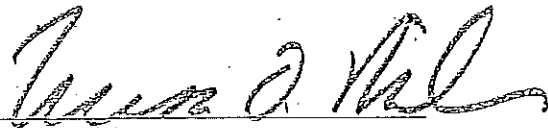
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: CHRISTOPHER R. MONAHAN
Deputy Insurance Commissioner

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: The Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 177, No. 175, known as The
Administrative Code of 1929

AND NOW, this 13th day of November, 2015, Christopher R. Monahan,
Deputy Insurance Commissioner, is hereby designated as the Commissioner's duly
authorized representative for purposes of entering in and executing Consent Orders. This
delegation of authority shall continue in effect until otherwise terminated by a later Order
of the Insurance Commissioner.



Teresa D. Miller
Insurance Commissioner

