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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ON HEARINGS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Section 671-A of Act 147 of 2002

(40 P.S. § 310.71)

IN RE: : VIOLATIONS:

MOTORISTS LIFE INSURANCE :

COMPANY

X .

471 East Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43215

Respondent. : Docket No. CO04-01-037

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 23 day of April, 2004, this Order is hereby issued by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner 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 it has received proper notice of its 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, <u>supra</u>, or other applicable law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 3. The Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
 - (a) Respondent is Motorists Life Insurance Company, and maintains its offices at 471 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
 - (b) At all relevant times herein, Respondent has possessed a Certificate of Authority to sell insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
 - (c) On at least one occasion, Respondent has required that new producers seeking appointment with the company, must accompany their appointment applications with at least one insurance application for life coverage, before they would be considered for licensing (independent contractors).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:
 - (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance

 Department.
 - (b) Section 671-A of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits insurance producers from transacting business within this Commonwealth without written appointment as required by the Act (40 P.S. § 310.71).
 - (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(c) constitute transacting business within this Commonwealth with producers who do not possess written appointment as required by the Act and violate Section 671-A of Act 147 of 2002.
 - (d) Respondent's violations of Section 671-A of Act 147 (40 P.S. § 310.71) are punishable by the following, under Section 691-A of Act 147 of 2002 (40 P.S. § 310.91):

- suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the certificate of qualification or 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.

ORDER

- 5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner 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) Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This penalty shall be made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and directed to Sharon L. Harbert, Administrative Assistant, Bureau of Enforcement, 1311 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. Payment may be enclosed with the Consent Order, but must be paid in any event no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the Consent Order.

- 6. In the event the Deputy Insurance Commissioner 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, <u>supra</u>, or other relevant provision 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 Deputy Commissioner finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Deputy Commissioner may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, <u>supra</u>, 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 Deputy Insurance
 Commissioner. Only the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy
 Insurance Commissioner is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect
 to the settlement of the alleged violation of law contained herein, and this Consent
 Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or the duly
 authorized Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

BY: MOTORISTALIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Respondent

Rresident / Vice President

Secretary / Treasurer

RANDOLPH L. ROMRBAUGH Deputy Insurance Commissioner Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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 29 day of April 2002, Randolph L.

Rohrbaugh, 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.

M. Diane Koken
Insurance Commissioner