



### FINDINGS OF FACT

3. The Pennsylvania Insurance Department (“Department”) finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
- (a) Respondent is Rachel Anne Bates and maintains a record of her address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 5105A State Route 30, Greensburg, PA 15601.
  - (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Resident Limited Lines Producer.
  - (c) Respondent, on July 12, 2023, was charged by the Westmoreland County Detective Office (Westmoreland, PA) with one (1) count of Theft by Unlawful Taking, and one (1) count of Receiving Stolen Property, both felonies.
  - (d) Respondent failed to notify the Department of her criminal charges within 30 days.
  - (e) Respondent, on September 8, 2023, was issued a warning letter by the Department for the charges identified in finding 3(c) and informing her of the need to report criminal charges and the final disposition of those charges within 30 days.

- (f) Respondent, on September 12, 2023, was charged by the Pennsylvania State Police (Westmoreland, PA) with one (1) count of Forgery, and one (1) count of Access Device Fraud, both felonies; and five (5) counts of Identity Theft, one (1) count of Theft by Unlawful Taking, one (1) count of Receiving Stolen Property, and two (2) counts of False Reports, all misdemeanors.
- (g) Respondent failed to notify the Department of her criminal charges within (30) days.
- (h) Respondent's charges identified in findings 3(c) and 3(f) are pending final disposition in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County.

#### 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(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.

- (c) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
  
- (d) 40 P.S. § 310.78(b) requires that within 30 days of being charged with criminal conduct, a licensee shall report the charges to the Department. Additionally, the licensee shall provide the Department with the following within 30 days of their availability to the licensee:
  - (1) a copy of the criminal complaint, information or indictment.
  
  - (2) a copy of the order resulting from any pretrial hearing.
  
  - (3) a report of the final disposition of the charges.
  
- (e) Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(g) violate 40 P.S. § 310.78(b).
  
- (f) Respondent's violations of 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(20) and 310.78(b) are punishable by the following, under 40 P.S. § 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.

### 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, her 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 ten (10) years from the date of issuance of such licenses.
- (d) Respondent specifically waives her 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 she 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 she 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.

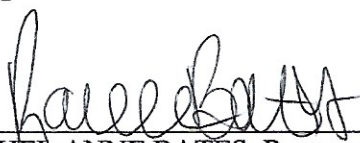


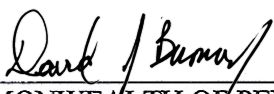
8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

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:   
RACHEL ANNE BATES, Respondent

  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
By: DAVID J. BUONO JR.  
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 \_\_31<sup>st</sup>\_\_ day of \_\_March\_\_\_\_, 2022, David J. Buono, Jr.,  
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.

  
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Michael Humphreys  
Acting Insurance Commissioner

