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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE:

KIM D. H. BUTLER 22790 US Highway 259 South Mount Enterprise, TX 75681 VIOLATIONS:

40 P.S. §§ 310.11(1), (2), (20) and 310.78(a)

Respondent.

Docket No. CO22-06-001

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this <u>17th</u> day of <u>November</u>, <u>2022</u>, this Order is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

 Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that she has received proper notice of her 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 Kim D. H. Butler and maintains a record of her address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 22790 US Highway 259 South, Mount Enterprise, TX 75681.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Non-Resident Producer.
- (c) Respondent failed to timely notify the Department after receiving the following administrative actions within 30 days:
 - On March 7, 2016, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Washington Department of Financial Institutions Securities Division, and was fined \$3,900.00 for the sale of unregistered securities, and for making untrue statements of material fact or omitting material facts in the sale of the unregistered securities to at least two (2) Washington consumers.
 - On August 6, 2021, Respondent was issued a Cease-and-Desist
 Order from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and
 was fined \$275,000.00 for acting as an unregistered broker,
 making untrue and misleading statements, and for failing to
 disclose a conflict of interest to consumers when recommending
 the purchase of unregistered securities.

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- On March 6, 2019, the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau and Respondent entered into an administrative consent agreement and order based on the Michigan Uniform Securities Act.
- On May 31, 2019, the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Division of Securities and Retail Franchising and Respondent entered into a Settlement Order.
- On September 9, 2020 the Texas State Securities Board entered a disciplinary order against Respondent.
- On August 16, 2021, the Securities Commissioner, State of Colorado, and Respondent entered a consent order preventing Respondent from offering or selling securities in the state of Colorado.
- On March 22, 2022, an agency license held by an entity known as Partners for Prosperity, LLC, which never conducted business, and of which Respondent was the principal, surrendered its agency license in the State of Texas.

(d) Respondent, between May 2017 through May 2021, submitted three (3) license renewal applications and incorrectly answered "No" to the question that asks, "[h]ave you been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including a FINRA sanction or arbitration proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license or registration, which has not been previously reported to this insurance department?"

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(1) prohibits a licensee or an applicant for a license from providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete or false information to the Department in a license application.
- (c) Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(d) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(1).
- (d) 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.
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(2).
- (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 in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) violate 40
 P.S. § 310.11(20).
- (h) 40 P.S. § 310.78(a) requires a licensee to report any administrative action taken in another jurisdiction or by another governmental agency within 30 days of the final disposition, to include a copy of the order, consent order or other relevant legal documents.
- Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(c) violate 40 P.S. § 310.78(a).
- (j) Respondent's violations of 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(1), (2), (20) and 310.78(a) 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) Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand five dollars
 (\$1,500.00) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment of this
 penalty shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment should be directed to the
 Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Bureau of Licensing and
 Enforcement, 1227 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.
 Payment may be enclosed with the Consent Order, but must be paid in
 any event no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the Consent
 Order.
- (c) Respondent's 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 confirmed 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 this Order.
- (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 a 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.
- This Order resolves any and all issues pertaining to Respondent's failure to report the administrative actions listed in Findings of Fact (C).

7. 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, <u>supra</u>, 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.

8. 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, <u>supra</u>, or other relevant provision of law. 9. 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.

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

11. 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.

12. 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:

KIM D. H. BUTLER, 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 __31st __ 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.

Michael Humphreys

Acting Insurance Commissioner

