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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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SAMIR R. JONES	:	40 P.S. §§ 310.11(8), (20) and
637 Timberline Drive	:	310.78(a)
Hurst, TX 76053-4743	:	
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Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO21-09-019

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of October, 2021, 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.

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 Samir R. Jones and maintains a record of his address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 637 Timberline Drive, Hurst, Texas 76053-4743.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed non-resident producer individual.
- (c) Respondent, on April 11, 2018, submitted an application to the Department for licensure. He answered “Yes” to the question “[h]ave you ever been convicted of a felony, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a felony?” He also answered “Yes” to the question “[d]o you have a child support obligation in arrearage?”
- (d) Respondent, between April 11-12, 2018, completed Reporting of Actions to the NIPR Attachments Warehouse and uploaded documentation pertaining to his “Yes” answers to both his prior felony conviction and the child support obligation in arrearage.
- (e) Respondent, on April 18, 2018, was granted licensure by the Department.

(f) Respondent received the following administrative actions and failed to notify the Department of those actions within 30 days:

- On May 14, 2018, the North Dakota Insurance Department denied an application for licensure for failure to respond to offers of a conditional license as a result of his disclosed child support arrearage.
- On December 28, 2018, the Louisiana Insurance Department issued an administrative action revoking his license for failure to report the North Dakota Department of Insurance action.
- On January 23, 2019, the South Dakota Insurance Department issued an administrative action revoking his license for failure to report the North Dakota Department of Insurance action.
- On May 15, 2019, the Washington Insurance Department issued an administrative action revoking his license for failing to report the South Dakota Insurance Department action.
- On October 25, 2019, the Virginia Insurance Department issued an administrative action revoking his license for failure to report the North Dakota Insurance Department, the Louisiana Insurance Department, the South Dakota Insurance Department, and the Washington Insurance Department actions.
- On December 1, 2020, the Illinois Insurance Department issued an administrative action denying his application for licensure for failure to make required disclosure of other state actions on an application.

- (g) Respondent, on January 31, 2020, reported the administrative actions identified in finding 3(f) to the NAIC Attachments Warehouse.

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(8) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from having a producer license or other financial services license denied, suspended or revoked by a governmental entity.
- (c) Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(f) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(8).
- (d) 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.
- (e) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(f) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).

- (f) 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.
- (g) Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(f) violate 40 P.S. § 310.78(a).
- (h) Respondent's violations of 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(8), (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 two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) 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 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 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 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.

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*Samir Jones*

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SAMIR R JONES, Respondent

*David J. Buono Jr.*

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: DAVID J. BUONO JR.

Acting Deputy Insurance Commissioner