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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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MATTHEW LEONARD	:	40 P.S. §§ 310.6(a)(6), 310.11(1),
1017 Conewango Ave.	:	(15) and (20)
Warren, PA 16365	:	
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Applicant.	:	Docket No. CO23-04-018

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this   9th   day of   May  ,   2023  , 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. Applicant 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. Applicant 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 Pennsylvania Insurance Department (“Department”) finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
- (a) Applicant is Matthew Leonard and maintains a record of his address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 1017 Conewango Ave., Warren, PA 16365.
  - (b) Applicant is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Non-Resident Producer.
  - (c) Applicant, on December 22, 2022, submitted an initial application for a Non-Resident Producer license and incorrectly answered "No" to the question[s] that asks, "[h]ave you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a misdemeanor?" Which was issued automatically due to the incorrect answer.
  - (d) Applicant, on January 16, 2023, submitted an initial application for a Resident Producer license and incorrectly answered "No" to the question[s] that asks, "[h]ave you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a misdemeanor?"

- (e) Applicant, on September 26, 2008, was convicted of Theft by Unlawful Taking, a misdemeanor, in the Court of Common Pleas of Warren County, PA and was admitted into the ARD program for a period of one (1) year.
  
- (f) Applicant, on November 13, 2009, was convicted of Possession-Small Amount of Marijuana, a misdemeanor, in the Court of Common Pleas of Warren County, PA and was sentenced to six (6) months under the supervision of probation and a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
  
- (g) Applicant's ARD sentence identified in finding 3(e) was revoked on November 13, 2009, due to the conviction identified in finding 3(f), and he was sentenced to a period of incarceration for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of two (2) years less one (1) day, and to pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
  
- (h) Applicant's probation sentence identified in finding 3(f) was amended to a period of thirty (30) days on November 23, 2009.

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) Applicant is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

- (b) 40 P.S. §310.6(a)(6) states that the Department shall issue a producer license, provided the applicant possesses the general fitness, competence and reliability sufficient to satisfy the Department that the applicant is worthy of a license.
- (c) Applicant's activities described in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) could disqualify the Applicant from licensure pursuant to 40 P.S. §310.6(a)(6).
- (d) 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.
- (e) Applicant's activities described in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(1).
- (f) 40 P.S. § 310.11(15) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing a misdemeanor that involves the misuse or theft of money or property belonging to another person.
- (g) Applicant's activities described in paragraph 3(e) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(15).
- (h) 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.

- (i) Applicant's activities described in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
  
- (j) Applicant's violations of 40 P.S. §§ 310.6(a)(6), 310.11(1), (15) and (20) 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, and as a condition of licensure, the Insurance Department orders and Applicant consents to the following:

- (a) Applicant shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
  
- (b) Applicant shall pay a civil penalty of two hundred 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) Applicant'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 Applicant 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 three (3) years from the date of this Order.
- (d) Applicant 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 Applicant 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 Applicant's written request.
- (e) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(d) of this Order, Applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of a license.
- (f) In the event Applicant's licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, and Applicant either fails to request a hearing within thirty

(30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that he is worthy of a license, Applicant'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, Applicant 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. Applicant hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

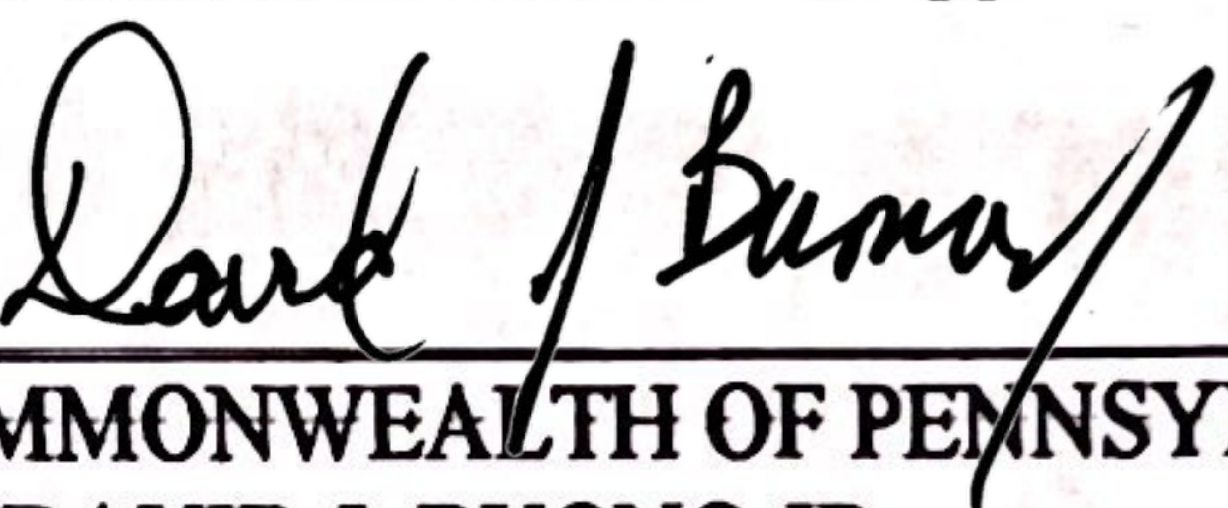


10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

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:

  
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MATTHEW LEONARD, Applicant

  
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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

