

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF JACOB LINUEL BUMGARNER NPN: 11755110

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME, Jacob Linuel Bumgarner (hereinafter "Mr. Bumgarner) and the North Carolina Department of Insurance Agent Services Division (hereinafter "Agent Services Division"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

WHEREAS, the Agent Services Division has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing insurance agents, brokers, limited representatives, adjusters, and motor vehicle damage appraisers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bumgarner currently holds a Non-Resident adjuster's license issued by the Department; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46(a)(1) provides that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued under Article 33 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes of NC, for providing materially incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in the license application; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bumgarner answered "No" to Question 1.b on his applications for licensure as far back as 2008 up to the present; "Have you ever been convicted of a felony, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a crime?"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bumgarner answered "No" to Question 2. on his May 04,2023 applications for an adjuster and hail adjuster license and his March 28,2024 renewal applications for such licenses: "Have you ever been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including FINRA or arbitration proceeding, regarding any professional or occupational license or registration?"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bumgarner, on or about May 09,2008, in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Case No. CC-08-1376, entered a plea of "guilty" to the crime of "Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances", a felony, for which he was sentenced to three (3) years of probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines; and

- WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Financial Services, effective May 04,2023, entered into a Consent Order with Mr. Bumgarner fining him in the amount of \$1,500.00 for material misrepresentations made on his application for licensure with respect to not disclosing his May 09,2008 conviction thereon. Florida, however, agreed to issue the license to Mr. Bumgarner conditioned upon payment of the fine; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Bumgarner, by failing to disclose his felony conviction to the Agent Services Division in connection with his multiple applications for licensure as well as failing to disclose the action taken by the Florida Department of Financial Services on his May 04,2023 and March 28,2024 applications, committed multiple violations of the provisions of North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46(a) (1); and
- WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license issued under Article 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for violating any insurance law of this or any other state, violating any administrative rule, subpoena, or order of the Commissioner or of another state's regulator; and
- WHEREAS, N. C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-70 provides that whenever the Commissioner has reason to believe that any person has violated any law that would subject the license or certification of that person to suspension or revocation, the Commissioner is authorized, in lieu of a hearing, to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement as to the status of the person's license or certificate or to any civil penalty or restitution; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Bumgarner has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement on behalf of himself, and the Agent Services Division has agreed not to pursue additional civil ramifications, including penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Bumgarner; and
- WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department initiates an administrative hearing and have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement.
- **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exchange for the consideration and promises and agreements set out herein, Mr. Bumgarner and the Department hereby agree to the following:
 - 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Bumgarner shall pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 to the Department. The form of payment shall be by certified check, cashier's check, or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." Mr. Bumgarner shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Agent Services Division along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received no later than January 3, 2025. The civil penalty shall be

- subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of public schools.
- This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future examination of Mr. Bumgarner or in any other complaints involving Mr. Bumgarner.
- 3. Mr. Bumgarner enters into this Agreement, on behalf of himself, freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Bumgarner understands he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
- 4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Bumgarner understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that a producer's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
- 5. This Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and will <u>not</u> be held confidential by the Department. Following the execution of this Agreement, all licenses issued by the Department to Mr. Bumgarner shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against him. The Department is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement with third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Department, upon request, routinely will provide a copy of the voluntary settlement agreement to all companies that have appointed the licensee.
- The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.
- 7. Be aware that if a state or federal regulator other than the N. C. Department of Insurance has issued an occupational or professional license to you, that regulator may require you to report this administrative action to it. The N.C. Department of Insurance cannot give you legal advice as to the specific reporting requirements of other state or federal regulators.

N.C. Department of Insurance Agent Services Division

By: Jacob Samuel Bumgarner NPN: 11755110

Date: 1-6-25

By: Joe Wall

Deputy Commissioner

Date: 1 9 2425