

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF GRANT GIBSON LICENSE NO. 16808734 VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COMES Grant Gibson (hereinafter "Mr. Gibson") and the Agent Services Division (hereinafter "Agent Services Division") of the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into this Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement").

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority and responsibility for the enforcement of the insurance laws of the State of North Carolina and for regulating and licensing insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson currently holds a nonresident insurance producer license with lines of authority in property and casualty in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-2-69 (c) states if a licensee is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction for any crime or offense other than a motor vehicle infraction, the licensee shall notify the Commissioner in writing of the conviction within 10 days after the date of the conviction. As used in this subsection, "conviction" includes an adjudication of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46 (a)(2) provides that the N.C. Commissioner of Insurance (hereinafter "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 insurance regulator or violating any rule of the FINRA; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 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, on or about May 30, 2023, Mr. Gibson pled guilty to a disorderly criminal charge in the State of Michigan and did not notify the Department within 10 days of the conviction date in potential violation of North Carolina General Statute § 58-2-69 (c); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson 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 the aforementioned matters against Mr. Gibson; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department initiates an administrative hearing and the parties have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in exchange for the consideration and promises and agreements set out herein, Mr. Gibson and the Department hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Gibson shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 to the Agent Services Division. 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. Gibson shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Agent Services Division, 1204 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1204, along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the North Carolina Department of Insurance no later than July 4, 2024. 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.
- 2. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Agent Services Division's disciplinary power in any future examination of Mr. Gibson or in any other complaints involving Mr. Gibson.
- 3. Mr. Gibson 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. Gibson 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. Gibson 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 public record and will <u>not</u> be held confidential by the Agent Services Division. Following the execution of this Agreement, all licenses issued by the Agent Services Division to Mr. Gibson shall reflect this Regulatory Action taken against him. The Agent Services Division 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 Agent Services Division, upon request, routinely will provide a copy of the voluntary settlement agreement to companies that have appointed Mr. Gibson.
- 6. Be aware that if a state or federal regulator other than the Agent Services Division has issued an occupational or professional license to you, that regulator may require you to report this administrative action to it. The Agent Services Division cannot give you legal advice as to the specific reporting requirements of other state or federal regulators.
- 7. The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)



By: Crant Gibson License No. 16808734

Date: 6 21 24

N. C. Department of Insurance Agents Services Division

By: Joe Wall Deputy Commissioner

Date: