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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURA RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)	BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF	
COUNTY OF WAKE)	INSURANCE	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE).	VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT	
LICENSURE OF)	AGREEMENT	
FREDERICK JONES)		
LICENSE NO. 0015685301	3	8	

NOW COME Frederick Jones (hereinafter "Mr. Jones") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement"):

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing bail bondsmen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones holds active licenses as a bail bond runner and surety bail bondsman issued by the Department; and

WHEREAS, N. C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(3) provides that the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license under Article 71 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for material misstatement, misrepresentation or fraud in obtaining the license; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones in his application for a bail bond runner license on October 9, 2009 misrepresented his criminal record by answering "No" to the question that asks: "Have you ever been convicted of, or are you currently charged with, committing a crime, whether or not adjudication was withheld?"; and

WHEREAS, criminal history information subsequently obtained by the Department indicated that Mr. Jones was convicted on or about November 12, 2003 on the charge of misdemeanor larceny; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7), the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license under Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for failure to comply with or violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes or of any order, rule or regulation of the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones admits to the violation set out herein; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones's violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(3) demonstrates a failure to comply with and/or a violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for which Mr. Jones' bail bond runner and surety bondsman licenses could be revoked, suspended or not renewed pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7); and

WHEREAS, in lieu of an administrative hearing on the matters stated herein, Mr. Jones has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Jones; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-70(g), the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department have the express authority to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement with any person as to the status of the person's license or certificate or as to any civil penalty or restitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the Department and Mr. Jones hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon his signing of this document, Mr. Jones shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 to the Department. The form of payment shall be in a certified check, cashiers 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. Jones shall send the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department simultaneously with the return of this Agreement, signed by Mr. Jones. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than <u>June 16, 2011</u>. 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 the public schools.
- 2. Mr. Jones shall obey all laws and regulations applicable to all licenses issued to him.
- 3. Mr. Jones enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Jones understands that he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
- 4. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future follow-up examinations of Mr. Jones, or in any other cases or complaints involving Mr. Jones.

- 5. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Jones understands that N. C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7) provides that a bail bond runner and surety bondsman's licenses may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
- 6. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and is not confidential. Any and all licenses issued by the Department to the licensee shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against the licensee following the execution of this Agreement. The Department is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement to third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Department routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreements to all companies that have appointed the licensee.
- 7. This Settlement Agreement shall become effective when signed by Mr. Jones and the Department.

This the 14 day of June, 2011.

By:
Frederick Jones
License No. 0015685301