

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF HEATHER LEE LICENSE NO. 0015908639 VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME Heather Lee (hereinafter "Ms. Lee") 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 the insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee currently holds a producer's license with the Department with authority for Accident & Health or Sickness line of insurance; and

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

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-2-69(c) provides that 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 conviction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee on November 21, 2010 was charged and convicted of the offense of misdemeanor larceny in Cabarrus County, NC; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee did not report this conviction as required by North Carolina General Statute § 58-2-69(c) to the Department within 10 days of the conviction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee admits to this violation of North Carolina General Statute 58-2-69(2) as set out herein; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee 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 Ms. Lee; 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, Ms. Lee and the Department hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Ms. Lee shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 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." Ms. Lee shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than April 7, 2014. 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 Department's disciplinary power in any future examination of Ms. Lee, or in any other complaints involving Ms. Lee.
- 3. Ms. Lee enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of her right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Ms. Lee understands she 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. Ms. Lee understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that an agent'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, any and all licenses issued by the Department to Ms. Lee shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against her. 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 routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreement to all companies that have appointed the licensee.

6. The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.

This the

day of

2014.

North Carolina Department of Insurance

Heather Lee License No. 0015908639 By: Angela Ford

Senior Deputy Commissioner

