

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE NEAL DASTRUP INSURANCE, INC. LICENSE NO. 1000430369

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME, Neal Dastrup Insurance Inc. (hereinafter "Dastrup") 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, Dastrup currently holds a non-resident Corporation (Business Entity) License with the Department; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k) requires producers to report to the Commissioner any administrative action taken against the producer in another state or by another governmental agency in this State, including enforcement actions taken against the producer by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), within 30 days after the final disposition of the matter; and

WHEREAS, action was taken with respect to Dastrup's license by the Alaska Department of Insurance on July 16, 2014 by the issuance of a Stipulated Agreement Order imposing a monetary penalty in the amount of \$1615.00 representing the amount of earnings made with respect to transacting insurance business in Alaska while Dastrup's license was in a state of lapse due to nonrenewal; and

WHEREAS, an administrative action was taken with respect to Dastrup's license by the Iowa Department of Insurance on September 2, 2015 for failure to report other states' actions; and

WHEREAS, a Consent Order was issued by the Ohio Department of Insurance effective November 3, 2014 and entered on November 10, 2014 imposing a monetary penalty in the amount of \$500.00 for failure to report other states' actions; and

WHEREAS, Dastrup entered into a Consent Order with the Oregon Department of Insurance effective April 14, 2016 and entered on April 15, 2016 wherein Dastrup was ordered to pay a penalty in the amount of \$500.00 for failure to make a required disclosure on its license application; and

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WHEREAS, Dastrup did not report these actions to the Department within 30 days after the final disposition of the matters as required by North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k), and therefore was in violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46a)(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 North Carolina for providing materially incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in the license application; and

WHEREAS, Dastrup answered "No" to the question on its initial application for license as a non-resident corporation dated April 13, 2015 and its renewal application dated February 3, 2016 to the question: "Has the business entity or owner, partner, officer or director of the business entity, or manager or member of a limited liability company, been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including a FINRA sanction or arbitration proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license, or registration, which has not been previously reported to this insurance department?"; and

WHEREAS, Dastrup admits to these violations of North Carolina General Statutes §§ 58-33-32(k) and 58-33-46a)(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, Dastrup has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matter referenced in this Agreement on behalf of himself, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Dastrup; 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, Dastrup and the Department hereby agree to the following:

1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Dastrup shall pay a civil penalty of \$1000.00 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." Dastrup 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 March 20, 2017. 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.

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- 2. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future examination of Dastrup or in any other complaints involving Dastrup.
- 3. Dastrup 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. Dastrup 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. Dastrup 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, any and all licenses issued by the Department to Dastrup 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 routinely provides copies of 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.

This the 15 day of February 2017.

Neal Dastrup Insurance Inc. License No. 1000430369 N.C. Department of Insurance

By: Neal Dastrup

Owner

tby: Kebecca A. Singley

Deputy Commissioner