

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF MARK D. PASSMORE LICENSE NO. 0012358646

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME, Mark D. Passmore (hereinafter "Mr. Passmore") 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 among other responsibilities, for regulating and licensing insurance agents, brokers, limited representatives, adjusters and motor vehicle appraisers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Passmore currently holds a resident motor vehicle appraiser license issued by the Department; 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, a search of criminal record history for Mr. Passmore revealed several criminal charges, convictions and an unsupervised probation violation dating from February 18, 2009 through October 15, 2015, all occurring during periods in which Mr. Passmore submitted applications for licensure with the Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Passmore answered "No" to the question on his applications, dated February 11, 2013 and April 7, 2017 respectively, for a resident motor vehicle appraiser's license with the Department: "Have you ever been convicted of a crime, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a crime?"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Passmore admits to these violations of North Carolina General Statute  $\S$  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, Mr. Passmore 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 Mr. Passmore; 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. Passmore and the Department hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Passmore 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. Passmore 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 July 16, 2018. 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 Mr. Passmore or in any other complaints involving Mr. Passmore.
- 3. Mr. Passmore 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. Passmore 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. Passmore 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 not be held confidential by the Department. Following the execution of this Agreement, all licenses issued by the Department to Mr. Passmore 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.
- 6. 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

By: Mark D. Passmore License No. 0012358646 1 eresa Knowles

Deputy Commissioner

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Date: 89/07/2018