STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF:)		
THE LICENSURE OF BEAUREGARD VALDES RAY)	ORDER AN FINAL AGENCY	
(NPN #16629297))	Docket Number	r: 2063
Respondent.)		

THIS MATTER was heard on November 9, 2021, by the undersigned Hearing Officer, as designated by the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-55. The administrative hearing was held in the Albemarle Building, located at 325 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. Assistant Attorney General James R. Baker represented the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Agent Services Division (hereinafter "Petitioner" or "ASD"). Respondent Beauregard Valdes Ray (hereinafter "Respondent") did not appear.

Tommy Walls, Senior Complaint Analyst for ASD, testified for the Petitioner at the hearing. ASD offered into evidence Petitioner's Exhibits 3 through 8, which were admitted into evidence. Exhibits 1 and 2 were admitted for administrative purposes by the Hearing Officer.

Based on the allegations set forth in the Notice of Hearing, the Petition for Administrative Hearing, the testimony of Tommy Walls and documentary exhibits at the hearing, the undersigned Hearing Officer hereby makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent has a Non-Resident Producer License with lines of authority for Accident & Health or Sickness, and Medical Supplemental/Long Term Care issued by the Department.
- 2. A Washington regulatory action was taken against Respondent, revoking Respondent's license as an insurance agent in the State of Washington, effective as of December 10, 2019 (the "Washington Action").

- 3. A Pennsylvania regulatory action was taken against Respondent, suspending all occupational and professional licenses issued by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, effective as of June 10, 2019 (the "Pennsylvania Action").
- 4. A Florida regulatory action was taken against Respondent, whereby Respondent and the Florida Department of Financial Services entered into a consent order due to Respondent's failure to report an administrative action to the Florida Department of Financial Services within thirty days after final disposition, dated January 21, 2020 (the "Florida Action").
- 5. An Oregon regulatory action was taken against Respondent, denying Respondent's license renewal application and revoking Respondent's license as an insurance agent in the State of Oregon, effective as of July 13, 2020 (the "Oregon Action").
- 6. A Delaware regulatory action was taken against Respondent, revoking Respondent's license as an insurance agent in the State of Delaware, effective as of November 10, 2020 (the "Delaware Action").
- 7. Respondent failed to report the Washington Action, Pennsylvania Action, Florida Action, Oregon Action, and Delaware Action within 30 days as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-32(k).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. This matter is properly before the Commissioner, and he has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter.
- 2. Respondent was properly served with the Notice of Administrative Hearing in this matter.
- 3. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-46(a)(2) states that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license if a licensee has violated any insurance law of this or any other state, violated any rule of FINRA, violated any administrative rule subpoena, or order of the Commissioner or of another state's insurance regulator.
- 4. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-32(k) requires a producer to report to the Commissioner any administrative action taken against the producer in another state or by another governmental agency in this State within thirty (30) days after the final

disposition of the matter, including enforcement action taken against a producer by FINRA.

- 5. Disciplinary action should be taken against Respondent's license pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-46(a)(2) for violating N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-32(k) by failing to report the Washington Action, Florida Action, Oregon Action, and Delaware Action within 30 days after final disposition.
- 6. Respondent's Non-Resident Producer License should be revoked pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-46(a)(2) for violating N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-32(k).

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED that Respondent's North Carolina Non-Resident Producer License be revoked.

This 17th day of November, 2021.

Robert D. Croom Hearing Officer

N.C. Department of Insurance

APPEAL RIGHTS

This is a Final Agency Decision issued under the authority of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B, Article 3A.

Under the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-45, any party wishing to appeal a final decision of the North Carolina Department of Insurance must file a Petition for Judicial Review in the Superior Court of the County where the person aggrieved by the administrative decision resides, or in the case of a person residing outside the State, the county where the contested case which resulted in the final decision was filed. The appealing party must file the petition within 30 days after being served with a written copy of the Order and Final Agency Decision. In conformity with the 11 NCAC 1.0413 and N.C.G.S. § 1A-1, Rule 5, this Order and Final Agency Decision was served on the parties on the date it was placed in the mail as indicated by the date on the Certificate of Service attached to this Order and Final Agency Decision. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-46 describes the contents of the Petition and requires service of the Petition on all parties. The mailing address to be used for service on the Department of Insurance is: A. John Hoomani, General Counsel, 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1201.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing ORDER AND FINAL AGENCY DECISION by mailing a copy of the same via certified U.S. Mail, return receipt requested; via first class U.S. mail to the licensee, at the address provided to the Commissioner pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-69(b); and via State Courier to Attorney for Petitioner, addressed as follows:

Beauregard Valdes Ray 14211 War Admiral Place Ruskin, FL 33573 (Respondent)

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This the 17th day of November, 2021.

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