

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF YSA ARM, LLC LICENSE NO. 521131924

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME, YSA ARM, LLC (hereinafter "YSA") and the Agent Services Division of the N.C. Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Agent Services Division"), and hereby enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Agent Services Division has the authority and responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina applicable to Collection Agencies and the collection agency business; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 58-70-1 provides that no person, firm, corporation, or association shall conduct or operate a collection agency or do a collection agency business, as defined in Chapter 58 Article 70 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, until he or it shall have secured a permit therefore as provided in Article 70; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 58-70-10 provides that a person, firm, corporation, or association desiring to renew a permit issued pursuant to G.S. 58-70-5 shall make application to the Commissioner of Insurance not less than 30 days prior to the expiration date of the then current permit; and

WHEREAS, YSA failed to timely renew its license to do business as a collection agency in North Carolina by June 30, 2024, and was operating in North Carolina without an active license thereafter in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 58-70-1 and 58-70-10; and

WHEREAS, YSA has since applied for and received a permit from the Agent Services Division to do business in North Carolina as a collection agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 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

WHEREAS, YSA has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matter referenced in this Agreement on behalf of itself, and the Agent Services Division has agreed not to pursue additional civil ramifications, including penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on this matter against YSA; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the Agent Services Division and **YSA** hereby agree to the following;

- 1. Immediately upon signing this agreement, YSA shall pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 to the Agent Services Division. The form of payment shall be 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." YSA shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Agent Services Division along with a copy of this signed agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Agents Services Division no later than December 10, 2024. 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. **YSA**, shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and Title 11 of the North Carolina Administrative Code that are applicable to **YSA**.
- 3. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Agent Services Division's disciplinary power in any future or follow-up examination of **YSA**, or in any cases or complaints involving **YSA**. In the event **YSA** or any of its present or future locations fail to comply with this Agreement or otherwise fail to comply with the laws and rules applicable to **YSA**, the Agents Services Division may take any administrative or legal action it is authorized to take.
- 4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner of Insurance. **YSA** understands that N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 58-70-40(c)(6) provides that a collection agency's permit may be revoked if a partner or proprietor or officer of the collection agency has violated or refused to comply with an Order of the Commissioner.
- 5. YSA enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of its right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. YSA understands that it may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
- 6. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement, when finalized will be a public record and will not be treated as confidential. All permits issued by the Agents Services Division to **YSA** shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against the

- 7. licensee following the execution of this Agreement. The Agent Services Division 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.
- 8. This Agreement shall become effective when signed by **YSA** and the Agents Services Division.

YSA ARM, LLC LICENSE NO. 518430527 N.C. Department of Insurance Agent Services Division

By: __

Yonah Abenson Manager Joe Wall
Deputy Commissioner

Date: 11/18/2029

Date: 1 22 2024