

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE
OF RONALD BAKER

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

NOW COME Ronald Baker (hereinafter "Baker") 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 insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing bail bondsmen; and

WHEREAS, Baker holds an active surety bondsman license issued by the Department;
and

WHEREAS, Baker is a surety bondsman for and the owner of Baker Bail Bonds, located in Goldsboro, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on or before June 30, 2003, Baker's license renewal fee of \$100.00 was due for the renewal period of July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Baker failed to pay the renewal fee on or before June 30, 2003, for the renewal period of July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Baker's surety bondsman license expired on June 30, 2003, due to Baker's failure to pay the renewal fee on or before the June 30, 2003, due date; and

WHEREAS, after Baker's surety bondsman license expired on June 30, 2003, he continued to write bonds in this State, without being licensed by the Department; and

WHEREAS, after completing the application process for a new surety bondsman license, Baker was issued a new surety bondsman license by the Department on November 13, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Baker has admitted to the Department that during the period he was unlicensed between June 30, 2003, and November 13, 2003, he wrote at least 55 bonds in the aggregate amount of at least \$124,050.00; and

WHEREAS, Baker has violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-45 by failing to renew his surety bondsman license by paying the renewal fee set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-75; and

WHEREAS, Baker has violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-40(a) by acting in the capacity of a surety bondsman without being licensed by the Department; and

WHEREAS, Baker 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 Baker; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department initiates an administrative hearing concerning this matter; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for the consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the Department and Baker hereby agree to the following:

1. Contemporaneously with the execution of this document, Baker shall pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 to the Department. The form of payment shall be in a certified check, cashiers 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."

2. Baker enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Baker understands that he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.

3. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary authority in any other cases or complaints involving Baker.

4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Baker understands that N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(7) provides that a surety bondsman's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.

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



Ronald Baker



North Carolina Department of Insurance
By: Angela Ford
Senior Deputy Commissioner

Date: 3/10/05

Date: 3/17/05