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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE
OF ROBERT E. PENNINGTON, SR.
LICENSE NO. 0007141414

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

NOW COME, Robert E. Pennington, Sr. (hereinafter "Mr. Pennington") 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, Mr. Grossman currently holds a resident producer's license with the Department with authority for Life and Accident & Health or Sickness insurance; 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 within 30 days after the final disposition of the matter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington was involved in an administrative proceeding brought against him by the Virginia Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance resulting in Mr. Pennington's voluntary surrender of his license effective April 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington did not report this action to the Department within 30 days after the final disposition of the matter as required by North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k), and, therefore, was in violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington admits to this violation; 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. Pennington has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement on behalf of himself and his agency, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Grossman; 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. Grossman and the Department hereby agree to the following:

1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Pennington shall pay a civil penalty of **\$250.00** 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. Pennington 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 **May 19, 2013**. 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. Pennington or in any other complaints involving Mr. Pennington.
3. Mr. Pennington 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. Pennington 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. Pennington 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, any and all licenses issued by the Department to Mr. Pennington 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.

N.C. Department of Insurance



By: Robert E. Pennington, Sr.
License No. 000/41414

Date: 05-10-2013



By: Angela Ford
Senior Deputy Commissioner

Date: MAY 22, 2013