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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF
INSURANCE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSURE OF
STEVEN TURRENTINE
LICENSE NO. 0017132001**

**VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

NOW COME, Steven Turrentine (hereinafter "Mr. Turrentine") 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, Mr. Turrentine holds an active license as a surety bail bondsman issued by the Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7), the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license under Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for failure to comply with or violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes or of any order, rule or regulation of the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-167(a), provides that in any case where the agreement between principal and surety calls for some portion of the bond premium payments to be deferred or paid after the defendant has been released from custody, a written memorandum of agreement between the principal and surety shall be kept on file by the surety with a copy provided to the principal, and shall include the information required in subsections (1), (2) and (3) thereof; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-167(b) requires that the memorandum be signed by the defendant and the bondsman or one of the bondsman's agents, and dated at the time the agreement is made, and that any subsequent modifications thereof be in writing, signed, dated, and kept on file by the surety, with a copy provided to the principal upon request; and

WHEREAS, a Department investigation revealed that Mr. Turrentine entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with principal, Devan Jon Mosley-Savoy and guarantor, Mary Mosley his mother, in a format not in compliance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-167(b); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turrentine accepted fees from Ms. Mosley and Ms. Kenya Ollie in connection with bonds written in connection with and for Mr. Mosley-Savoy and did not make the required modifications to the Memorandum of Agreement as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-167(b); and

WHEREAS, 11 NCAC 13.0515 provides that whenever a fee is received by a bail bondsman, a receipt shall be furnished to the defendant and copies of all receipts must be kept by the bail bondsman; and

WHEREAS, 11 NCAC 13.0515 further provides that all receipts must:

- (1) be pre-numbered by the printer and used and filed in consecutive numerical order,
- (2) show the name and address of the bail bondsman,
- (3) show the amount paid,
- (4) show the name of the person accepting payment, and
- (5) show the total amount of the bond for which the fee is being charged and the name of the defendant.

WHEREAS, Mr. Turrentine did not provide receipts to Ms. Mosley and Ms. Ollie for fees remitted by them in connection with bonds written for Mr. Mosley-Savoy as required by 11 NCAC 13.0515; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turrentine admits to the violations set out herein; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turrentine's violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-167(b) and 11 NCAC 13.0515 demonstrate a failure to comply with and/or a violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for which Mr. Turrentine's surety bail bondsman license could be revoked, suspended or not renewed pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7); and

WHEREAS, in lieu of an administrative hearing on the matters stated herein, Mr. Turrentine 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 Mr. Turrentine; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the Department and Mr. Turrentine hereby agree to the following:

1. Immediately upon his signing of this document, Mr. Turrentine shall pay a **civil penalty of \$500.00** to the Department. The form of payment shall be in the form of a 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. Turrentine shall send the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department simultaneously with the return of this Agreement, signed by Mr. Turrentine. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than **October 21, 2015**. 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 the public schools.

2. Mr. Turrentine shall obey all laws and regulations applicable to all licenses issued to him.

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

4. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future follow-up examinations of Mr. Turrentine, or in any other cases or complaints involving Mr. Turrentine.

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


6. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and is not confidential. Any and all licenses issued by the Department to the licensee shall reflect


that Regulatory Action has been taken against the licensee following the execution of this Agreement. The Department 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. The Department routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreements to all companies that have appointed the licensee.

7. This Settlement Agreement shall become effective when signed by Mr. Turrentine and the Department.

This the ^{27th} 27 day of Oct, 2015

North Carolina Department of Insurance

By: 
Steven Turrentine
License No. 0017132001

By:  10-27-15
Angela Ford
Senior Deputy Commissioner

