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STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Matter of:

HAM, ANGELA J.

(National Producer No. 9116791)

Respondent.

No. 23A-_020 -INS

CONSENT ORDER

The Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions ("Department") has received evidence that **Angela J. Ham** ("Respondent") violated provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") Title 20. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admits the following Findings of Fact are true, and consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent was at all material times licensed as an Arizona resident insurance producer, National Producer Number 9116791, with lines of authority in accident and health or sickness, casualty, life, and property insurance. The Department first licensed Respondent on March 7, 2007. Respondent's license is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2026
- 2. Respondent's addresses of record with the Department are 1129 W. Emelita Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210-3408 (business and mailing) and mrsham2419@gmail.com (email).
 - On or about March 2, 2023, the Department received a Termination for Cause

letter from Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") alleging that Respondent "falsified customer information on auto policies to provide customers with discounts and better rates."

- 4. The Department commenced an investigation into this matter.
- 5. The Department's investigation determined that Respondent provided false information about previous insurance coverage on the insurance applications with Allstate in at least two (2) instances.
 - a) A review of Allstate's internal investigative report and supplemental documents revealed that Respondent declared a prior insurance coverage with Progressive Advanced Insurance Company ("Progressive") on the insurance application for consumer D.K. Respondent, however, failed to secure a proof of prior coverage from Progressive. The Department determined that Respondent provided false information to Allstate.
 - b) Further, Respondent provided to Allstate, along with an insurance application for K.J., a Progressive Letter of Experience ("LOE") confirming that K.J. was "insured" with the "Policy Coverage Dates: August 20, 2017 through ... June 4, 2022." The Department determined that the Progressive LOE was forged.
 - On or about April 5, 2023, the Department conducted an Examination Under Oath ("EUO") of Respondent. During the EUO, Respondent stated that "it was one of those that I was declaring prior [insurance] to give [D.K.] the prior insurance requirement" regarding the false information on D.K.'s insurance application. Respondent acknowledged that misrepresentation on an insurance application could lead to customer's claim being denied. Despite

this, Respondent maintained that she acted in accordance with the training she received, and that she was trained to list thirty-six months of coverage, even if that was false. In addition, Respondent admitted that the Progressive LOE related with K.J.'s insurance application was in fact generated by her friend and not real coverage information provided by K.J. as "it was easier to have [her friend] provide the LOE rather than having to request it from the customer directly."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 6. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 7. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of Title 20 or any rule, subpoena or order of the Director. A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 8. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes intentionally misrepresenting the terms of an actual or proposed insurance contract or application for insurance. A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(5).
- 9. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere. A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(8).
- 10. The Director may deny, suspend for not more than twelve months, revoke or refuse to renew an insurance producer's license. A.R.S. § 20-295(A)

ORDER IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: Angela J. Ham's Arizona insurance producer license, number 9116791, is 1. surrendered, effective immediately. Angela J. Ham is prohibited from applying for an Arizona resident and/or 2. non-resident insurance producer license for a period of twelve months following the effective date of this Order. Effective this _24th day of _____ Barbara D. Richardson Barbara D. Richardson, Director Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions

CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. Respondent acknowledges that it has been served with a copy of the foregoing Consent Order in the above-referenced matter, has read it, is aware of its right to an administrative hearing in this matter and has knowingly and voluntarily waived that right.
- 2. Respondent accepts the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of the Department over it in this matter.
- 3. Respondent acknowledges that no promise of any kind or nature has been made to induce it to sign the Consent to Order and it has done so knowingly and voluntarily.
- 4. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of this Consent to Order by the Director is solely to settle this matter and does not preclude the Department from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future. Furthermore, and notwithstanding any language in this Consent Order, this Consent Order does not preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Department, this Consent Order makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of the state relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.

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- 5. Respondent waives all rights to seek an administrative or judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order and its accompanying parts before any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an administrative action that the Department will report to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Respondent further acknowledges that it must report this administrative action to any and all states in which Respondent holds an insurance license and must disclose this administrative action on any license application.

5 23 2023 DATE

ANGELA J. HAM

(NATIONAL PRODUCER NO. 9116791)

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