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## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:	) Docket No. 06A-151-INS		
ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY,	)		
NAIC # 19240,	) ) CONSENT ORDER		
Respondent.			

Examiners for the Department of Insurance (the "Department") conducted a target market examination of Allstate Indemnity Company ("Allstate Indemnity"). In the Report of Target Market Examination of Allstate Indemnity, the Examiners allege that Allstate Indemnity violated A.R.S. §20-1632.01.

Allstate Indemnity wishes to resolve this matter without formal proceedings, admits that the following Findings of Fact are true, and consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Allstate Indemnity is authorized to transact property and casualty insurance pursuant to a Certificate of Authority issued by the Director.
- 2. The Director authorized the Examiners to conduct a target market examination of Allstate Indemnity. The examination covered the time period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 and concluded on March 17, 2006. Based on the examination findings, the Examiners prepared the "Report of Target Market Examination of Allstate Indemnity Company" dated December 31, 2004.
- 3. The Department previously conducted a market conduct examination of Allstate Indemnity. The on-site examination was concluded as of June 24, 1991. As a result, a Consent Order (the "1993 Consent Order"), was filed by the Director on

December 20, 1993, Docket No. 8300. The 1993 Consent Order stated in part as follows:

- "2. Allstate shall cease and desist from;...failing to send notices of cancellation for non-payment of premium to personal automobile insureds after the seven-day grace period;."
- 4. The Examiners reviewed 12 of 8,650 non-pay mid-term cancellation files and 62 of 5,301 non-pay non-renewal cancellation files cancelled by the Company during the examination period and found that Allstate Indemnity failed to provide the minimum 7 day grace period, after the premium due date, on 60 non-pay non-renewal cancellations.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

- 1. Allstate Indemnity violated A.R.S §20-1632.01 by failing to provide a minimum seven day grace period, after the premium due date, before canceling personal automobile policies for nonpayment of premium.
- 2. Grounds exist for the entry of the following Order in accordance with A.R.S. §20-220.

### **ORDER**

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Allstate Indemnity Company shall cease and desist from failing to provide a minimum seven day grace period, after the premium due date, before canceling personal automobile policies for nonpayment of premium.
- 2. Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, Allstate Indemnity shall submit to the Arizona Department of Insurance, for approval, evidence that corrections have been implemented and communicated to the appropriate personnel, regarding the issues outlined in Paragraph 1 of the Order section of this Consent Order. Evidence of

corrective action and communication thereof includes, but is not limited to, memos, bulletins, E-mails, correspondence, procedures manuals, print screens, and training materials.

- 3. The Department shall be permitted, through authorized representatives, to verify that Allstate Indemnity has complied with all provisions of this Order.
- 4. Allstate Indemnity shall pay a civil penalty of \$45,000.00 to the Director for remission to the State Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund in accordance with A.R.S. §20-220(B). The civil penalty shall be provided to the Market Oversight Division of the Department prior to the filing of this Order.
- 5. The Report of Target Market Examination of Allstate Indemnity Company as of December 31, 2004, including the letter with their objections to the Report of Examination, shall be filed with the Department upon the filing of this Order.

Christina Urias

Director of Insurance

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## **CONSENT TO ORDER**

- 1. Allstate Indemnity Company has reviewed the foregoing Order.
- 2. Allstate Indemnity Company admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, admits the foregoing Findings of Fact, and consents to the entry of the Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Allstate Indemnity Company is aware of the right to a hearing, at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Allstate Indemnity Company irrevocably waives the right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals related to this Order.
- 4. Allstate Indemnity Company states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever was made to it to induce it to enter into this Consent Order and that it has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Allstate Indemnity Company acknowledges that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance is solely for the purpose of settling this matter and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or its subdivisions or any other person from instituting proceedings, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, as may be appropriate now or in the future.

6. John F. Hags	who	holds	the	office	of
Southwest Regional Counsel of Allstate Indemnity Com	pany, i	s autho	orize	d to er	nter
into this Order for them and on their behalf.					

**ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY** 

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