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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of) Docket No. 13A-045-INS
LEHR, JOEL BRETT (SR) (Arizona License # 957576) (National Producer # 15471263)) ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING BAIL BOND AGENT LICENSE AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
Respondent.)))

The Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") alleges that **Joel Brett Lehr**, **Sr.** has violated provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."), Title 20. In light of the serious nature of these allegations, the Director of Insurance for the State of Arizona ("Director") finds that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action, within the meaning of A.R.S. §41-1092.11(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Joel Brett Lehr, Sr. ("Respondent") is licensed as a resident bail bond agent,
 Arizona license number 957576, which expires on June 30, 2013.
- 2. Respondent's addresses of record are: 842 E. Isabella Ave., Mesa, Arizona 85204 (business); 600 S. Sunset Ct., Chandler, Arizona 85225 (mailing and residence).
- 3. On August 6, 2012, the insurer holding Respondent's surety bond notified the Department that Respondent's bail agent bond was to be cancelled, effective 30 days after receipt of the notice.
- On August 17, 2012, the Department notified Respondent that the surety holding Respondent's bond was cancelling the bond effective September 6, 2012.

- 5. To date, Respondent has failed to replace the cancelled surety bond.
- 6. Therefore, as of September 6, 2012, Respondent has not maintained a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State.
 - 7. The public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction.
- 2. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of the requirement that each bail bond agent maintain in force while license a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-340.02.
- 3. Grounds exist to order a summary suspension within the meaning of A.R.S. § 41-1092.11(B).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

 Respondent's bail bond agent license, Arizona license number 957576, is summarily suspended effective immediately.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this _____ day of Much__, 2013.

SERMAINE L. MARKS
Director of Insurance

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Title 20 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondent is hereby notified that Respondent may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-161 to contest the summary suspension. Such request must be in writing and received at the following address within thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

> Arizona Department of Insurance 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018-7269

Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the Director will issue an order setting the time and place of the hearing.

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 29th day of March , 2013, to:

Joel Brett Lehr, Sr. 842 E. Isabella Ave. Mesa, Arizona 85204 Respondent

Joel Brett Lehr, Sr. 600 S. Sunset Ct. Chandler, Arizona 85225 Respondent

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