STATE OF ARIZON

NOV 26 2018

STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



3

1

2

4

In the Matter of:

DURAN, EDGAR

(National Producer Number 16807779)

5

6

7

8 9

10

11

12

13 14

15

16

17

18

19

20 21

22

23

24

No. 18A- 149-INS

CONSENT ORDER

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that Edgar Duran violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."). Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admit the following Findings of Fact are true and consent to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Edgar Duran ("Duran" or "Respondent") was, at all material times, licensed as an Arizona-resident insurance producer. On October 16, 2012, the Department issued Duran a license, number 16807779, with five (5) lines of authority: accident and health or sickness, casualty, variable life and variable annuity, property, and life. Duran's license renewed effective February 1, 2016, and is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2020.
- 2. Respondent's business and mailing address of record is: 4958 North Via Carina, Tucson, Arizona, 85704.

Farmers Insurance Group Complaint

- 3. On or about October 30, 2017, Farmers Insurance ("Farmers") submitted to the Department a complaint against Duran, their former agent. During an internal audit, Farmers discovered that Duran submitted 14 fictitious documents between September 2013 and August 2016, to qualify ineligible auto and homeowner policyholders for the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) Affinity Group discount. Duran acknowledged to Farmers that for at least six of the documents the insureds were not CPAs.
- 4. To qualify for a lower rating on his personal auto policy, Duran who is single reported his marital status as married by listing a spouse on his policy on July 17, 2017. As a result, the policy was misrated.
- 5. On or about October 19, 2017, Farmers terminated Duran's appointment for submitting falsified documents.

Examination Under Oath

- 6. On September 14, 2018, Duran presented at the Department for an Examination Under Oath ("EUO"). The subpoena ordering Duran's appearance also required him to provide any and all records in his possession related to the 14 accounts in question.
- 7. Duran testified he did not have any business records pertaining to those accounts as he was no longer employed at Farmers.
 - 8. Duran confirmed the existence of the Farmers discount for CPAs.
- Duran admitted altering documents he submitted to Farmers obtain the CPA discount.

10. According to Farmers, the estimated financial impact to the company is \$1,619.00, which includes \$218.00 in lost premium on Duran's personal auto policy and \$1,401.00 in lost premium due to unearned CPA Affinity Group discounts.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Interim Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of Title 20, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 3. 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, within the meaning of A.R.S.§ 20-295(A)(8).
- 5. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes presenting, causing to be presented or preparing with the knowledge or belief that it will be presented a written statement, including computer generated documents, to an insurer or purported insurer that contains untrue statements of material fact or that fails to state any material fact with respect to an application for the issuance or renewal of an insurance policy which is a fraudulent practice, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-463(A)(1)(a).
- 6. Grounds exist for the Interim Director to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondent's insurance license, impose a civil penalty and/or order restitution pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-295(A) and (F).

• •

1	
2	
3	
4	im
5	
6	\$1
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	Or
14	1000
15	 Ari
16	Co
17	
18	

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- Respondent's resident license, number 16807779, is revoked, effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
- 2. Respondent shall immediately make restitution to Farmers in the amount of \$1,619.00.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 26 day of November, 2018

KEMH A. SCHRAAD
Interim Director of Insurance

CONSENT TO ORDER

- Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and
 Order.
- 2. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Interim Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Respondent is aware of his right to notice and to a hearing, at which he may be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives his right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order.

21

20

19

22

23

24

5

7

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

2324

4. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to him to induce him to enter into this Consent Order and that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.

- 5. Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Interim Director is solely to settle this matter against him and does not preclude any other agency, officer, or subdivision of this state including the Department from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an administrative action that the Department will report to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and that he may have to report this administrative action on any future licensing applications either to the Department or other states' Departments of Insurance.

Edula

Edgar Duran (AZ License Number 16807779)

COPIES of the foregoing mailed/delivered this At day of November, 2018, to:

Edgar Duran 4958 North Via Carina

11-13-2018

Date

Tucson, AZ 85704-1542 Respondent

Mary Kosinski, Executive Assistant for Regulatory Affairs

Catherine M. O'Neil, Consumer Legal Affairs Officer Steven Fromholtz, Assistant Director, Consumer Protection Division

Sharyn Kerr, Admin Assistant, Consumer Protection Division Melissa Bramm, Investigator

Arizona Department of Insurance

100 N 15th Avenue Ste 102 Phoenix, AZ 85007-2624

<u>Manual Maturiy</u> Francine Martinez