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STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:

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Docket No. 7832

DANIEL E. BUTNER,

ORDER

Respondent.

On November 5, 1992 a hearing held the was above-referenced matter. Respondent was present and appeared without counsel. The Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") was represented by Felecia Rotellini, Assistant Attorney General.

Based upon the evidence and arguments presented at the hearing, we find as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Notice of this hearing was mailed to Respondent at his 1. address of last record.
- Respondent is presently licensed life as a and 2. disability insurance agent and a property and casualty insurance agent in the State of Arizona (license number 4303).
- Respondent submitted an Answer which was received at 3. the Department on October 19, 1992 wherein he admitted the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 5 of the Notice of Hearing.
- On or about July 31, 1992, Respondent submitted an application for renewal of his property and casualty agent's license.
- 13, 1992, the Department 5. By letter dated August advised Respondent that his application for renewal was being denied pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-290(B)(1) without limitation.

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- 6. By letter dated August 18, 1992 and received at the Department on August 22, 1992, Respondent timely requested a hearing to contest the denial.
- 7. Respondent answered "No" to question 7.d) on said renewal application which reads as follows:

Since your last application or renewal thereof, have you had any professional, vocational, or business license denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted, or a fine imposed by any public authority, or withdrawn any application for or surrendered any such license to avoid disciplinary action?

- 8. Respondent had last applied to the Department for his original property and casualty agent's license on March 2, 1992.
- 9. By letter dated March 13, 1992, the Director of the Missouri Department of Insurance advised Respondent that his 1992 application for licensure as an insurance agent in the State of Missouri was refused based upon his handling of a certain insurance account in Missouri.
- 10. Respondent testified that certain administrative proceedings brought against him by the Missouri Department of Insurance were dismissed without prejudice in 1991 and that he received a "clearance letter" dated September 5, 1991 from the Missouri Department of Insurance which he believed cleared him of any charges and cleared him to apply for licensure in another state. Respondent further testified that based upon advice of counsel he believed the dismissal without prejudice meant that the proceedings could not be brought against him again and that

inasmuch as he was never found guilty of mishandling the insurance account in Missouri he believed question 7.d) on the renewal application should not apply to him and that he had answered the question correctly for his situation.

- 11. Respondent further testified that he realizes now that he should have answered "Yes" to question 7.d) on the renewal application, and apologizes.
- 12. The "clearance letter" from the Missouri Department of Insurance gives notice that Respondent's Missouri insurance licenses were cancelled effective August 21, 1991, but does not appear to clear him of any charges nor have any effect on his ability to obtain licensure in any state.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-142.
- 2. Notice of this hearing was proper pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 41-1061 and 20-163.
- 3. Respondent's conduct constitutes the existence of misrepresentation or fraud in obtaining or attempting to obtain any insurance license, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(3).
- 4. Respondent's conduct constitutes the existence of any cause for which original issuance or any renewal of Respondent's licenses could have been refused within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(1) together with A.R.S. § 20-290(B)(1).
- 5. Respondent's asserted justification for his conduct is found to be neither credible nor sufficient to overcome the existence of grounds to revoke his insurance licenses.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

All insurance licenses held by Respondent, Daniel E. Butner, are hereby revoked, effective immediately.

The aggrieved party may request a rehearing with respect to this Order by filing a written petition with the Hearing Officer within thirty days of the date of this Order, setting forth the basis for such relief pursuant to A.A.C. R4-14-114(B).

DATED this 16th day of November, 1992

Susan Gallinger

Director of Insurance

Charles R. Cohen Hearing Officer

COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 16th day of November, 1992, to:

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DANIEL	E. BUTNER,)	REDELEGATION OF
	Petitioner.)	AUTHORITY

Pursuant to A.R.S. §20-150, the Director of Insurance hereby delegates all of her authority, powers, duties and functions, whether ministerial or discretionary, with which she is vested as Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona, whether implied or expressed to Charles R. Cohen, Esq., for the purpose of acting as hearing officer in this matter.

This Delegation of Authority shall continue until specifically revoked.

DATED this 30th day of October, 1992.

SUSAN GALLINGER

Director of Insurance

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