

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**

**IN RE: NICHOLAS T. COLLINS  
INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSE NUMBER: 10054246**

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER OF REVOCATION**

**THIS CAUSE** is before the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Mississippi (hereinafter “Commissioner”), and was set for hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at the Mississippi Insurance Department, Suite 1001 (10<sup>th</sup> Floor), Woolfolk State Office Building, 501 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205. This matter was set for hearing pursuant to a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges mailed to Nicholas T. Collins. The Commissioner, having considered all of the evidence, makes the following findings:

**AUTHORITY**

The hearing was held pursuant to the provisions of *Mississippi Code Annotated*, § 83-17-51, *et seq.* (Supp. 2017) providing for the licensing of insurance producers by the Mississippi Insurance Department (“MID”), and specifically under *Mississippi Code Annotated*, § 83-17-71 (Supp. 2017), providing for disciplinary actions against insurance producers.

**NOTICE AND HEARING**

1. A Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges (“Notice Letter”) was sent to Mr. Collins by certified mail and First Class, United States Mail at the physical address he provided to the Mississippi Insurance Department. This Notice Letter also was sent to Mr. Collins via email to [nickcollins36@hotmail.com](mailto:nickcollins36@hotmail.com).
2. Mr. Collins did not pick up the certified Notice Letter. However, Mr. Collins did receive the Notice Letter mailed via First Class, United States Mail and also received the emailed Notice Letter sent to his personal email address. Thus, Mr. Collins was provided proper notice.

3. Pursuant to said Notice Letter, a hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
4. Mr. Collins failed to appear at this hearing. By email dated Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 2:38 p.m., addressed to Vanessa Miller, Director of the Licensing Division at the Mississippi Insurance Department, Mr. Collins requested that Ms. Miller, "place his [insurance producer] license in inactive status for personal reasons." By email dated Monday, November 25, 2019 at 10:11 a.m., Ms. Kelsey, Senior Attorney, at the Mississippi Insurance Department, advised Mr. Collins that he could sign a Voluntary Surrender of License. By email dated Monday, November 25, 2019 at 10:13 a.m., Mr. Collins replied to Ms. Kelsey's aforesaid email by writing "Okay."

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. By letter dated January 22, 2019, the Mississippi Insurance Department notified Mr. Collins by way of a warning letter that he was delinquent in his child support obligation and advised that Mr. Collins provide current information regarding his child support arrearage. Mr. Collins failed to respond to said letter.
2. On September 14, 2017, the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District, entered an Order of Custody, Child Support, and Miscellaneous Relief wherein the Court ordered that Mr. Collins pay the sum of \$495.00 per month in support and maintenance.
3. By February 5, 2019, Mr. Collins had accumulated an arrearage in the sum of \$6,128.88.
4. This matter was initially set for hearing on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Mississippi Insurance Department. Mr. Collins appeared for the hearing on May 13, 2019 and signed an Order of Continuance to continue the hearing to July 16, 2019. On May 13, 2019, he advised counsel for the Department, Kimberly Causey, General Counsel, that his child support case was set for hearing in the Chancery Court for Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District for June 20, 2019.
5. On June 20, 2019, the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District entered an Order for Incarceration against Mr. Collins. In said Order, the Court found that Mr. Collins was in arrears in the sum of \$8,356.38. Further, via email dated July 19, 2019, Mrs. Causey asked Mr. Collins about the status of his child support hearing and he failed to respond.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Mr. Collins is in violation of the following provision of *Mississippi Code Annotated*, § 83-17-71(1) (Supp. 2017):
  - (m) Failing to comply with an administrative or court order imposing a child support obligation.
2. These violations subject Mr. Collins to the various disciplinary actions set forth in *Mississippi Code Annotated*, § 83-17-71 (Supp. 2017); specifically, the Commissioner may revoke his insurance producer license.

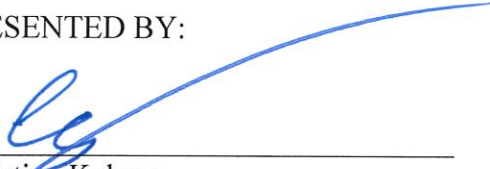
**ORDER**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:** That the insurance producer license of Nicholas T. Collins is hereby revoked.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

  
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MIKE CHANEY  
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

PRESENTED BY:

  
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Christina Kelsey  
Senior Attorney