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## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL A. MORRIS: ACTION AGAINST NON-RESIDENT PRODUCER LICENCSE No. 10025529

#### FINDINGS AND ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on for hearing before the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Mississippi (hereinafter "Commissioner"), by and through his specially designated appointee (hereinafter "Hearing Officer"), in the Office of the Commissioner, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Woolfolk State Office Building, 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS 39205, on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges mailed to Mr. Morris on October 20, 2009. The Commissioner, by and through the designated Hearing Officer, having heard and considered all of the testimony and evidence produced by the parties herein, makes the following findings:

#### **Authority**

The hearing herein was held pursuant to the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 83-17-71, et seq. (Supp. 2008), providing for the licensing of insurance producers by the Mississippi Insurance Department, and specifically under Miss. Code Ann. § 83-17-65 (a) (Supp. 2008) and Miss. Code Ann. § 83-17-71 (Supp. 2008), providing for disciplinary actions against producers.

## **Notice and Hearing**

1. On or about October 16, 2009, the Department sent a letter to Mr. Morris providing an opportunity for a hearing regarding the status of his home state license.

- 2. Mr. Morris requested a hearing and a notice of hearing was sent October 20, 2009.
- 3. Pursuant to said notice, a hearing was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009.
- 4. Mr. Morris failed to appear at said hearing.

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Mr. Morris does not have an active license in his home state of Louisiana.
- 2. Mr. Morris had his license summarily suspended by the Louisiana Department of Insurance on October 6, 2009.

#### Conclusions of Law

- 1. Mr. Morris's failure to have an active license in his home state is in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 83-17-65 (a) (Supp. 2008).
- 2. Mr. Morris's license was summarily suspended by the Louisiana Department of Insurance; and he was ordered to cease and desist from the business of insurance in the State of Louisiana on October 6, 2009. Mr. Morris's actions are in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 83-17-71 (1) (i) by having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any other state province, district or territory.
- 4. Said violations subject Mr. Morris to the various disciplinary actions set forth in Miss. Code Ann. § 83-17-71 (Supp. 2008).

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the insurance producer license of MICHAEL A. MORRIS is hereby revoked.

SO ORDERED, this the \\^\8 \\_\day of November, 2009.

MIKE CHANEY-

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE