

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT)
PETITIONER)
vs.)
DARIN WHITMORE, JR.)
RESPONDENT)
NPN 20160957)

A.I.D. NO. 2023- 36

SUSPENSION ORDER

On this day, the matter of Darin Whitmore (“Respondent”) came before Alan McClain, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”). The Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) was represented by Gray Allen Turner, Associate Counsel, in this matter. From the facts and law before the Commissioner, he finds and concludes as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent holds an Arkansas Resident insurance producer license, with a pre-paid legal line of authority, National Producer Number 20160957, and his last known address is in Pulaski County.
2. On March 29, 2023, the Department received notice from the Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement that the Respondent is three or more months in arrearage on his child support obligations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

From the Findings of Fact contained herein, the Commissioner concludes as follows:

1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-103.

2. The Commissioner is required to suspend a Respondent's producer license pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 9-14-239(d) upon notice from the Office of Child Support Enforcement that a licensee is three or more months in arrears on a child support obligation.

3. Under the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(14), the failure to comply with an order imposing a child support obligation is grounds for suspension or revocation of a producer's license. For the reasons stated above, Respondent's actions are a violation of § 23-64-512(a)(14).

4. For the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, the Commissioner concludes that the Respondent's Arkansas resident insurance producer license No. 20160957 is immediately and summarily suspended pending an administrative hearing pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-216(e). A Notice of Hearing will be sent to the Respondent simultaneously with a copy of this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

Respondent's Arkansas resident insurance producer license No. 20160957 is hereby SUSPENDED. Respondent shall not, during the term of this suspension, conduct the business of insurance in the State of Arkansas. This Order shall be rescinded upon proof from the Office of Child Support Enforcement that the Respondent is in full compliance with his obligations under any child support order.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 11th day of April, 2023.


ALAN MCCLAIN
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF ARKANSAS