

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT)
PETITIONER)
)
VS.)
)
ROBERT E. DUPREE)
RESPONDENT)
NPN 1661698)

A.I.D. NO. 2017- 085

ORDER

On this day, the matter of the producer’s license of Robert Dupree (“Respondent”) came before Allen Kerr, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”). A hearing was held on September 21, 2017, in the First Floor Hearing Room of the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) pursuant to the Notice of Hearing dated August 10, 2017. The hearing was held before Chief Deputy Commissioner Russ Galbraith (“Hearing Officer”) pursuant to his appointment by the Commissioner in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-103(e)(1). The Department was represented by Gray Allen Turner, Associate Counsel. The Respondent was present.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction pursuant to the Arkansas Insurance Code, specifically Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-60-101, *et seq.*
2. Respondent holds an Arkansas Resident Producer License, National Producer Number, 1661698. Respondent resides in Little Rock.
3. On about July 27, 2017, the Department received notice from the Arkansas Office of

Child Support Enforcement that the Respondent was three (3) or more months in arrearage on his child support obligation. An emergency suspension order was entered on August 10, 2017.

4. As of July 27, 2017, Respondent was (3) three months or more in arrears in child support payment as determined by the Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement and did not have an approved repayment plan.

5. Respondent failed to abide by the terms of a previous order, A.I.D. 2016-82, in that he failed to notify the Arkansas Insurance Department that he was thirty (30) days or more delinquent in the payment of court ordered child support obligations or failed to notify the Arkansas Insurance Department he failed to abide by the terms of a installment agreement with the Child Support Enforcement Unit.

6. Respondent entered into an approved repayment plan with the Office of Child Support Enforcement and who found him to be eligible for his professional license to be reinstated on August 10, 2017.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 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. Respondent's failure to pay child support as ordered was therefore a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(14),

RECOMMENDATION OF HEARING OFFICER

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of the evidence of record and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing officer recommends the following:

1. That the Respondent's Arkansas insurance producer license be reinstated and that the suspension ordered on August 10, 2017, be rescinded.

2. That the Respondent pay a fine in the amount of \$250.00 within 90 days of this order being issued.



Russ Galbraith
Chief Deputy Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

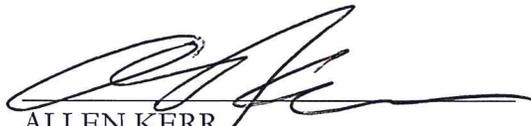
I, Allen Kerr, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer were made by and under my authority and supervision by Russ Galbraith, Chief Deputy Commissioner and Hearing Officer in this proceeding. I hereby adopt the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation in full, as set forth herein.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Arkansas resident producer license of Respondent Robert Dupree, NPN 1661698, is reinstated and the suspension issued in AID 2017-82 be rescinded.
2. The Respondent, Robert Dupree, shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 within 90 days of this order. The penalty may be delivered in care of the Arkansas Insurance Department, Legal Division, 1200 W. 3rd, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201.
3. Respondent pay all weekly child support obligation payments and arrearage payments as ordered in Pulaski County circuit court case DR2004-505.

4. Respondent shall abide by any installment payment agreement entered into with the Office of Child Support Enforcement.
5. Respondent shall immediately inform the Arkansas Insurance Division, Legal Division, in writing, if he is 30 days behind on his child support payment obligations or fails to abide by the terms of an installment agreement with the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF November, 2017.


ALLEN KERR
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF ARKANSAS