BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of the Application for a Kansas Resident Insurance Agent's License of RHEA N. JONES

Docket No. 2756-L

CONSENT ORDER

Rhea N. Jones ("Jones") wishes to resolve this matter without formal adjudicative proceedings by entering into this consent order. The Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") hereby makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order, to-wit:

Findings of Fact

1. Records maintained by the Kansas Insurance Department ("KID") indicate that Jones is a resident of the State of Kansas, has a current mailing address of 3639 West 13th Street, Apartment N8, Wichita, Kansas 67203, and filed an application for a Kansas resident insurance agent's license which was denied.

2. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding, and this proceeding is held in the public interest.

3. On April 2, 1999, KID received Jones' application and materials for a Kansas resident insurance agent's license.

4. On the NAIC Midwest Zone Uniform Application for Individual Resident/Nonresident License, Jones answered "Yes" to Question C, which asks, "Have you ever been convicted of or pled nolo contendere (no contest) to any misdemeanor or felony or currently have pending misdemeanor or felony charges filed against you? 5. On the Kansas Specific Application, Jones answered "Yes" to Question F which asks, "Have you been convicted of, or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, to any misdemeanor or felony?"

6. On April 5, 1999, KID sent a letter to Jones requesting a copy of the appropriate court order or judgment regarding disposition and sentencing and three current letters of recommendation from individuals other than insurance personnel or relation who would attest to her good business reputation.

7. On April 23, 1999, KID sent a follow-up letter regarding the first request for further information.

8. On May 13, 1999, KID sent a letter to Jones stating that her application for a Kansas insurance agent's license was denied because she failed to respond to KID's April 5 and April 23 letters.

9. On May 17, 1999, Jones sent three letters of recommendation to KID and indicated she was in the process of obtaining a copy of the appropriate court order or judgment regarding disposition and sentencing of her conviction.

10. On June 16, 1999, Jones sent information to KID indicating that in 1994 she was convicted of petty larceny.

Conclusions of Law

- 11. K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 40-240 provides, in relevant part:
- (a) Any person desiring as agent to engage in the insurance business...shall establish:...
 - (2) that the applicant is of good business reputation and is worthy of a license.

12. Based upon the information contained in paragraphs 3 through 8 above, it appears that sufficient evidence exists for the denial of Rhea N. Jones' application for an insurance agent's license pursuant to K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 40-240, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501, <u>et seq.</u>, as amended.

13. Rhea N. Jones admits to the allegations set forth herein this order as described above.

14. For the purposes of this Consent Order, Rhea N. Jones waives the right to a formal adjudicative proceeding and notice thereof and voluntarily consents to the following order of the Commissioner of Insurance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT:

1. Rhea N. Jones will be issued a Kansas resident insurance agent's license upon the receipt of this signed Consent Order.

IT IS ORDERED THIS 27th DAY OF JULY 1999 IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



_/s/ Kathleen Sebelius Kathleen Sebelius Commissioner of Insurance BY:

_/s/ Kathy Greenlee Kathy Greenlee General Counsel /s/ Rhea N. Jones_____ Rhea N. Jones

APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY:

_/s/ Jalynn Copp JaLynn Copp Attorney for Petitioner Kansas Insurance Department