No. 2020-6556

Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: <u>11/12/2020</u>

Subject Considered:

Robert Alexander Burse

Denver, Colorado 80205

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-21-0106 TDI Enforcement File No. 24973

General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Robert Alexander Burse (Respondent) because he obtained his general lines agent license by misrepresentation. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance or appear at the hearing on the merits. This order revokes Respondent's license.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

Findings of Fact

Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- 1. On September 11, 2020, the department filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
- 3. The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department,

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Denver, Colorado 80205. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by first-class mail.

4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

Failure to Appear at Hearing on the Merits

5. After receiving proper notice of the date, time and location of the hearing on the merits, Respondent failed to appear for the hearing on October 21, 2020, as shown in the record in SOAH Docket No. 454-21-0106.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas law, including TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4054.051, and 4005.101; and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056; TEX. INS. CODE § 82.055; and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054, and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing and failure to appear in person or by legal representative at the hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

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Order

It is ordered that any licenses held by Robert Alexander Burse are revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement and/or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

Commissioner of Insurance

DocuSigned by: Doug Slape ______C77A87C8C21B435. By:

Doug Slape Chief Deputy Commissioner TEX. GOV'T CODE § 601.002 Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

Prepared and reviewed by:

<u>/s/ Casey Seeboth</u> Casey Seeboth, Staff Attorney Enforcement Division **2020-6556** Commissioner's Order Robert Alexander Burse SOAH Docket No. 454-21-0106 Page 4 of 4

Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS § § COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared David Moreno, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is David Moreno and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Robert Alexander Burse. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Robert Alexander Burse is the second provided to the department of the department of the second provided to the department in writing by Robert Alexander Burse is the second provided to the department of the department in writing by Robert Alexander Burse is the second provided to the department of the
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated September 11, 2020, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On September 11, 2020, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Robert Alexander Burse were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address.

A copy of the certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division is attached as Exhibit C."

David Moreno 981D1C7A19334CA... Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on 10/22/2020. This notarial act was an online notarization.



Digital Certificate

DocuSigned by: Mary Ruiz 795DC4D59167489

Notary Public State of Texas

ACCEPTED 454-21-0106 9/11/2020 11:42 AM STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Jodi Brown, CLERK FILED 454-21-0106 9/11/2020 11:40 AM STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Jodi Brown, CLERK

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, Petitioner

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

v.

ROBERT ALEXANDER BURSE, Respondent OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance is seeking disciplinary action against you. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the Department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Wednesday**, **October 21, 2020** at **9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, located in the William P. Clements Building, 300 West 15th Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701.

The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE, ch. 2001 and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT PURSUANT TO 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501 AND 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE

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OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.90(e) and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.101 and 155.105, you should send copies of your written response to:

- Docketing Division
 State Office of Administrative Hearing
 300 West 15th Street, Room 504
 P.O. Box 13025
 Austin, Texas 78711-3025
 (512) 322-2061 (fax);
- (2) Chief Clerk Texas Department of Insurance, MC112-2A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 490-1064 (fax) chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Casey Seeboth, Staff Attorney Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 490-1020 (fax) Casey.Seeboth@tdi.texas.gov.

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Receiving Documents

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) offers you the ability to receive service of orders and other documents issued by SOAH through email instead of by mail or fax. If you want to receive SOAH-issued documents by email, go to SOAH's website, www.soah.texas.gov, click on the "E-Services" tab, then click the "Email Service" hyperlink, and follow the instructions.

NOTE: A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does not change the procedures you must follow to file documents with SOAH. The rules for filing documents and providing copies to all other parties in the case are described in SOAH's Procedural Rules, which are available on SOAH's website. Click the "Agency" tab, then click "Administrative Rules and Laws" to view SOAH's Procedural Rules.

Important Security Notice:

ALL VISITORS TO THE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS BUILDING WITHOUT AN AGENCY OR DPS ISSUED ID CARD MUST PROVIDE THE BUILDING SECURITY OFFICER WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DOCKET NUMBER AND RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE HEARING ROOM. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO GO THROUGH THE SECURITY PROCESS.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Casey Seeboth</u> Casey Seeboth State Bar No. 24070584 Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 676-6337 (512) 490-1020 (fax) casey.seeboth@tdi.texas.gov

ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE enclosure: Original Petition

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cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC110-1A Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC110-1A

Certificate of Service

I, Casey Seeboth, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing* and *Original Petition* was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, on September 11 2020 to:

Robert Alexander Burse

via CM/RRR No.:

Denver, Colorado 80205

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<u>/s/ Casey Seeboth</u> Casey Seeboth 454-21-0106

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, Petitioner

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

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ROBERT ALEXANDER BURSE, Respondent

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance is seeking disciplinary action against Robert Alexander Burse. In support of this petition, TDI makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

Jurisdiction

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051 – 82.056, 4054.051, and 4005.101; and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051 – 2001.178.

Factual Allegations

- 1. Robert Alexander Burse (Burse) holds a general lines agent license issued by TDI.
- 2. Burse applied for the license on July 22, 2019, and misrepresented on the application that he had not ever had judgment of a felony offense withheld or deferred.
- 3. In September 2005, Burse was indicted for grand theft, a felony offense, in Leon County, Florida. After Burse entered a plea of nolo contendere, the court deferred adjudication. The court ordered Burse to pay \$7,598.34 restitution, plus fines and court costs, ordered Burse to be confined in county jail for 60 days, and placed Burse on probation for five years.

Legal Allegations

- 1. Burse has intentionally made a material misstatement in the license application, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(2).
- 2. Burse has obtained or attempted to obtain a license by fraud or misrepresentation, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(3).

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Relief Sought

If these allegations are proved, the Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to revoke the general lines agent license issued to Robert Alexander Burse per TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051 and 4005.101; additionally, the Commissioner is authorized to impose other disciplinary measures per TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.052–82.055.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Casey Seeboth</u> Casey Seeboth State Bar No. 24070584 Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 676-6337 (512) 490-1020 (fax) casey.seeboth@tdi.texas.gov

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