Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 11/23/2020

Subject Considered:

Texas Department of Insurance v.

Robert Duff Bourassa

SOAH Docket No. 454-19-6470.C

ORDER ON MOTIONS FOR REHEARING

General remarks and official action taken:

The subjects of this order are the motions for rehearing filed by Robert Duff Bourassa.

Background

On September 30, 2020, Commissioner's Order No. 2020-6494 was issued. The Order included findings of fact and conclusions of law and ordered that Robert Duff Bourassa's general lines insurance agent license with qualifications for property and casualty lines and life and health lines be revoked. The order was issued following a hearing on the merits of the proposed revocation of Mr. Bourassa's license and the issuance of a proposal for decision by the presiding administrative law judge.

Mr. Bourassa's counsel submitted a motion for rehearing after the issuance of the proposal for decision, but prior to issuance of Commissioner's Order No. 2020-6494. On October 26, 2020, Mr. Bourassa's counsel submitted two additional motions for rehearing. The three motions for rehearing are substantially similar to each other because they raise the same issues and make the same arguments.

¹ This Order does not address the propriety of filing a motion for rehearing prior to the issuance of the order.

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On November 2, 2020, counsel for the Texas Department of Insurance submitted a reply to Mr. Bourassa's motions for rehearing.

Discussion

Mr. Bourassa has failed to demonstrate that a rehearing is warranted in this case. His motions for a rehearing rehash arguments that were made to the administrative law judge. Mr. Bourassa's arguments were sufficiently addressed by the administrative law judge. And because the administrative law judge's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law were adopted in Commissioner's Order No. 2020-6494, no rehearing is necessary.

Order

It is ordered that all motions for rehearing filed by Robert Duff Bourassa are denied.

Commissioner of Insurance

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