No. 2021-6823

Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 05/13/2021

Subject Considered:

Erasto Ureste, Jr.

Los Fresnos, TX 78566-2104

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-21-1828.C TDI Enforcement File No. 24681

General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Erasto Ureste, Jr. (Respondent) because he submitted numerous unauthorized applications for insurance and failed to respond to request for information. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. 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

- On March 30, 2021, 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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, Los Fresnos, TX 78566-2104. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by electronic 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.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, 4054.051 and 4101.051; TEX. OCC. CODE §§ 53.021-53.023; 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502; and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under 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 under 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, the department is entitled to disposition by default under 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 under 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

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Order

It is ordered that any licenses held by Erasto Ureste, Jr. 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 By: -C77A87C8C21B435

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

Prepared and reviewed by:

Syduze MODE Sydney Moore, Staff Attorney

Enforcement Division

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Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS	§
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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 Erasto Ureste, Jr. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Erasto Ureste, Jr. is Los Fresnos, TX 78566-2104.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated March 30, 2021, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On March 30, 2021, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Erasto Ureste, Jr. were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address and sent by electronic mail.

Copy of the certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division are attached as Exhibit C."

DocuSigned by: David Moreno -6B05A3656B1C4A3... Affiant

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and 4/27/2021 video communication on _____ _____. This notarial act was an online notarization.

Notary Seal



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DocuSigned by: Mary Ruiz -795DC4D59167489.

Notary Public State of Texas

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	
Petitioner	
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ERASTO URESTE, JR.,	

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

Respondent

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take 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 **Tuesday**, **June 22**, **2021**, **at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place via videoconference using a videoconference platform controlled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, unless otherwise ordered to proceed in another manner by the Administrative Law Judge.

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.

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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 OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, 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, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, 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 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- Docketing Division
 State Office of Administrative Hearings
 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 P.O. Box 149104, MC112-2A Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 490-1064 (Fax) chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Sydney Moore, Staff Attorney Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104

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> (512) 490-1020 (Fax) sydney.moore@tdi.texas.gov

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 hyperlink "Request Service by Email (only for use by self-represented litigants)," 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

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Enclosure: Original Petition

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Administrative Review, MC107-1A

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sydney Moore, certify that a true and correct copy of the Notice of Hearing and *the Original Petition* were sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 30th day of March, 2021 to:

Erasto Ureste, Jr.

Respondent Pro Se

Via CM/RRR No.: <u>9214</u> 8901 9403 8336 1182 11

Los Fresnos, TX 78566-2104

Via email:

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance (the Department) seeks to take disciplinary action against Erasto Ureste, Jr. In support of this petition, the department makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

Jurisdiction

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, 4051.051 and 4054.051, and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

Factual Allegations

- 1. Erasto Ureste, Jr. (Ureste) holds a general lines license with life, accident, health, and HMO qualification issued by the Department on May 29, 2014, and property and casualty qualification issued by the Department on February 26, 2015.
- 2. Ureste submitted numerous applications for insurance to Colonial Life on behalf of employer groups without authorization from the insureds.
- 3. The Department sent a request for information pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 38.001 on January 11, 2021, and March 5, 2021, and Ureste failed to respond.

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Legal Allegations

- 1. Ureste has engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(5).
- 2. Ureste violated TEX. INS. CODE § 38.001 by failing to respond to a Department inquiry in writing not later than the 15th day after the date the inquiry was received.

Relief Sought

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the department asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the Commissioner of Insurance issue an order:

- 1. revoking Ureste's license and
- 2. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

JULIEMODE Sydney Moore

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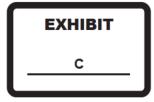
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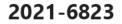
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