SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATION DIVISION OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF)	
SHAREE ROBINSON	,)	FINAL DECISION
LICENSEE	ý	INS 20-06

After reviewing the record and the proposed order of the Hearing Examiner in this matter,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to SDCL 1-26D-4, the Hearing Examiner's Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Proposed Order, dated June 12, 2020, is adopted in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the South Dakota Non-resident Insurance Producer License of Sharee Robinson will hereby be revoked.

Parties are hereby advised of the right to further appeal the final decision to Circuit Court within (30) days of receiving such decision, pursuant to the authority of SDCL 1-26.

Dated this <u>17</u> day of June, 2020.

Marcia Hultman, Secretary

South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation

123 W. Missouri Ave.

Pierre, SD 57501

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATION

IN THE MATTER OF SHAREE ROBINSON

INS 20-06

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW, AND DECISION AND FINAL DECISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that attached hereto, is a true and correct copy of the Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision, and Final Decision entered by Marcia Hultman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, on June 17, 2020.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa Harmon, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision, and Final Decision with respect to the above-entitled action was sent U.S. Certified Mail thereon, to the following:

Sharee Robinson 18521 Raymond St. Maple Heights, OH 44137-1639

Dated this 18th day of June, 2020 in Pierre, South Dakota.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF SHAREE ROBINSON

INS 20-06 PROPOSED DECISION

This matter came for hearing before the Office of Hearing Examiners on June 5, 2020 pursuant to a Notice of Hearing issued by the South Dakota Division of Insurance ("Division") on April 30, 2020. Lisa M. Harmon appeared as counselor for the Division. Sharee Robinson did not appear, either in person or through counsel. The Division admitted its Exhibits DOI 1 through 5 into evidence and moved that the Hearing Examiner enter these Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Proposed Decision as a default disposition to this contested case.

ISSUE

Whether the Non-Resident Insurance Producer License of Sharee Robinson should be revoked due to failing to timely respond to the Division; failing to timely report an administrative action to the Division; and for having a suspension action in another other state in violation of SDCL §§ 58-30-167(2) and (9), 58-30-193, 58-33-66, and 58-33-68.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Sharee Robinson was licensed by the Division as an insurance producer on May 27, 2016. The license is currently active. (Exhibit DOI 1).
- 2. Sharee Robinson was the subject of an administrative action in another jurisdiction. (Exhibits DOI 2).
- 3. Sharee Robinson did not report the administrative actions to the Division.
- 4. The Division sent inquiries to Sharee Robinson at the address of record regarding licensure matters. (Exhibits DOI 3 and DOI 5).
- 5. Sharee Robinson did not respond to the Division's inquiries. (Exhibits DOI 3 and DOI 5).
- 6. Sharee Robinson updated her mailing address with the Division on December 9, 2019. (Exhibit DOI 4)
- 7. Any additional Findings of Fact included in the Reasoning section of this decision are incorporated herein by reference.
- 8. To the extent any of the foregoing are improperly designated and are instead conclusions of law, they are hereby redesignated and incorporated herein as conclusions of law.

REASONING

This case involves a request by the Division to revoke the South Dakota Non-Resident Insurance Producer's License of Sharee Robinson. As a consequence of the potential loss of Respondent's livelihood from the lack of licensure, the burden of proof in this matter is higher than the preponderance of evidence standard, which applies in a typical administrative hearing. "In matters concerning the revocation of a professional license, we determine that the appropriate standard of proof to be utilized by an agency is clear and convincing evidence." *In re Zar*, 434 N.W.2d 598, 602 (S.D. 1989). Our Supreme Court has defined "clear and convincing evidence" as follows:

The measure of proof required by this designation falls somewhere between the rule in ordinary civil cases and the requirement of our criminal procedure, that is, it must be more than a mere preponderance but not beyond a reasonable doubt. It is that measure or degree of proof which will produce in the mind of the trier of facts a firm belief or conviction as to the allegations sought to be established. The evidence need not be voluminous or undisputed to accomplish this.

Brown v. Warner, 78 S.D. 647, 653, 107 NW2d 1, 4 (1961).

SDCL 58-30-193 states that "[A]n insurance producer shall report to the director any administrative action taken against the insurance producer in another jurisdiction... within thirty days of the final disposition of the matter. This report shall include a copy of the order, consent order, or other relevant legal documents." SDCL 58-33-66(1) requires S Sharee Robinson to respond to the Division and supply requested documents within twenty days from the receipt of a request. In addition, the Division considers SDCL 58-30-167 (shown in pertinent part) as follows:

The director may... revoke or refuse to continue, any license issued under this chapter... after a hearing... The director may... revoke... an insurance producer's... for any one or more of the following causes:

- (2) Violating any insurance laws or rules, subpoena, or order of the director or of another state's insurance director, commissioner, or superintendent;
- (9) Having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory;

The evidence indicates that Sharee Robinson violated the insurance laws of South Dakota and another jurisdiction, failed to report that action, had a license suspended in another jurisdiction, and failed to respond to Division inquiries regarding the action. Applying the law to the Findings of Fact, it is clear the Non-Resident Insurance Producer License of Sharee Robinson is subject to revocation and should be revoked.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Division has jurisdiction over Sharee Robinson and the subject matter of this contested case. The Office of Hearing Examiners is authorized to conduct the hearing and issue a proposed decision pursuant to SDCL 1-26D-4.
- 2. The Division bears the burden of establishing the alleged statutory violations by clear and convincing evidence.
- 3. The Division established by clear and convincing evidence that Sharee Robinson violated SDCL § 58-30-193.
- 4. The Division established by clear and convincing evidence that Sharee Robinson violated SDCL § 58-33-66.
- 5. The Division established by clear and convincing evidence that the South Dakota NonResident Insurance Producer License of Sharee Robinson is subject to revocation pursuant to SDCL§ 58-33-167(2) and (9).
- 6. Any additional Conclusions of Law included in the Reasoning section of this decision are incorporated herein by reference.
- 7. To the extent any of the foregoing are improperly designated and are instead findings of fact, they are hereby redesignated and incorporated herein as Findings of Fact.

Based on the above Findings of Fact, Reasoning, and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Examiner enters the following:

PROPOSED DECISION

The South Dakota Non-Resident Insurance Producer License Sharee Robinson of should be revoked.

Dated this \ day of June, 2020.

Ryan Parling, Hearing Examiner

Office of Hearing Examiners

523 East Capitol Pierre, SD 57501

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on _			, 2020, at Pierre, South Dakota, a true an
correct copy of	the Findi	ings of Fact,	Conclusions of Law and Order in the above
entitled matter w	zas sent v	∕ia U.S. Mail d	or Inter-Office Mail to each party listed below.

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